

# **Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program**

**(Updated 10-25-2008)**

## **Goals and Objectives:**

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

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

## **Rules:**

1. The Leasing Program pertains to registered and non-registered female breeding stock of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein or Jersey
2. The program is available to 4-H youth hereafter referred to as lessee, in good standing (as defined by the local county program) as a member in a local club. The lessee must remain in good standing as a member in a county 4-H or dairy club 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 dairy animal, submitting this record each year to their club leader.
3. All leased animals must be a bona fide 4-H project. A 4-H member may lease a maximum of six animals during the project year.
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 calf classes at any show with approval from the show management where you wish to exhibit. Animals may be shown in the cow classes only if the 4-H youth leased or owned the animal as a calf or yearling. All animals must be leased or owned by the 4-H youth for the first time before the heifer is 18 months of age.
6. Animals enrolled in the leasing program will be exhibited only by the lessee in Florida shows during the contract year. The owner/sponsor relinquishes rights to show the leased animal(s) during the contract year. This applies to the South Florida Fair, State 4-H Dairy Show, Florida State Fair for both open and youth shows. County Fairs are encouraged to use this lease for their shows.

7. Leased animals may be housed and maintained at the farm facilities of either party.
8. The title of ownership as stated on the registration or grade identity certificate of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the sponsor. Lessee must have a copy attached to the lease agreement. Some shows will require the original papers.
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 lost 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. **The Lease Agreement must be signed and Postmarked by January 15 and sent to Brent Broaddus, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, FL 33584 and will be in effect for a 12-month period. A copy must be kept on file in the county 4-H Extension office.**
13. The signed Lease Agreement must be postmarked or in Brent Broaddus' Office by January 15 of the show year.
14. The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the lessee during the period of Lease Agreement.
15. The Lease Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party or the 12 months has expired. The Lease Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the year for reasons such as:
  - a. Failure for Lessee to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Lease Agreement
  - b. Changes in the Farming operation for the sponsor.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the year must be given in writing and be placed on file in Brent Broaddus' Office.

16. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the sponsor and lessee prior to entering animals at any dairy show to insure that responsibilities are being carried out by the lessee. A copy of the signed Lease Agreement should be attached to all entry forms.

## Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement

This **LEASE AGREEMENT** is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_  
between the owner (sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address) (telephone #)

and 4-H youth (lessee) \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(address) (telephone #)

The Sponsor hereby agrees to lease to the 4-H member listed above the following animal(s): (Maximum of six animals) (Please attach appropriate registration or grade identity papers to this lease)

_____ (name or Identification number)	_____ (date of birth)
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I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing 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 Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H 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 Program and has a Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement on file.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(4-H Agent or County Agent) (date)

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

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The Lease Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Florida 4-H Dairy Cattle Leasing Program or until the end of the year. Failure to have a lease agreement on file by **January 15** with the County Extension office and Brent Broaddus’ office will result in the animal not be eligible for shows within the state.