



## Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Arrangement Program



### OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility, and life skills in 4-H youth.
- 2) To provide the opportunity to work with registered breeding stock as a 4-H project for both non-farm youth, youth from farms with non-registered animals, and youth without sufficient farm facilities.
- 3) To expand the opportunities for youth to participate in an animal project that may not have access to facilities and/or registered breeding stock.
- 4) To maintain or increase the number of youth carrying a registered breeding stock as a 4-H project.
- 5) To maintain or increase the number of registered breeding stock carried as a 4-H project.
- 6) **This program is not available for individuals that already own or are enrolled in a 4-H Animal project of the proposed species to be leased.**

### RULES:

- 1) The Arrangement Program pertains to registered breeding stock of the following species:
  - a. Beef
  - b. Dairy
  - c. Sheep
  - d. Swine
  - e. Goats
- 2) The program is available to any member, hereafter referred to as the **4-H Member**, in good standing in a county 4-H club. *The 4-H Member must attend at least 50 percent of the regular club meetings during the calendar year and will be encouraged to attend additional species-related educational meetings.*
- 3) The **4-H Member** will be required to keep a project record on each animal. The record must be submitted to his or her local club leader by the end of the calendar year.
- 4) The program is available to youth who did not own any animals of the proposed species to be leased as a 4-H project during the previous year. **Exception:** If a herd/flock is dispersed and ownership of animals by the 4-H member is terminated, the 4-H member may participate in this Arrangement Program.
- 5) The leased animal must be a bona fide 4-H project and registered with an appropriate breed association. A 4-H member may lease and exhibit up to six (6) animals per project year. The 4-H member may show the maximum number each show will permit. Parties need to work out an arrangement amongst themselves if deemed necessary.
- 6) The owner, hereafter referred to as the **sponsor**, will jointly determine with the **4-H Member** specific responsibilities to be carried out by the **each party**. The responsibilities will be attached to the Arrangement Agreement and will list such items as, but not limited to:
  - a. The **4-H Member's** duties and responsibilities while working with the animal at the farm,
  - b. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
  - c. any assistance the **sponsor** will provide to the **4-H Member**, and
  - d. any insurance information or provisions.
- 7) The leased animal may be exhibited in the appropriate calf/ewe/gilt and yearling classes. An animal may be shown in the cow (Beef and Dairy) classes only if the 4-H youth leased the animal as a calf or yearling. In addition, 4-H members of leased animals will have the same requirements for exhibition as owned animals.

- 8) During the project year, the **4-H Member** will exhibit the leased animal in Maryland 4-H shows only. The **sponsor** may enter and exhibit the leased animal in open-class shows. This arrangement only applies for Maryland 4-H sponsored shows.
- 9) The **sponsor** and the **4-H Member** will adhere to the 4-H Behavioral Expectations (4-H 418), the Maryland 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics, MCE guidelines, and any other county and/or state 4-H guidelines as applicable.
- 10) The leased animal will be housed and maintained at either the farm facilities of the **sponsor, 4-H Member, or mutually agreed upon location in the county of residence of the 4-Her or an adjoining county.**
- 11) The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the **sponsor.**
- 12) The **sponsor** is expected to and will make the animal available for the proposed purpose to the **4-H Member** during the period of the Arrangement Agreement.
- 13) The **4-H Member** is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal, such as veterinarian, entry fees, transportation, and other miscellaneous expenditures, unless otherwise specified in the arrangement. The **4-H Member** will keep any 4-H premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the agreement – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 14) The Arrangement Agreement must be signed and filed in the county Extension office by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year and will be in effect for a 12-month period.
- 15) The Arrangement Agreement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party. The Lease Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
  - a. Failure of the **4-H Member** to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Arrangement Agreement,
  - b. changes in the farming operation for the **sponsor**, or
  - c. mutual agreement of both parties.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the project year must be given in writing and be placed on file in the county 4-H office.
- 16) The **sponsor, 4-H Member**, a parent or legal guardian of the **4-H Member**, and the 4-H County Extension Educator must sign the Arrangement Agreement, which includes a mutually agreed fee of one-dollar fee paid by the **4-H Member.**
- 17) If the **sponsor** does not adhere to and follow all 4-H and/or MCE policies, the Maryland 4-H program can deem the **sponsor** not eligible to participate in the program.

**MARYLAND 4-H BREEDING ANIMAL ARRANGEMENT PROGRAM**

This ARRANGEMENT AGREEMENT is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_

Date

between owner (**sponsor**) \_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

and 4-H youth (**4-H Member**) \_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Breed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date

The Arrangement Agreement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Arrangement Program.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Arrangement Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner (Sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Arrangement Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Youth (4-H Member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read and understand the arrangement agreement entered into by the **4-H Member** and **sponsor** and agree not to hold the **sponsor, Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program, Maryland Cooperative Extension, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or the University of Maryland** liable for any injury or financial liability that the **4-H Member** may incur during this arrangement agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The **4-H Member** is a member in good standing of the Maryland 4-H Program and has a Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Arrangement Agreement on file in the county 4-H office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H County Extension Educator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*It is the policy of the Maryland Cooperative Extension that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, disability, age or national origin.*

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