

NEW YORK YOUTH BEEF OWNERSHIP POLICY

The exhibitor, upon request to the event sponsor, shall provide proof of ownership of any exhibit.

This **non-owner certificate** verifies that a 4-H member in New York and the owner of the animal have entered an agreement. A lease agreement allows a 4-H member to use the specified animal as a 4-H project.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) encourages the use of written lease agreements, however, it is the responsibility of the owner and exhibitor to agree upon the lease terms. Neither CCE nor Cornell University is legally involved in writing, implementing or terminating any lease agreements.

The following policy was revised in 2023 by the NYS 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee and approved by the NYS Association of Fairs.

Non-owner/lease opportunities are intended for youth who do not already own an animal of this species. **Youth who own no beef cattle may register two non-owned animals of this species as their project animals but may be restricted to showing only one of these animals per youth fair, youth exhibition, or 4-H show/exhibition at their county's discretion. This applies to the county and state level.** Animals shown in a cow/calf class counts as one leased animal even if the calf is shown in its individual class.

The following bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987

Exhibits must be in the care of exhibitor by June 15 of the current year or by a prior date designated by county of 4-H enrollment.

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