

## New York Youth Livestock Non-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 bill was legally adopted by the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets July 1987.

*Exhibits shall have been owned by the exhibitor for a period of at least (30) days prior to the entry of the exhibit provided, however, that any animal exhibit entered in a youth fair, youth exhibition or 4-H show or exhibition shall have been in the care of the exhibitor for a period of at least (60) days prior to entry of the exhibit.*

CCE staff and state program administrators have maintained the following policy since 1987.

*Non-owner/lease opportunities are intended for youth who do not already own an animal of this species type. For exhibition purposes, youth are limited to one non-owned breeding animal of this species type.*

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