

## LEASING A DAIRY COW

**I. PURPOSE OF THE LEASE PROGRAM** – It is to provide a youth with the opportunity of participating in the showing aspects of the 4-H DAIRY COW program when one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. The 4-H member does not have a suitable long care opportunity.
2. The family is unable to purchase a COW

### **II. RULES FOR LESSORS OF COWS TO 4-H YOUTH**

1. The lessor (owner) of the COW relinquishes all rights to train the cow, and the lessee has priority right to show the cow during the term of the lease. Potential lessors should not lease cow they want to show on a regular basis during the term of the lease.
2. The lessor may not take the cow back prior to the end of the lease unless the youth is neglecting or abusing the cow, or the youth agrees to return the cow.
3. The lessor should have the youth sign whatever agreements they decide upon in regard to care of the animal, but no agreement will supersede the terms of this contract.
4. The lessor will allow the lessee to transport and show the animal in 4-H, open, or breed shows.

### **III. RULES FOR LESSEES**

1. The lessee is responsible for the daily care of the animal in whatever manner decided upon by them and the lessor. However, this must include major responsibility and performance by the lessee for this care.
2. The lessee will be responsible to write up an agreement in consultation with the lessor to cover who is responsible for expenses of care of the animal and who is liable in case of injury or death of the animal. Both the lessor and lessee must sign it, and a copy of that agreement be attached to this contract agreement.
3. Showing expenses will be the responsibility of the lessee.
4. The lessee is responsible to take this completed contract to the County Educator, 4-H by the date required in your county for their approval. (May 1, current year). This date is usually several weeks prior to the date that projects needs to be identified, so that there is time to investigate and approve the lease.

DESCRIPTION OF COW: (include color, breed, sex, age) and/or registration information.

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4-H Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lessor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER (Lessor and Lessee)

Write name on line.

1. Who is responsible to pay for feed? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is responsible to pay for Veterinarian bills? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who is responsible full time animal care? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who is responsible for the bedding of the animal? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where will the animal be housed? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Other: \_\_\_\_\_