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DELAWARE YOUTH DAIRY CATTLE LEASING PROGRAM

This agreement is supported by the Delaware 4-H, Delaware FFA and the Delaware Holstein and Junior Holstein Association organizations.

Objectives:

1. To develop character, knowledge and a sense of responsibility in 4-H youth.

2. To provide the opportunity to work with registered dairy cattle as a 4-H project for both non-farm youth and youth from farms with non-registered cattle.

3. To maintain or increase the number of youth carrying a registered dairy animal as a 4-H project.

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Guidelines:

1. The Leasing Program pertains to registered breeding stock of the following dairy breeds:

    - Ayrshire
    - Brown Swiss
    - Guernsey
    - Holstein
    - Jersey
    - Milking Shorthorn

2. The program is available to any member, hereafter referred to as the **lessee**, in good standing in a 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or Delaware Holstein/Jr. Holstein Association. The **lessee** is strongly encouraged to attend at least 50 percent of the regular club meeting during the calendar year and will be encouraged to attend dairy educational meetings.

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3. The **lessee** will be required to keep a project record on each dairy animal. The record must be submitted to his or her local club leader of FFA advisor by the end of the 4-H or project year.

4. The leased animal must be a bona fide project. A lease agreement must be completed for each animal leased during the year.

5. 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 list items such as:

    - The **lessee's** duties and responsibilities while working with the animal at the farm
    - A working schedule for carrying out the specific duties
    - Any assistance the **sponsor** will provide to the **lessee**

6. During the contract year, the **lessee** may exhibit the leased animal in junior shows. The **sponsor** may enter and exhibit the leased animal in open-class shows.

7. The leased animal will be housed and maintained at the farm facilities of the **sponsor**.

8. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the **sponsor**.

9. The **sponsor** will make the animal available to the **lessee** during the period of the Lease Agreement.

10. The **sponsor** of the leased animal agrees not to hold the **lessee** liable for any financial loss from injury or death to the leased animal.

11. The **sponsor** is not responsible for financial liability from any injury that the **lessee** may incur while working with the leased animal.

12. The **lessee** is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal, such as veterinarian, transportation and other miscellaneous expenditures. The **lessee** may keep any premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract.

13. The Lease Agreement must be signed and filed in the county Extension office by May 1st of the project year and will be in effect for a 12 month period.

14. The Lease Agreement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party. The Lease Agreement maybe terminated prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as:

    - Failure of **lessee** to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Lease Agreement
    - Changes in the farming operation for the sponsor

15. The Lease Agreement will be reviewed by the **sponsor** and **lessee** prior to entering the leased animal at any dairy show to insure that responsibilities are being carried out by the **lessee**. The sponsor will sign the section on the **lessee** compliance in the Lease Agreement and a copy of the signed Lease Agreement will be attached to the entry form.

16. The Lease Agreement, which includes a one dollar fee paid by the lessee, must be signed by the **sponsor**, **lessee**, a parent or legal guardian of the **lessee**, and the 4-H county Extension agent or Chapter Advisor or Holstein Association President as deemed appropriate by the organization the lessee is a member of.

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This LEASE AGREEMENT is entered into on _____

Date

Between owner (**sponsor**) _____

Name

_____ _____

Address Telephone

and youth (**lessee**) _____

Name

_____ _____

Address Telephone

The **sponsor** hereby agrees to lease to the youth listed above the following animal:

_____ _____

Name Breed

_____ _____

Registration number Birth date

The leased animal must be a bona fide project and the **lessee** assumes responsibility for care and management of the project animal. The items stated below were mutually agreed upon by the **sponsor** and the **lessee**:

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The Lease Agreement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Guidelines of the Delaware Youth Dairy Cattle Leasing Program.

I have read and understand the guidelines and responsibilities of the Delaware Youth Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

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Owner (Sponsor) Date

I have read and understand the guidelines and my responsibilities of the Delaware Youth Dairy Cattle Leasing Program and agree to abide by all of the requirements of the program.

_____ _____

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 the **lessee** may incur during this contractual agreement.

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Parent or Legal Guardian Date

The **lessee** is a member in good standing of the 4-H or FFA Program or the Holstein Association and has a Delaware Youth Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement on file in the County Extension office.

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4-H County Extension Agent/FFA Advisor/Holstein Assoc President Date

I certify that the **lessee** is in compliance as outlined in the Delaware Youth Dairy Cattle Leasing Agreement.

Show/Fair _____ Sponsor _____ Date _____

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