

Weld County 4-H

Lease a Dairy Program

1. The Weld County Lease a Dairy Program is sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council and generous other sponsors under the direction of the Weld County 4-H Extension Office.
2. The Weld County Extension Office, Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council and owner/management/sponsor and employees of participating dairy are not responsible for any accidents related with this program.
3. This project will begin March 1st of the 4-H year and will be complete September 1st of the same 4-H year.
 - a. Ownership/Lease deadline for Dairy Cattle is May 1st of each year.
4. Project animals will be chosen at the Sponsor's discretion. Continuing to use same project animal for the following year is at the discretion of the dairy/sponsor. Continuing working with said animals between September 1 and March 1 is also at the discretion of the dairy/sponsor.
5. Only members enrolled in Weld County 4-H are eligible to enter this program. The participant must be part of a Weld County 4-H club and satisfactorily complete the program (according to Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council) in order to participate in the program in the future.
6. Participant must be enrolled in the Dairy project through 4-H Online by March 1st.
7. Participant must fill out the Breeding Animal ID form by March 15th in 4-H Online.
 - a. Participant must upload the completed Weld County Dairy Lease Agreement in the Breeding Animal ID form section.
8. Participant must upload the Animal Care and Housing form, fill it out and sign it. Then have your parent/guardian, animal sponsor and 4-H. The Animal Care and Housing form is due to the Extension Office by May 1st.
9. The participant and their family must respect and abide by any and all individual rules that the dairy/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 participant).
10. Dairy/sponsor reserves the right to change project animals due to their availability.
11. Attend 75% of workshops, starting in January.
 - a. It is highly recommended that you attend and show your dairy animal at the Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza (second weekend in June), many of the available clinics will be at this show.
12. Participant must work with animal(s) on a regular basis for minimum of 4 hours per month and recorded in log sheet.

13. Participant is required to prepare animal for Fair. This includes training, clipping, cleaning and arranging transportation to and from Fair.
14. Participant will be required to care for animal during full duration of animal at Fair. This includes cleaning stalls, washing animal(s) and feeding.
15. Complete requirements of the Weld County Meat Quality Assurance Program.
16. Show at Weld County Fair Dairy Show in appropriate age class in both showmanship and animal(s) class.
 - a. Proper show attire will consist of white pants and white shirt (This is REQUIRED!)
17. Create a “Thank You” poster for the dairy/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.
18. Create an “Educational Poster” to be displayed and judged at Fair.
19. Complete the Livestock record book and turn in by September 8th to Extension Office. Record book must contain completed log sheet(s) and Animal Information page.
20. There may be some costs to the program. (example: Hauling, some show equipment (halter), animal bedding for fair, clipper blade replacement/sharpening and show entry fees)
21. Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council, and owner/management/sponsor of participating dairy, Weld County 4-H Extension Office reserves the right to terminate project participation for any member who mistreats the animal or does not abide by any or all of these guidelines. If the project is terminated, no allowance will be made for any related expenses for this project.