

Allamakee County 4-H
Livestock Share-a-Project Guidelines
(Due May 15 with Livestock Identification Forms)

1. A “Shared” project is any project or animal that is not owned by the 4-H'er or his/her immediate family (parents, siblings, guardians). Animals owned by distant family—aunts, uncles, cousins or grandparents—are considered shared animals.
2. ***The objective of the share-a-project agreement is to allow 4-H'ers who cannot house or own a large animal (beef, sheep, dairy, swine, goats, horse, dog) to learn the skills of feeding, management, care and training of animals and to show at the fair. Through this experience they also learn the skills of decision making, information gathering, communication, responsibility, and self-confidence.***
3. Share-a-project will allow exhibitors to make a written agreement with someone owning large animals, and exhibit an animal at the fair as long as the requirements of the agreement were fulfilled. Share-a-project Agreement Forms are due by May 15 along with the Livestock Identification Form. These animals are not eligible for State Fair and cannot be sold at the Allamakee County Livestock Auction.
4. Exhibitors are only eligible for shared projects if they or their direct family (parents, siblings) do not own any other animals of that species. The number of shared animals an exhibitor may show is limited to: **one breeding beef entry; one breeding sheep pen; two horse entries; two dog entries; three dairy cattle entries; three dairy goat entries; one breeding meat goat; three rabbits.**
5. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot be identified or exhibited as an FFA project or vice versa.
6. The 4-H'er agrees to provide a majority of the management, care and training for this animal. This includes, but is not limited to, the management, proper feeding, grooming, exercising, health and veterinary expenses, exhibitor's fees, training, boarding, etc. The 4-H'er is expected to manage and care for the animal at least from May 15 through the end of the exhibiting season (county fair).
7. The 4-H'er agrees to make all reasonable efforts to keep the animal safe in pens or stalls, pastures or corrals, and to care for the animal as if he or she was the legal owner. The 4-H'er has the right to exhibit this animal in all Allamakee County 4-H related activities.
8. Iowa 4-H reserves the right to disqualify shared animals of owners who have previously violated 4-H rules.

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Allamakee County 4-H Livestock Share a Project Agreement

(Due May 15 with Livestock Identification Forms)

4-H'er _____ Club _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Owner of Animal _____ Phone _____

Address City, State, Zip _____

Project Area _____ Animal ID Number _____

Responsibilities of the owner of the animal

(Check all that apply and list details – how often, how much, when, where, etc.)

Housing, bedding

Feed, water

Health requirements, (vaccinations, medication, veterinarian fees)

Daily Care (chores, training, grooming, time commitment, etc.)

Equipment (halters, feeders, grooming, etc.)

Transportation

Insurance (loss of animal, liability, check into costs)

Responsibilities of the 4-H member (all that apply):

(Check all that apply and list details – how often, how much, when, where, etc.)

- Housing, bedding
- Feed, water
- Health requirements (vaccinations, medication, veterinarian fees)
- Daily Care (chores, training, grooming, time commitment etc.)
- Equipment (halters, feeders, grooming, etc.)
- Transportation
- Insurance (loss of animal, liability, check into costs)

Financial Agreement (For Recordkeeping Purposes)

Date of beginning of project _____ Projected end of project date _____

Value of animal at beginning of project _____

Write details of financial agreement between owner and 4-H'er. Include how financing of project will be arranged, if applicable, and if a market animal, when animal will be sold and how money from sale of animal will be divided. Fair premium money, ribbons, trophies, and 4-H award money from donors will be given to the 4-H member.

I have read and agree to fulfill the terms of the above management agreement and Livestock Share-a-Project Guidelines. I understand that failure to carry through with the terms of the agreement or guidelines may result in returning the animal to the owner and/or ineligibility to show the animal at the Allamakee County Fair. This agreement must be approved by the Allamakee County Youth and 4-H Committee who will determine the consequences for non-compliance.

Signature of 4-H'er _____ **Date** _____

I verify my child's statement.

Signature of parent/guardian _____ **Date** _____

I agree to fulfill the terms of the above management agreement.

Signature of owner of animal _____ **Date** _____

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