



The Great Frederick Fair Youth Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines

Adapted from the University of Maryland Extension (UME) Maryland 4-H Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility and life skills in GFF Youth.
- 2) To expand the opportunities for youth to participate in a GFF animal project who may not have access to facilities and/or breeding stock.
- 3) To maintain or increase the number of youth carrying breeding stock as a GFF Youth project.
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RULES:

- 1) The Great Frederick Fair Breeding Animal Lease Program is applicable to registered breeding stock of the GFF Youth project areas listed below:
 - a. Beef
 - b. Dairy
 - c. Sheep
 - d. Swine
 - e. Goats (Dairy and Meat)
- 2) The program is available to any GFF Youth, hereafter also referred to as GFF Youth.
- 3) **GFF Youth Members** may not have both owned and leased animals within the same project area during the same GFF year (which runs January 1 through December 31). However, due to the uniqueness of Dairy projects, a member in the project who owns a Dairy Steer may also lease a Dairy Heifer during the same GFF year.
- 4) The GFF Youth will be required to keep the appropriate GFF Youth project record(s) on each animal. The project record(s) must be submitted to The Great Frederick Fair Office.
- 5) In order to exhibit a leased animal(s), it must be a bona fide GFF Youth project and registered with the appropriate breed association. The leased animal(s) may be exhibited in the appropriate classes at The Great Frederick Fair. In addition, GFF Youth with leased animals will be required to follow the same requirements for exhibition as GFF Youth with owned animals. Cows in the program may be exhibited as project animals in appropriate classes only if they were part of the lease program for The GFF Youth during the GFF Youth Program years when the animals were calves or yearlings.
- 6) GFF Youth may have up to six (6) total breeding animals in the Breeding Animal Lease Program GFF Program year. However, the Fair may limit the number of animals The GFF Youth may exhibit or may have other applicable rules pertaining to classes for breeding animals.
- 7) The owner of the leased animal(s), hereafter referred to as the **sponsor**, and The GFF Youth should jointly determine the specific responsibilities to be carried out by each party. The responsibilities should be attached to the Lease Program Form and should include such items as, but not limited to:
 - a. The **GFF Youth's** duties and responsibilities while caring for and working with the animal,
 - b. The **GFF Youth's** access to the animal,
 - c. housing and transportation of the animal,
 - d. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
 - e. any assistance the **sponsor** will provide to The GFF Youth,
 - f. any insurance requirements, information, or provisions

- g. responsibility for expenses incurred with the lease animal such as, but not limited to, feed, veterinary care, transportation, entry fees, etc.

The above are only suggestions. For the protection of all involved, the parties may want to consider entering into a written Lease Agreement setting forth their respective rights and responsibilities. The Great Frederick Fair cannot advise parties as to what should be included in such an agreement, and parties may want to consult with an attorney in this regard.

- 8) The GFF Youth will keep any GFF premiums or awards received while exhibiting the leased animal(s) during the duration of the agreement – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 9) During the GFF program year, the GFF Youth will be the only person eligible to exhibit the leased animal(s) at The Great Frederick Fair.
- 10) The **sponsor** and The **GFF Youth** must adhere to The Great Frederick Fair Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines, the GFF Behavioral Expectations, the GFF Code of Animal Science Ethics, and any other GFF requirements, as applicable.
- 11) The leased animal(s) must be housed and maintained at either the farm facilities of the **sponsor, GFF Youth, or mutually agreed upon location as approved by the GFF staff.**
- 12) Ownership of the leased animal(s) remains with the sponsor. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal will remain **in the possession of the sponsor.**
- 13) **The Breeding Animal Lease Program Form must be signed and filed in The Great Frederick Fair Office by July 15th and will be in effect through the end of the GFF Program year (December 31). The sponsor is expected to and will make the animal available to The GFF Youth during the period of the GFF program year.**
- 14) Participation in The Great Frederick Fair Breeding Animal Lease Program may be terminated by either party or by The GFF prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
 - a. failure of The GFF Youth or **sponsor** to carry out responsibilities as agreed by the parties,
 - b. changes in the farming operation for the **sponsor**,
 - c. changes in the circumstances of The **GFF Youth**,
 - d. mutual agreement of both parties,
 - e. on thirty (30) days written notice, or
 - f. failure to abide by and follow The Great Frederick Fair Breeding Animal Lease Program Animal Lease Program Guidelines and all other GFF policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and other requirements or expectations, as applicable. Such failure may also result in the **sponsor** and/or **GFF Youth** being declared ineligible to participate in The Great Frederick Fair Breeding Animal Lease Program(s) by The GFF and/or other disciplinary action or sanctions as appropriate.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the GFF Program year must be given in writing and be placed on file in The Great Frederick Fair Office.

- 15) The GFF Youth, Parent/Guardian and Sponsor must sign The Great Frederick Fair Breeding Animal Lease Program Lease Program Statement of Understanding and Release Form.

THE GREAT FREDERICK FAIR YOUTH BREEDING ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM FORM

This LEASE ARRANGEMENT is entered into on _____
Date

between owner (**Sponsor**) _____
Name

Address _____ Telephone _____

and GFF Youth (**GFF Member**) _____
Name

Address _____ Telephone _____

The **sponsor** hereby agrees to lease to The **GFF Youth** listed above the following animal(s):

Animal Name	Registration Number	Breed	Animal Birth Date

The Lease Arrangement will remain in force until the end of the current GFF Youth project year (December 31) or until terminated by either party as stated in The GFF Breeding Animal Lease Program Guidelines.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GFF BREEDING ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM.

Owner (Sponsor) _____ Date

Parent or Legal Guardian if Owner is a minor _____ Date

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GREAT FREDERICK FAIR YOUTH BREEDING ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM.

GFF Youth (GFF Member) _____ Date

Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date

The GFF Youth is a member in good standing of the GFF Youth Program and is eligible to participate in The Great Frederick Fair Youth Breeding Animal Lease Program. A copy of this Form will be placed on file in The Great Frederick Fair Office.

GFF Programs Coordinator _____ Date