

# Feeder Calf Leasing Information

One purpose of 4-H feeder calf projects is to teach young people how to feed, fit, show, and care for their animal(s). The more important purpose is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. 4-H realizes that some youth are unable to have an actual calf for their 4-H feeder calf project. An option available to these individuals is to lease a calf from another individual.

## What Is The Purpose Of Leasing A Feeder Calf As A 4-H Project?

- A lease program is appropriate in the 4-H program when a youth does not have the financial ability to purchase a calf or does not have the appropriate method to feed, manage, or house a calf.

## What Are Expectations Of The Feeder Calf Owner?

- An individual (lessor) who leases a feeder calf must be willing to:
  1. Relinquish all rights to manage, handle, and care for the calf in order for the youth to complete the requirements of a 4-H feeder calf project. **Owners should not lease calves they want to fit or show during the term of the lease. (June or birth through fair week).**
  2. Not take the calf back prior to the end of the lease unless the youth agrees to return the calf.
  3. Have the youth (or parent/legal guardian) sign whatever agreements they decide upon in regard to care of the animal.
  4. Allow the youth to transport and show the calf in the Wayne County Jr. Fair.

## What Are Expectations Of The 4-H Participant?

- An individual (youth) who leases a feeder calf as a 4-H project:
  1. To be responsible for the care of the animal in whatever manner is mutually agreeable to both the owner (lessor) and youth (lessee).
  2. To complete a feeder calf agreement and identify the calf in 4hOnline as their 4-H project.

**It is suggested that the owner and youth develop a written lease agreement which addresses the following questions:**

Who is responsible in case of injury or death? Who pays veterinarian bills, and what would be the maximum amount you are expected to pay in veterinarian costs if injury costs are your (lessee's) responsibility. In addition, if the animal is injured and unusable, who has to nurse the animal back to health? An owner (lessor) may require you to take out insurance with the owner as the beneficiary to cover possible loss due to death. Where the calf will be housed and who is responsible for the daily care, any feed, health care (i.e. deworming, vaccinations, etc.) foot care, etc.

The owner should have a statement included relieving them of liability in cases of property damage, injury to the youth, or injury to a third party while the animal is under the lessee's supervision.