

## **North Florida Fair 4-H/FFA Jr. Beef Leasing Program (Updated 4/16/2025)**

### **Goals and Objectives:**

To provide an educational experience that will create an opportunity for youth to develop the following through traditional 4-H/FFA beef cattle education programs.

- To develop character, knowledge and a sense of responsibility in 4-H/FFA members
- To provide 4-H/FFA youth an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with beef cattle through a 4-H/FFA project.
- To maintain, or increase, the number of youths working with beef cattle.
- Concentrate on the management components of raising beef cattle.
- To provide the opportunity for 4-H/FFA youth to become more familiar with contracts and lease agreements.

### **Rules:**

1. The Leasing Program pertains to preview steers, registered and commercial heifers.
2. The program is available to 4-H/FFA youth hereafter referred to as lessee, in good standing (as defined by the local county 4-H program or local school FFA program) as a member in a local club/chapter. The lessee must remain in good standing as a member of 4-H or FFA during the period of this lease contract. It is suggested that the lessee attend regular club meetings during the calendar year and keep a project record on each animal, submitting this record each year to their club/chapter leader.
3. All leased animals must be a bona fide 4-H/FFA project. A 4-H/FFA member may lease no more than eight heifers and two preview steers for a total of ten leased animals.
4. The owner hereafter referred to as the sponsor, will jointly determine with the lessee specific responsibilities to be carried out by the lessee. The responsibilities will be recorded on the Lease Agreement and will include such things as:
  - a. Duties and Responsibilities while working with the animal(s)
  - b. Working schedule for carrying out the specified duties
  - c. Assistance provided to the lessee by sponsor
  - d. Where will animal(s) be cared for (sponsor's or lessee's farm)
  - e. Who will provide feed and medical supplies
  - f. What monetary compensation will be provided and when it will be paid
5. Leased animals may be exhibited in the appropriate heifer classes at the North Florida Fair. Animals may be shown only if a Florida 4-H/FFA youth leased the animal as a steer or heifer for their official 4-H/FFA project. All animals must be leased or owned by a Florida 4-H/FFA youth for the first time before 1) steers are 6 months of age and 2) heifers are 18 months of age.

6. Animals enrolled in the leasing program will be exhibited only by the lessee in Florida youth livestock shows during the contract year. The owner/sponsor relinquishes the right to show the leased animal(s) during the contract year in any youth shows. This applies to the North Florida Fair, South Florida Fair, Florida State Fair, other open youth livestock shows and fairs, and open commercial beef shows in Florida. The intent of this lease is to ensure the lessee is not leasing animals just to show in the North Florida Fair, but that these leased beef cattle are the 4-H/FFA members bona fide project. The sponsor is not to lease animals to be exhibited in the North Florida Fair, if the beef cattle entry was shown by an active 4-H/FFA member the prior 6 months.
7. Leased animals may be housed and maintained at the farm facilities of either party.
8. The title of ownership as stated on any official breed registration of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the sponsor. Lessee must have a copy of breed association registration attached to the lease agreement.
9. 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. The lessee can be held responsible for loss or injury due to neglect or poor management. It is strongly suggested that insurance be purchased by one or both of the parties to cover the value of the animal.
10. The sponsor is not responsible for financial liability from any injury which may incur to the lessee while involved in working with leased animals.
11. The lessee is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animals, such as veterinarian fees, transportation and other miscellaneous expenditures. The lessee may keep any premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract.
12. Lease agreement only applies to youth who do not own preview steers, registered and /or commercial heifers that they are exhibiting in the North Florida Fair.
13. The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the lessee during the period of Lease Agreement.
14. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the sponsor and lessee prior to entering animals at the North Florida Fair to ensure that responsibilities are being carried out by the lessee. A copy of the signed Lease Agreement Certificate should be attached to all entry forms.

**Please attach appropriate registration or grade ID papers to this form**

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Florida 4-H/FFA Preview Steers, Registered and Commercial Heifers Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(owner/sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H/FFA youth/lessee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

I have read and understand the contractual agreement entered into by the lessee and sponsor and agree not to hold the sponsor liable for any injury or financial liability that may incur to the lessee during this contractual agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

The lessee is a member in good standing of the 4-H/FFA Program and has a Florida 4-H/FFA Preview Steers, Registered and Commercial Heifers Lease Agreement on file.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H Leader/Agent or FFA Advisor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

*The leased animal must be a bona fide 4-H/FFA project, and the lessee assumes responsibility for the care and management of the animal mutually agreed upon with the sponsor as stated below: For guidelines see number 5.*

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