



COLORADO AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION



4-H/FFA Livestock Project Application and Livestock Care and Lowell Ranch Facilities Use Manual

The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation (“CALF”) is dedicated to connecting people to agriculture through authentic educational programs, community projects, and special events.

CALF offers several programs at the Lowell Ranch on Plum Creek (the “Ranch”) designed to **connect kids to agriculture** including providing facilities to raise 4-H and FFA market livestock projects. Qualified and approved applicants may use CALF’s facilities at the Ranch to raise market lamb, market swine, market goat, market beef or market poultry projects for show at the applicant’s County Fair and other shows during the 2011 season.

QUALIFICATIONS:

It is the Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation’s (CALF) policy not to discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, or disability. CALF’s Facility Committee will review all applications, determine eligibility and approve participation at its sole discretion.

An applicant must meet **ALL** of the following qualifications in order to be eligible to participate in a market livestock project at the Ranch through CALF. A qualified applicant is a person who/whose:

1. Is between the ages of 8 and 18 who is properly enrolled in 4-H or FFA in the State of Colorado, or any person between the ages of 8 and 18 involved in other agricultural organizations eligible to show a market animal at their County Fair or the Colorado State Fair, and who agrees to complete his/her project(s) from beginning through completion;
2. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) **AND** 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor approves of project and agrees to their respective responsibilities described herein;
3. Does not have immediate access to the areas and/or facilities required for said project;
4. Commits to participating in at least two (2) workdays to help maintain and provide upkeep for the Lowell Ranch; and
5. Has read, completed and/or submitted to the information contained in the following forms on or before January 30, 2011:
 - Livestock Project Application
 - Livestock Care and Facility Use Manual
 - Parent and Leader Approval Forms

4-H/FFA Livestock Project Application

Please complete the following:

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Applicant's Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Telephone _____ Email: _____

4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____ Leader/Advisor: _____

Leader/Advisor Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Desired livestock species and number of livestock:

____ **Lamb** ____ **Swine** ____ **Goat** ____ **Beef** ____ **Poultry**

Please answer the following:

1. Why are you interested in this project(s), and what do you plan to accomplish from this project(s)?

2. Do you have any financial limitations that would prevent you from participating (grants or loans **may** be available)?

3. What skills and experiences do you have which can benefit other Qualified Applicants and contribute to this or other CALF projects?

4. As a result of your experiencing this project(s), how do you foresee using the skills learned and with whom would you share your experiences?

5. What other extra curricular activities are you currently involved in?

6. Do you have any allergies or disabilities that would require special accommodation?

Please acknowledge the following:

_____(initial) I have read and understand the Livestock Care and Facilities Use Manual.

_____(initial) I have attached the Parent/Guardian Expectation Agreement.

By: _____
(Applicant's Signature)

Date _____

Applicant's 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor Approval:

Name: _____

Signature _____

4-H/FFA Livestock Project
Parent/Guardian Expectations Agreement

The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation's ("CALF") policy is to provide quality, authentic educational experiences for youth including providing a place for 4-H and FFA members who do not otherwise have access to such facilities to raise livestock projects. Parent involvement in their child's livestock project is critical to the successful completion of such projects.

The following expectations are required for Parents and/or Guardians working with Livestock Project Participants on the premises of the Lowell Ranch:

1. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must read the Livestock Project Care and Facilities Use Manual in its entirety and be available for answering questions, providing resources, and offering instruction to Participant.
2. Understand financial responsibilities of livestock projects, discuss such responsibilities with Participant and ensure such responsibilities are met appropriately by the Participant and/or his/her family. Such financial responsibilities include, but are not limited to, travel, feed and care of the animal, and responsibility for any damages to CALF and/or Lowell Ranch facilities.
3. Ensure Participant treats animals humanely and provides appropriate daily animal care, including but not limited to feed, water, health and cleanliness.
4. Provide or make provisions for transportation to and from the Lowell Ranch to facilitate daily care of livestock projects.

_____ (Parent/Guardian initials) I acknowledge that I am responsible for all financial obligations regarding this project.

_____ (Parent/Guardian initials) I have read the Livestock Project Care and Facilities Use Manual agree to my related responsibilities.

I have read and understand this Agreement and my commitments accordingly and agree to facilitate the educational experience for: _____ (Participant's Name) to the best of my ability. I acknowledge my acceptance of these terms in the space below.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (signature) _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Name (signature) _____

Date: _____

4-H/FFA Livestock Project Care and Facilities Use Manual

The following information is provided to ensure each Participant experiences an orderly, safe, cooperative, and quality environment in which to raise 4-H and FFA livestock projects and learn about agriculture. Participants are expected to be respectful of the property and equipment of CALF, the Lowell Family Foundation and other Participants

NUMBER OF PROJECTS ALLOWED AT THE LOWELL RANCH:

CALF's Facility Committee will determine the number of projects allowed at the Ranch based upon the facilities available. Currently, CALF has facilities that can accommodate market hogs, sheep, goats and steer.

LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

Participants are required to house their livestock projects at the Ranch throughout the duration of their project. The Ranch shall be open to Participants from 5:00 am until 9:00 pm seven days per week.

ANIMAL SELECTION

CALF does not have a role in the selection or purchase of any livestock project animal. However, Participants must provide proof of ownership (e.g. Bill of Sale) and a veterinary health certificate prior to livestock projects arriving on the premises.

FACILITIES:

CALF shall provide designated areas to the Participant for:

- A. Access to designated areas
- B. Pens for animals, which shall include inside or covered areas providing proper shade and light, access to water and feeding areas
- C. Storage areas for each Participant's feed, equipment and supplies
- D. Areas for manure removal and disposal
- E. Trash disposal area
- F. Public portable toilet

Participants shall be allowed to use these designated areas during the hours operation. Participants may only access designated livestock project areas and are **NOT** allowed in other areas of the Ranch without the explicit consent from CALF's President/CEO, Executive Director, or Director of Facilities.

CALF, CSU Extension Office or FFA will **NOT** provide trailers, trucks or loading/unloading equipment used in hauling or handling project animals. CALF, CSU Extension Office or FFA will not provide any machinery or equipment used in manure handling and removal, shearing or fitting machinery, grooming tables, feed bins, halters, lead ropes, or other equipment needed for the day-to-day care of the Participant's livestock projects.

PARTICIPANTS MUST CHECK THAT ALL GATES ARE CLOSED AND SECURELY LATCHED AND FENCES ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER PRIOR TO LEAVING THE PREMISES AFTER FEEDING AND CARING FOR ANIMALS.

MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITIES:

CALF shall be responsible for structural and mechanical maintenance of FACILITIES items A-F listed above and the costs related thereto. Participants should disclose any known damage or required repairs as soon as possible. In the event a Participant causes damage, either by direct or indirect actions or inactions, to any CALF property, the Participant shall be responsible for reimbursing CALF for the cost of the repair.

Participants shall be entrusted and required to maintain, on a day-to-day basis, the cleanliness and orderliness of all areas described herein. The cleanliness and orderliness procedures discussed below

prevent rodent infestation and livestock/human disease, and promotes safety of animals and all Participants.

1. Participants shall be required to maintain the premises including, but not limited to, picking up trash, immediately cleaning up spilled grain/hay, raking, sweeping, manure handling, etc.
2. The Participant's surrounding pen area shall be maintained so that the area is free of manure and debris.
3. Manure shall be removed not less than once every other day and disposed to the area provided for that purpose.

FEED AND HAY STORAGE:

CALF shall provide an area for Participant to keep feed and hay on hand. The handling of feed and hay shall be determined at the beginning of the project and may be subject to change at the discretion of the CALF Director of Facilities. As discussed above, Participants must keep feed and hay areas are kept clean and orderly.

CARING FOR PROJECT:

Each Participant, at his/her own cost, is responsible for caring for his/her animal on a daily basis. Such care includes feeding (twice daily), ensuring an adequate water supply is available throughout the day, veterinary care as needed, exercising and other appropriate care. CALF understands that occasionally a Participant may need to arrange for a family member, Leader/Advisor or another approved CALF Participant to provide care for their project.

If the CALF Facilities Committee deems that an animal is not being properly cared for, CALF will contact the Participant. If the Participant fails to remedy the improper care or health issue, CALF, at its sole discretion, may contact a veterinarian for care and treatment. The cost of such care/treatment shall borne by the Participant and his/her Parent(s)/Guardian(s). Any Participant not properly caring for his/her animal will be subject to losing their eligibility to keep an animal at the Ranch, and CALF may require the sale or removal of the animal from the Ranch.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDULED RANCH WORKDAYS

The Ranch is a generous donation from John and Bea Lowell and affords Participants and other members of the community an opportunity to experience rural life that otherwise would not be available. In a normal ranch environment, care of livestock is only a portion of daily ranch life. As such and in consideration of each Participant keeping their animals at the Ranch, each Participant is required to take part in two (2) ranch workdays during the year of their project. Scheduled workdays will be posted and if a Participant is unable to attend in any or all of the scheduled workdays, the Participant must make arrangements to make-up this work commitment.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

CALF's Policy is to provide a safe, educational, enjoyable environment which will enhance the Participants' projects and related experiences. Many CALF Directors have extensive knowledge about livestock and are available to assist the Participants – just ask! CALF encourages Participants to contact outside resources including but not limited to their Parents/Guardians, Leader/Advisors, other more experienced exhibitors, breeders, feed dealers, agricultural organizations, breed associations and veterinarians.

In addition, there are numerous resources available for Participants to review to better understand the care needed for a successful livestock project. Such resources include, but are certainly not limited to:

CSU Extension Service's Livestock Project Manual – provided to each 4-H member in their first year of a livestock project.

CSU's "Youth Livestock Extension" website: <http://ansci.colostate.edu/content/view/213/73/>

For additional resources: http://www.extension.colostate.edu/douglas/4h/4h_livestock.shtml