



2025 CALF Kid Application

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

The Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation ("CALF") is dedicated to all connecting people to agriculture through authentic educational programs, community projects and leadership opportunities.

CALF offers several programs at CALF's Lowell Ranch (the "Ranch") designed to connect youth to agriculture, including providing facilities for 4-H and FFA members to raise their 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, market poultry projects or other CALF approved projects for exhibit at the applicant's County Fair and other shows during the 2024 season. Projects must be removed from the Ranch upon the completion of the County Fair or the Colorado State Fair (if the member shows his/her project at the State Fair).

QUALIFICATIONS:

CALF will review all applications, and at its sole discretion determine the applicant's eligibility and compatibility, approve participation in the CALF Kid program, and monitor project(s) throughout the project period. CALF does not discriminate based on its approved non-discrimination policy which can be found on CALF's website.

An applicant must reapply each year and meet ALL the following qualifications each year in order to be eligible to participate in a CALF Kid project at the Ranch through CALF. A qualified applicant is a person who/whose:

1. Is between the ages of 8 and 18 and 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 the County Fair or the Colorado State Fair, and who agrees to follow through on his/her project(s) from beginning through completion;
2. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) AND 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor approve of project and agree to their respective responsibilities described herein;
3. Commits to **helping setup and teardown/clean-up** the livestock facilities at the Ranch at the beginning and end of the season.
4. Commits to and participates in at least two (2) designated/scheduled workdays to help maintain and provide upkeep for the Lowell Ranch;
5. Commits to and participates in at least one volunteer spot at Discovery Ranch or other activity conducted by CALF during the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo; and
6. Understands that livestock project(s) must be removed from CALF's Lowell Ranch on or before August 30, 2024, or by a date mutually agreed upon by CALF and the participant.
7. Has reviewed and completed, as appropriate, the following forms on or before December 15, 2023:
 - ☐ Livestock Project Application
 - ☐ 4-H or FFA animal care and housing form
 - ☐ Livestock Care and Facility Use Manual
 - ☐ Liability waiver and photo release
 - ☐ Parent and Leader Approval Forms

At its sole discretion, CALF will invite candidates to be interviewed. No applicant will be invited to be a CALF Kid without an interview.

Please return all signed and completed forms to: **CALF, P.O. Box 581, Castle Rock, Colorado 80104.**
CALF will determine each applicant's eligibility and conduct interviews at its discretion.

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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): _____

Alternative Address(1): _____ City _____ ZIP _____

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 ____ Other _____

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 that will likely continue throughout the project period?
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 signed Parent/Guardian Expectation Agreement.

_____ (initial) I have signed and attached a copy of the 4-H or FFA Animal Housing Agreement

By: _____ Date _____ (Applicant's Signature)

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

Signature _____

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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: _____



CALF LIVESTOCK STEWARDSHIP POLICY

CALF CODE: CALF is dedicated to connecting all people to agricultural through authentic educational programs, community projects and leadership opportunities. We are committed to creating an atmosphere that promotes the work ethic and rural, agricultural values demonstrated by John and Bea Lowell (CALF's Founders) throughout their lives. CALF Kids are expected to conduct the daily care of their livestock in a manner that exemplifies discipline, responsibility, excellence, and cooperation.

The CALF Kid program is a community project that provides 4-H and FFA members that do not have their own livestock facilities a place to raise livestock projects. Stewardship of your livestock project at CALF includes the following values:

- ☐ **Be cooperative** – Your cooperative demeanor and relationship other participants, CALF's Board of Directors and employees, and visitors to CALF's Lowell Ranch is imperative.
- ☐ **Be an ambassador** – CALF conducts numerous educational and outreach programs at the Lowell Ranch. If you are caring for your livestock when one of these programs is occurring, please take time to greet participants and answer any questions they may have. You are not only an ambassador for CALF but also for 4-H/FFA and the livestock industry.
- ☐ **Take pride** – The appearance of your pen and livestock says a lot about you and is also a reflection on CALF, 4-H and FFA. Specifically, you are required to:
 - o Provide clean, fresh water to livestock at all times.
 - o Consistently clean and maintain livestock, pen and surroundings.
 - o Never leave your livestock project restrained unattended – this includes being tied to a fence, in a blocking chute, or fitting stand.
 - o Respect your fellow CALF Kids belongings, feed, and equipment.
 - o Take your time driving in and out of the ranch. In other words, drive slowly. There is a lot going on at CALF and we don't want people or animals to get hurt.

CALF's Lowell Ranch is open from sunup to sundown. Alcohol, drugs and smoking/vaping (of any kind) are strictly prohibited.

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, poultry, steers and other approved livestock.

LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

Participants are required to house their livestock projects at the Ranch throughout the duration of their project. For the health safety of other livestock, participants may not remove livestock for a period of time, house livestock at another location and then return to CALF or visa-versa. The only exception is when Participants take their livestock projects to shows throughout the project season.

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. Scale to weigh livestock
- E. Areas for manure disposal
- F. Trash disposal area
- G. 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 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, or its livestock project, causes damage, either by direct or indirect actions or inactions, to any CALF property, the Participant shall be responsible for the repair or 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 promote 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. Daily removal of manure is best to minimize flies.

FEED, SUPPLEMENTS AND HAY STORAGE:

Participants are required to provide, at their own expense, all the feed, hay and other supplements needed to keep their project healthy throughout the project duration.

CALF shall provide an area for Participants to keep feed, supplements 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.

Feed should be stored in containers to minimize rodent infestation.

CARING FOR PROJECT:

Each Participant, at his/her own cost, is responsible for caring for his/her animal on a daily basis and is considered the primary caregiver of the project. CALF uses the 4-H definition of primary care as the Participant: "making decisions for and/or providing the care, handling and training of their animal project a majority of the time."

Care includes feeding, ensuring an adequate water supply is available throughout the day, veterinary care as needed, exercising, grooming 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, or it's health or safety is in jeopardy, CALF will contact the Participant and discuss the issue and remedies. If the Participant fails to remedy the improper care, health or safety issue, CALF, at its sole discretion, will determine the appropriate remedy which may include removal of the project. If there is a cost associated with the remedy, the cost of such care/treatment shall be 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 privilege and eligibility to keep livestock at the Ranch, and CALF may require the removal of the animal from the Ranch.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHEDULED RANCH WORKDAYS

The Lowell Ranch is available for use because of the generosity of John and Bea Lowell, CALF and others. The CALF Kid program affords Participants and other members of the community an opportunity to experience rural life that otherwise may 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.