

## LEASING EQUINE ANIMALS AS 4-H PROJECTS

The Hillsdale County 4-H Youth Development Program allows 4-H members/families in the equine project are to lease animals. However, it is inconsistent with 4-H Youth Development philosophical values for a member/family that already has equine project(s) for use, to lease equine project(s) to better their chance of competing/winning at 4-H Horse Shows and at the Fair. Therefore, lease agreements can/should occur if the following conditions exist:

1. All 4-H members are allowed to lease equine animals.
2. That it is understood by the parties involved that the dates of the lease agreement are inclusive of any possession dates specified in the 4-H Horse Project Rulebook and must continue through the conclusion of the current year's Fair.
3. That the parties understand that the equine project is to be leased only to the 4-H member/immediate family filing ID papers on that equine. The exception being that the use of the equine by a Clover Bud member not in the immediate family is permitted. (Immediate family is considered parents, siblings, and grandparents.)
4. That the parties understand all provisions of the lease which might affect the eligibility of the leased equine as a Youth Department Fair project. Furthermore, the leased project equine must comply with all the rules/regulations established for participation in the State and County 4-H Youth Development Program.
5. The parties understand that the owner of the leased equine project must not exhibit the animal throughout the duration of the lease. The exception being the use of the equine by a Clover Bud member.
6. The parties involved can develop their own lease agreement, however, only the official **4-H Equine Project Lease Agreement** will be accepted at the MSU Extension Office with the other required 4-H Equine Program eligibility information for May 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. If the 4-H member purchases a leased horse before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the member must void the lease at the MSU Extension Office by submitting new ID papers. If a leased project is not voided prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, the project will be considered as a lease project for the remainder of the year.

## 4-H EQUINE PROJECT LEASE AGREEMENT

I (we) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby agree to lease the  
Owner's Name (print)  
equine described below and know as:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Color/Markings \_\_\_\_\_

to \_\_\_\_\_ for use as a 4-H equine project in the Hillsdale  
4-H Youth's Name (print)

County 4-H Youth Development Program and/or exhibition in the Youth Department of the Hillsdale County Fair. **The parties understand that the owner of the leased equine project must not exhibit the animal throughout the duration of the lease.**

To be eligible to participate in any of the State and/or Hillsdale County 4-H Equine programs and the Hillsdale County Fair, the term of this lease must be inclusive of the appropriate possession date and must continue through the conclusion of the current year's fair.

If the 4-H member purchases a leased horse before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the member must void the lease at the MSU Extension Office by submitting new ID papers. If a leased project is not voided prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, the project will be considered as a leased project for the remainder of the year.

Furthermore, the Owner and the 4-H member/family understands, the 4-H member \_\_\_\_\_ does/does not have permission to house this leased equine in the Youth Department Equine Barn, at the fairgrounds, during the Hillsdale County Fair.

The term of this lease begins on \_\_\_\_\_ and terminates END OF FAIR WEEK of current year.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Youth Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Administrative Leader Date \_\_\_\_\_