

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
- 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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4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT





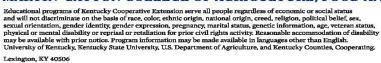
2025 Kentucky 4-H Country Ham Project

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TELEPHONE		COUNTY		
BIRTHDATE	GRADE			
Please read each and initial you	u understand the require	ments of the project:		
By taking part in the country h	nam project, I am respon	sible for the following:	4-H Member initial	Parent /Guardian Initial
Must complete 6 hours of train volunteer.				
Giving a 3-5-minute presentary Junior (Born 2015-2011) Steps to - Outline, discuss, and describe country ham project. Senior (Born 2006 - 2010) Design project. - More and more counties are but unlimited budget, design your co (visual aids are optional, no digit both sides) Please note – ALL SENIOR'S PRITHEY WILL BE DIS-QUALIFIED AT Pay \$70.00 fee — you will rece Designated facility until state fair (failure to complete the project, fee forfeit, if the two hams are not return additional fee is not paid the 4-H me ham project). All winning hams will be placed or	a country ham curing facilitiding their own country ham allelectronic, limited to one ESENTATIONS MUST BE AND HAMS FORFIETED. Deive 2 hams — Hams are to will NOT be allowed to be will NOT be refunded, and youned an additional \$70.00 fee ember will not be able to particular.	your ham for this year's ity for your counties ham m houses. You have an house and curing facility. poster board, you can use T LEAST 2 MINUTES LONG OR o remain at County individuals homes/facilities. bu will forfeit both hams, Upon will be charged and if the icipate in next years' country	conclusio	on.
Parents Signature	Date	Completion of the 4-H Country Ham project makes 4-Her eligible to apply for Country Ham Scholarship, applications are due July 2025.		
4-H'er Signature	Date	AGENTS NOTICE: If your county misses the July 1 deadline to certify your county registration and your volunteer worker for state fair, you will NOT be allowed to		
Agent Signature	Date	participate in the Country Ham Project in 2026.		
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