

Hardin County 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program

Goal: To provide 4-H youth an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with dairy animals through a 4-H project and to maintain or increase the number of youth working with dairy animals.

Rules:

1. The leasing program pertains to registered and non-registered female breeding stock of the following dairy breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey or Milking Shorthorn.
2. The program is available to any Hardin County enrolled 4-H'er who is a member in good standing of a local club.
3. The dairy animal's owner, hereafter referred to as the sponsor, will determine with the 4-H'er, specific responsibilities during the time the 4-H'er has possession of the animal. These will include:
 - a. Duties and responsibilities while working with the animal.
 - b. A schedule for carrying out these duties.
 - c. The amount of assistance provided to the 4-H'er by the sponsor
 - d. The 4-H'ers ability to shelter, fence, and pasture the animal
 - e. Who will provide supplemental feed and medical treatment if needed
 - f. If there will be any monetary compensation and when it will be paid
4. Leased animals will be shown in the appropriate dairy heifer classes at the Hardin County Fair. Leased animals are not eligible to be shown at the Iowa State Fair because actual ownership of the animal has not changed. Title of ownership shall remain with the sponsor. Animals may be shown in the cow classes only if the 4-H youth has leased the animal from the time it was less than 1 year old.
5. The sponsor relinquishes all rights to show the animal during the lease period.
6. The sponsor of the leased animal agrees not to hold the lessee liable for any financial loss from accidental injury or death to the leased animal. It is strongly advised that the sponsor have insurance to cover the value of the animal.
7. The sponsor is not responsible for financial liability from any injury that may incur to the 4-H'er while involved in working with the leased animal.
8. The 4-H'er is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal, such as entry fees, transportation, grooming and feeding supplies. Any premiums or awards received are the property of the 4-H'er.
9. Either party may terminate the lease agreement at any time. Reasons for this may be the 4-H'ers inability to care for the animal, or changes in the sponsors farming operation.
10. The sponsor and 4-H'er will meet at least 2 times prior to the dairy show to insure that responsibilities are being carried out.
11. 4-H'er is expected to comply with all rules and regulations of the 4H 202 – Iowa 4-H Animal and Poultry Identification, Weighing, and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State and Interstate Shows. This includes completing a 4H 106A form and turning it in to the Extension Office by May 15th in order to exhibit at the Hardin County Fair.
12. Members are expected to keep records for their Dairy Project and will be eligible for Dairy Project Awards when completing record books.

Dairy Lease Agreement with John and Bev Gilbert/Gibraltar Farms Ltd.

4-H'er responsibilities:

1. To choose and take possession of the dairy animal by April 30th. An exception can be made if pasture has not grown sufficiently. The lease period will expire after the Hardin County Fair, no later than July 31. If the 4-H'er wants to lease the same animal next year, they will have first choice.
2. Review feeding schedule with John Gilbert and determine the most efficient way to provide adequate supplemental feed, for example hay, grain and beet pulp.
3. To have fenced pasture available, the amount will depend on size and age of animal.
4. To train the animal to lead and prepare it for the dairy show. Working with the animal several times per week, as opposed to working with it the week before fair. The sponsor will not allow an untrained animal to be shown due to safety concerns.

Sponsor responsibilities:

1. To provide a healthy dairy animal of an appropriate age. Choosing the animal will be on a first come, first served basis. The sponsors may have limits on the number of lease animals that may vary from year to year.
2. To advise on amount and types of feed. Depending on distances involved, we may be able to provide the grain mix that we have on our farm.
3. The sponsor will visit the animal and 4-H'er at least once during the lease period.
4. The sponsor can also provide leather halters, feeding and watering buckets, and some show supplies while they last. The sponsor can also provide some help with proper showing of the dairy animal and grooming techniques. 4-H'ers who have been in the former dairy management project group, would also be a good resource.
5. After the Hardin County Fair and the lease period is up, the sponsor will transport the animals back to our farm.

Hardin County Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement

Date _____

This lease agreement is entered into between the owner _____

_____ address _____ phone _____

and the 4-H youth _____

_____ address _____ phone _____

The owner hereby agrees to lease to the 4-H member listed above the following animal:

_____ Name and tattoo # _____ Date of Birth _____

I have read and understand the responsibilities of the Hardin County Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

_____ Owner _____ Date _____

I have read and understand the responsibilities of the Hardin County Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program. I understand that this animal may only be exhibited at the Hardin County Fair.

_____ 4-H Youth _____ Date _____

I have read and understand the contractual agreement entered into by the 4-H'er and the owner. I agree to not hold the owner liable for any injury or financial liability that may incur to the 4-H youth during this contractual agreement.

_____ Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

The 4-H youth is a member in good standing of the Hardin County 4-H program.

_____ 4-H County Youth Coordinator _____ Date _____