



*CONNECTICUT 4-H
ANIMAL PROJECT VERIFICATION*



In order to exhibit an animal (dog, dairy, beef, working steer, sheep, swine, llama, alpaca, goat, horse, rabbit, small animal and poultry) at the 4-H Fair for that project year, the project must be owned or leased by **June 1**, (**May 1** for dairy cattle). Connecticut 4-H Animal Project Verification Forms and lease agreements are due at the local 4-H office on those dates.

Youth must be enrolled as 4-H members in any project area no later than May 1 of the current 4-H year. All Animal Project Verification forms must be turned in by the stated deadline in order to participate in the 4-H Fair. Forms may be obtained by calling the 4-H Office. State which animal projects you have and number of animals for each species. Be sure that you have all the required signatures, complete information and any photos requested and return completed forms by or before June 1 (May 1 for dairy cattle). For Dairy Cattle - heifers must be owned or leased by May 1st of the year of the show. In all milking age classes, 2 year olds and up, the cow must have been owned or leased on May 1st, before the animal reached her second birth date. Proof of lease or ownership is required.

LEASED ANIMALS

A 4-H member can not lease more than two (2) animals of the same species. In a leased (or owned) project, the animal does not have to be housed at the 4-H member's home. During the time stated in the contract or lease, the owner agrees not to show the animal. This is to ensure that the 4-H'er has access to the animal for 4-H shows and for others agreed upon by the owner and 4-H'er. A sample lease form is available from the 4-H Office. Please revise the lease to state the conditions of your particular agreement. For Dairy Cattle: Lease forms must be filled out by the 4-H'er for animals that are co-owned with another person.

UPDATING HORSE AND DOG VERIFICATION FORMS

For 4-H Horse or 4-H Dog Project members who submitted a form the previous year, there is an annual update form to complete. Once an animal project approval form is on file, you will only need to send in this annual update unless you get or lease a new horse or dog. We realize that there are some unusual situations regarding 4-H horse projects. For example, two 4-H members may share the same horse. For the purpose of entering the 4-H Fair, just state what the situation is.

PARTICIPATION IN New England 4-H Horse and Livestock Programs at Eastern States Exposition
Dates for ownership, application process and requirements differ with each species. This includes dates of ownership, the application process and requirements. Refer to the fact sheet New England 4-H Horse, Dog and Livestock Programs at Eastern States Exposition for Connecticut 4-H Members for specific details about your project animal.

Requirements for the New England 4-H Horse, Dog and Livestock Programs at Eastern States Exposition for Connecticut 4-H Members

- * **BEEF CATTLE:** owned by February 1 for steers and owned or leased by May 1 for heifers. Steers must be eartagged and entered by **February 1**. ESE application forms are due at this time. 4-H member must exhibit animal at a 4-H Fair.
- * **WORKING STEER:** Application form due **April 1** for ESE. Animal Project Verification form will be used for consideration. A run-off will be held in June for all eligible participants.
- * **DAIRY CATTLE:** For ESE eligibility, animal must be owned or leased and Animal Project Verification forms and leases be into your local 4-H Office with proper information by **May 1**. Check appropriate area for intent to enter the New England 4-H Dairy Program. Members wishing to participate must complete the Eastern States application from the 4-H Office which is also due May 1 and show at a 4-H Fair. The State 4-H Dairy Committee visits 4-H Fairs to check animals and interview 4-H applicants. In all milking age classes, 2 year olds and up, the cow must have been owned or leased on May 1st before the animal reached her second birthdate.
- * **DAIRY, MARKET, PET AND FIBER GOATS:** For ESE eligibility must be owned or leased by **June 1**. Application is due in August.
- * **SHEEP:** For ESE eligibility must be owned or leased by **June 1**. To qualify, project must receive a blue Danish ribbon in both conformation and fitting & showmanship at a 4-H Fair. Participants will be allowed to show one additional sheep purchased between June 1 and July 31st.
- * **DOG:** For ESE eligibility must be owned or leased by **June 1**. Application is due August 25th. Applicants must show at a 4-H Fair.
- * **HORSE:** For ESE eligibility, must be owned/leased by **April 1**. **4-Hers interested in applying to the ESE 4-H Horse Program need to fill out a 4-H Animal Project Verification Form by April 1.** New England 4-H Horse Program selection includes an application form and participation at the state tryouts, usually held the mid-June. Once selected, delegates are expected to attend the mandatory orientation accompanied by at least one parent or guardian in mid-July. There is also a mandatory CT Horse delegation orientation weekend held in August. Tryouts include written knowledge test, record book judging, interview, riding and application scores.



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4-H member's name _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Complete the reverse side with specific information for each animal. Use a separate form for each species of animal.

Attach photo showing project animal for 4-H Horse and Dog project members.

Attach Photo Here

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We have read and understand the rules governing this program and certify that this 4-H Member has managed and trained this animal for the current 4-H year. As parent, I give permission for the above named child and animal to participate at the local 4-H Fair and if qualified, Eastern States.

4-H Member Signature Date Parent or Guardian Signature Date

4-H Leader Signature Date

4-H Office Use Only:

4-H Office Representative Date Received



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4-H member's name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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Complete one section for each 4-H project animal owned or leased. Use a separate sheet for each animal species.

Species: _____

Name _____

Years in Project _____

4-H Program Year: _____

Animal Name _____ D.O.B. ____/____/____ Sex: _____

Breed _____ Sire _____ Dam _____

Bred by 4-H'er? YES NO Date Owned ____/____/____ Or Leased ____/____/____

Markings _____

Reg# or ID _____ Eartag _____ Tattoo _____

Do you plan on entering this animal in the 4-H Fair? YES NO Do you wish to apply for Eastern States with this animal? YES NO

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4-H HORSE PROJECT VERIFICATION ANNUAL UPDATE
(Return to 4-H Office after Completion)

Name _____ 4-H Program Year: _____

Address _____ Phone() _____

The Horse(s) listed below remain to be my 4-H project(s). The original approval sheet was filed with the 4-H Office on _____.

	Horse #1	Horse #2
Name:		
Breed:		
Age:		
Sex:		
Height:		
Color/Markings		
	Signature: Date: CES Staff Signature Date:	Signature: Date: CES Staff Signature Date:

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