Ownership, Possession, and Care Rules for Kentucky 4-H/FFA Youth Breeding and Market Livestock Projects

In addition to providing youth an opportunity to learn about animal selection and evaluation, nutrition and feeding, health and daily care, reproduction, and marketing, another important purposes of 4-H/FFA Youth Breeding and Market Livestock Projects is to facilitate learning the valuable life skills of responsibility, hard work, critical thinking, and decision-making. Achieving each of these purposes is best accomplished when the 4-Her or FFA member has personal ownership of their project and responsibility for the continuous daily care of their livestock project under the oversight of the youth's parents or legal guardians, the local supervising Extension Agent or FFA Advisor, and (or) the volunteer local leader.

To help provide a framework where the above-mentioned purposes can be achieved, the following rules pertaining to ownership, possession, and care of 4-H/FFA Youth Breeding and Market Livestock projects shall be applied. These rules apply to all 4-H/FFA beef, goat, sheep and swine breeding and market animal projects (includes beef heifers, beef cows, beef bulls, market steers, market heifers, breeding does, market goats, breeding ewes, breeding rams, market lambs, breeding gilts and market hogs).

Ownership, Possession, and Care Rules:

1. The ownership and possession deadlines for 4-H/FFA youth livestock projects are as follows:
    a. **June 1, 2023,** for beef heifers, beef cows, beef bulls, breeding does, breeding ewes, and breeding gilts.
    b. **March 24, 2023,** for market steers and market heifers
    c. **May 24, 2023,** for market goats, market lambs and market hogs.

2. Adult/youth partnerships are acceptable for breeding animals (beef heifers, beef cows, beef bulls, breeding does, breeding ewes, breeding rams, and breeding gilts) providing each partner's full name is on the registration certificate. Animals registered in a farm name only are not allowed.

3. Co-tagging (joint ownership) of market animals with K.U.I.P. tags is only permitted among siblings, except in special cases (legitimate county or club co-ops, special needs, etc.) where a waiver may be granted.

    a. For special circumstances where exceptions to this rule may be needed (e.g., legitimate club co-ops, special needs, etc.) a typed application for a waiver may be applied for. The application waiver must outline in detail why a waiver is needed. The application for waiver must be submitted by **March 3, 2023**, for market steers and market heifers and by **May 5, 2023**, for market lambs, market hogs, and market goats. Waivers will only be granted for legitimate circumstances

where a special need is identified. Applications for waiver should be sent to: Kentucky State Fair Entry Department, P.O. Box 37130 Louisville, KY 40233-7130 or be emailed to entry@kyvenues.com.

b. **NEW FOR 2023:** Novice showman can co-tag with same county exhibitors ONLY. In order to exhibit at the Kentucky State fair or Kentucky Department of Agriculture District Show or Livestock Expo, Novice animals will have to be K.U.I.P. tagged. Novice exhibitor's will submit a *KY Youth Livestock Validation Form* but will **NOT** have to submit DNA.

4. It is expected that a 4-H/FFA member's livestock project (breeding or market) be in the physical possession of and under the continuous daily care of the 4-H/FFA/Novice member and (or) their parents/legal guardians. Physical possession of the livestock project is defined as the following:

    a. Animals must be housed and maintained within the boundaries of the state of Kentucky AND

    b. Animals must be housed at either:
        i. The residence of the 4-H/FFA/Novice member, OR

        ii. The residence of the 4-H/FFA member's parents(s), legal guardian(s), or grandparent(s) that is either **(1)** within the county of residence of the 4-H/FFA/Novice member, or **(2)** within a county that adjoins the county of residence of the 4-H/FFA member at a distance not to exceed 30 miles from the 4-H/FFA/Novice member's residence, OR

        iii. A rented or leased location that is either **(1)** within the county of residence of the 4-H/FFA member or **(2)** within a county that adjoins the county of residence of the 4-H/FFA member at a distance not to exceed 30 miles from the 4-H/FFA member's residence, OR

        iv. 4-H Club Farm or FFA School Farm where the youth is a member in good standing.

