

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



2025 Kentucky 4-H Country Ham Project

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ COUNTY _____

BIRTHDATE _____ GRADE _____

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:	4-H Member initial	Parent /Guardian Initial
Must complete 6 hours of training under the supervision of a certified livestock volunteer.		
Giving a 3-5-minute presentation at KY State Fair on the required topic: <u>Junior (Born 2015-2011) Steps to curing a country ham.</u> - Outline, discuss, and describe the steps you took to cure your ham for this year's country ham project. <u>Senior (Born 2006 - 2010) Design a country ham curing facility for your counties ham project.</u> - More and more counties are building their own country ham houses. You have an unlimited budget, design your counties dream country ham house and curing facility. (visual aids are optional, no digital/electronic, limited to one poster board, you can use both sides) Please note – ALL SENIOR'S PRESENTATIONS MUST BE AT LEAST 2 MINUTES LONG OR THEY WILL BE DIS-QUALIFIED AND HAMS FORFIETED.		
Pay \$70.00 fee – you will receive 2 hams – Hams are to remain at County Designated facility until state fair– Will NOT be allowed to be individuals homes/facilities. (failure to complete the project, fee will NOT be refunded, and you will forfeit both hams, Upon forfeit, if the two hams are not returned an additional \$70.00 fee will be charged and if the additional fee is not paid the 4-H member will not be able to participate in next years' country ham project).		

All winning hams will be placed on display at the Kentucky State Fair and will be returned its conclusion.

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

4-H'er Signature _____ Date _____

Agent 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.

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 participate in the Country Ham Project in 2026.

Agents please scan this document into 4-H Online when you sign up youth.

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4-H Country Ham Project COMMITMENT FORM

_____ I accept the invitation to participate in the 4-H Country Ham Project of 2024-2025.

_____ I understand that in order to receive the full benefit of this program, I **MUST** meet all requirements:

Parent Initials	Dates	Topic	Location	Time
	January 16 th	4-H Country Ham Curing Prep Meeting w/ Dr. Rentfrow <i>-Recommended to have a parent attend with first time participants</i>	Extension Office	6:00pm-7:30pm
	January 20 th	4-H Country Ham Curing	Extension Office	4:00-7:00 pm
	March 18 th	4-H Country Ham Speech Writing Workshop – Bring Laptop or Chromebook (if available)	Extension Office	Afterschool until 6:30pm (Only need to come and stay for 1 hour)
	May 1 st	4-H Country Ham Speech Draft Due – Share via email with staci.newsom@uky.edu or submit a hard copy draft	Electronic Submission	8:30am-5:00pm
	May 6 th	4-H Country Ham Cleaning – Bring Tub	Extension Office	Afterschool – 7:00pm
	August 12 th	4-H Country Ham Cleaning -Bring Tub, scrub brush, trimming tools as needed	Extension Office	10am – 6:30pm (Come anytime)
	August 14 th	Kentucky State Fair 4-H Country Ham Day <i>-You are required for your own transportation to and from the Kentucky State Fair</i>	Louisville, KY	All Day
	November 6 th (tentative)	4-H Country Ham Auction – SAVE THE DATE *4-Her MUST be present to sell their country ham live *If 4-Her gets DQ'd from KSF they are DQ from the Ham Auction	Extension Office	5:30 pm

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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