

Larimer County 4-H

Lease a Dairy Goat Program Rules/Requirements

1. This project will begin March 1 (or if leasing a kid begin the day it is born) and will be complete September 1 of same 4-H year.
2. Project animals will be chosen at the Sponsor's discretion. Continuing to use the same project animal for the following year is at the discretion of the sponsor. Continuing working with said animals between September 1 and January 1 of the next year is also at the discretion of the sponsor.
3. **It is the sponsors responsibility to obtain a valid premise ID for members who have a project animal at the producer's location. Premise ID numbers can be obtained through <http://ag.colorado.gov/animals/Colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>.**
4. Only members enrolled in Larimer County 4-H are eligible to enter this program. The participant must satisfactorily complete the program (according to the Larimer County Extension Office) in order to participate in the program in the future.
5. The participant and their family must respect and abide by all individual rules that the sponsor sets. (Examples are certain times allowed to practice with animal, areas that are "off limits" on property, number of people allowed to come with participants, bio security rules).
6. Monthly letter (1-2 paragraphs) must be submitted to the key leader and the sponsor. It should outline what the member has done/learned within the month of working with the project animal and what he/she wants to improve on within the coming month.
7. Participant should work with their animal on a regular basis. A minimum of an hour a week is required. (Examples of activities include working with animal, feeding, cleaning stall/feed tubs/water tubs, grooming animal, trimming hooves).
8. Key Leaders for the Dairy Goat Project or the Livestock Agent will do periodic visits to make certain the animal is being cared for by the members and is working well with the sponsor.
9. In the event an animal is to become sick while at the producer's facility, the 4-H member will not be held accountable for vet expenses.
10. Member is held to the same standards as any other county member in the dairy goat program, includes but not limited to project requirements within 4-H online and code of conduct.
11. In the instance of the death of an animal after May 31st the member will not be allowed to replace animal. If the death of an animal occurs prior to May 31st the producer can choose to replace animal at their own discretion.
12. In the event an animal becomes sick leading up to fair (or died prior to fair) and the participant is unable to exhibit an animal at the county fair, the member will still be required to have a "Thank You" poster for the sponsor to be displayed at the county fair but will not be counted against for not showing the animal.
13. Participant is required to prepare animal for Fair. This includes training, clipping, cleaning, and arranging transportation to and from Fair.

14. Animals shown will complete county fair entry as normal, a special division will not be created for animals within this project.
15. Participant will be required to care for animal for the full duration of the Fair. This includes cleaning stalls, washing animal(s), milking, watering, and feeding.
16. Show at Larimer County Fair Dairy Goat Show in appropriate age class in both showmanship and animal(s) class. Required proper show attire will consist of white jeans and white shirt.
17. Create a "Thank You" poster for the sponsor to be displayed at Fair. Requirements of this poster must include name(s) of sponsor, picture of you and your animal(s) with participant and animal(s) name. Take a picture of yourself with your poster at fair and send it with a thank you note to your sponsor.
18. As a part of the lease a dairy goat program you are encouraged to but not required to compete in any/all contests offered for dairy goats. However, you will be required to compete in the following contests depending on your year in the program:
 - a. First year in the program, compete in:
 - i. Fitting Contest
 - b. Second year in the program, compete in:
 - i. Knowledge Bowl
 - ii. Fitting Contest
 - c. Third year or more in program, compete in:
 - i. Knowledge Bowl
 - ii. Fitting Contest
 - iii. Judging Contest
19. Completed Livestock record book will need to be turned into club leader by September 1. Record book must contain completed log sheet(s), Animal Information page, and monthly letters.
20. Costs for the program would include items for exhibition at the county fair including but not limited to show supplies, bedding, and entry fee.
21. The Larimer County Extension Office and owner/management/sponsor and employees of participating dairy are not responsible for any accidents related with this program.
22. Larimer County Extension Office and owner/management/sponsor of participating dairy goat reserves the right to terminate project participation for any member who mistreats the animal(s) or does not abide by any of the guidelines stated. If the project is terminated, no allowance will be made for any related expenses for this project.