5. All 4-H/FFA members with market animal projects must be complete the online portion of the *Kentucky Youth Livestock Validation and Location Form* that identifies the physical location where project animals are houses. This portion of the form must be completed at the rime the market animal is validated. Kentucky State Fair Entry Department will distribute recorded data of the *Kentucky Youth Livestock Validation and*

Location Form to **(1)** the 4-H/FFA member's local supervising Extension Agent or FFA Advisor and to **(2)** Division Director of KDA Division of Show & Fair Promotion within one **(1)** week after the validation deadline has occurred.

   a. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors should keep the confirmation of the *Kentucky Youth Livestock Validation and Location Form* on file for each of their market animal exhibitors. In the event any questions arise pertaining to possession and care of an exhibitor's project animal(s), these forms will be used to determine where an animal should be located.

6. All 4-H/FFA members with breeding animal projects (beef heifers, beef cows, beef bulls, breeding does, breeding ewes, breeding gilts) must complete the appropriate online *Kentucky Youth Breeding Animal Project Nomination and Location Form* that identifies the physical location where project animals are housed. Completed forms must be completed no later than June 1, 2023, Kentucky State Fair Entry Department will send to the member's local supervising Extension Agent or FFA Advisor for their confirmation the member is in good standing and completed education hours.

   a. Extension Agents and FFA Advisors should keep the confirmation of the *Kentucky Youth Breeding Animal Project Nomination and Location Form* on file for each of their breeding animal exhibitors. In the event any questions arise pertaining to possession and care of an exhibitor's project animal(s), these forms will be used to determine where an animal should be located.

NOTE: Should the physical location where breeding or market project animals are housed change after the validation deadline ahs occurred or the *Kentucky Youth Breeding Animal Project Nomination and Location Form* has been turned in to the 4-H/FFA member's local supervising Extension Agent or FFA Advisor and complete a *Kentucky Project Animal Location Waiver Form* prior to changing the animal's location. A copy of the completed *Kentucky Project Animal Location Waiver Form* must be submitted through the Kentucky State Fair Entry Department, through kystatefair.org.

NOTE: For special circumstances where exceptions to the Possession and Care Rule may be needed, a written application for a waiver (using the *Kentucky Project Animal Location Waiver Form*) may be applied for. The application for waiver must outline in detail why a waiver is needed and must be signed by the exhibitor and (or) their parent/legal guardian and local Supervising Extension Agent or FFA Advisor. The application for waiver must be applied for by no later than March 3, 2023, for market steers and market heifers and by not later than May 5, 2023, for market lambs, market hogs, market goats and all breeding animals. Waivers will only be granted for legitimate circumstances where a special need is identified. Application for waivers should be sent to the Kentucky State Fair Entry Department, entry@kyvenues.com. If

the waiver is granted, a copy of the letter granting the waiver must be attached to the exhibitor's *Kentucky Youth Livestock Validation and Location Form* or *Kentucky Youth Breeding Animal Project Nomination and Location Form* that is kept on file by the exhibitor's local supervising Extension Agent or FFA Advisor.

7. **NEW for 2023:** Potential violations of the Ownership, Possession, and *Care Rules for Kentucky Youth Breeding and Market Livestock Projects* by 4-H/FFA members should submit a form online found at kystatefair.org/

   Upon submission of a protest form, a $500 deposit shall be required. The $500 deposit will be forfeited if a protest is not sustained. Protests will be considered by the special formed committee as quickly as possible and the Committee's decision will be final. The Committee's decision will be reported to the Kentucky State Fair Board.

8. An exhibitor's supervising County Extension Agent or FFA Advisor, as well as state level personnel responsible for rules enforcement (or the designee), has the right to inspect any validated market animals at a time of their choosing during the feeding period. Prior notification is not required before inspection. Exhibitors that refuse to allow inspection to occur will have their market animals at a time of their choosing during the feeding period. Prior notification is not required before inspection. Exhibitors that refuse to allow inspection to occur will have their market animals banned from further participation in Kentucky 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Shows.

9. 4-H/FFA members found to be in violation of the Ownership, Possession, and Care Rules for Kentucky 4-H/FFA Youth Breeding and Market Livestock Projects shall be subject to the following consequences:

   a. **1st violation-** the 4-H/FFA member shall be banned from participation in any 4-H/FFA youth shows within Kentucky for a period of one year.

   b. **2nd violation-** the 4-H/FFA member shall be banned from participation in any 4-H/FFA youth shows within Kentucky for life.