

November 6th, 2024

Country Ham season is upon us again! Attached to this sheet you'll find the 2025 4-H Country Ham Contract. The Country Ham project runs from our first cleaning in January to the Kentucky State Fair in August, with the opportunity to sell at the 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Sale in September. Youth participants will spend time cleaning and preparing their hams, writing and giving a ham-related speech, meeting with community members to recruit buyers, and then selling their hams at the Sale.

- The cost for both hams is \$70 and the money is due when you submit the filled out contract. Keep in mind that if you do not complete your ham contract you must forfeit both hams, which are returned to the UK Meat Lab.
- **All 4-H ham participants must enroll in Woodford County 4-H through the 4-H Online enrollment process. We will not accept contracts unless this step has already been completed.**
- Curing/Cleaning the ham takes place three different times:
 - January 2025: TBD (Takes approximately 1 hour)
 - May 2025: TBD (Takes approximately 1 hour)
 - August 2025: TBD (Takes approximately 1 hour)
- Participants are required to give a 3-5-minute presentation at KY State Fair on the required topics:

Junior (Born 2015-2011) Steps to curing a country ham

Senior (Born 2006-2010) Design a country ham curing facility

- Must complete 6 hours of training under the supervision of a certified livestock volunteer. 3 hours are earned through the cleaning in January (1 hour), shucking in May (1 hour) and polishing in August (1 hour). The additional 3 hours can be earned by attending livestock club meetings each month, livestock skill-a-thon practices or additional pre-approved livestock related events.
- All ham participants will be required to participate in the Woodford County 4-H Communications Contest (TBD) by giving a speech, demonstration, or mock job interview. This could include a previously used ham speech or a ham speech for 2025 as well as any other speech/demonstration. More information on the contest will be available in the future.
- In order to participate at the Kentucky State Fair you will also need to provide participant social security numbers. This information is required by the Kentucky State Fair Entry Department and is necessary to register each participant for the Kentucky State Fair.
- For Adults/Cloverbuds – cost is \$50 for one ham. You are responsible for both cleaning and submitting your ham to the Kentucky State Fair if interested.
- Once the Kentucky State Fair is over, youth participants are invited to sell their ham as part of the 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Sale. This will include recruiting buyers and helping with the Sale, which is typically held the week of Labor Day. More information will be available later regarding sale participation.

Contracts are due December 11th, 2024 by 4:00pm. Please bring the completed contract and check with full amount to the Woodford County Extension Office (184 Beasley Drive Versailles, KY 40383) by this date. Make the checks out to "Woodford County 4-H Council."

Thanks,



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2025 Adult Kentucky 4-H Country Ham Project

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ COUNTY: Woodford

EMAIL _____

***EMAIL WILL BE THE PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE PROJECT**

Please read each and initial you understand the requirements of the project:

By taking part in the country ham project, I am responsible for the following:			Participant initials
Pay \$50.00 fee – you will receive 1 ham (You can purchase multiple hams but are responsible for all hams you purchase)	Number of Hams	<input type="text"/>	
		X \$50	
Complete curing/cleaning during the times provided alongside 4-H youth participants in January, May and August. This includes calling to schedule cleaning times on dates in May and August.			
Submission and transportation of ham for the Kentucky State Fair (if you choose to participate)			
Adult ham participants will be asked to volunteer for the Woodford County 4-H Communications Contest. This is not required but is highly encouraged.			

Adult Signature Date

Agent Signature Date

Make checks out to:
Woodford County 4-H Council

Cost is \$50 per ham

Deadline to register and pay is 12/11/24 by 4:30pm.

