



## New York Youth Dairy 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 policy was revised in 2016 by NYS 4-H Dairy 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 type. **Youth who own no dairy 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.***

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.*