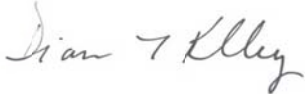


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October 28, 2011

TO: Kenton County 4-H Members



FROM: Diane T. Kelley
Kenton County Extension Agent
For 4-H Youth Development

RE: 4-H Country Ham – Fee Due November 28, 2011

The 4-H Country Ham project will begin in January. 4-H members will make three trips to Maysville to work hams if the Kenton County Ham building is not completed and one trip to the Kentucky State Fair to present his/her speech. The speech is mandatory to keep your hams. Forfeited hams are donated to a food pantry.

The fee is \$55.00 for two hams you keep. One is judged at the State Fair. State Fair speeches will likely be held Thursday, August 16, 2012. That date has not yet been confirmed. If you are interested, please make your check payable to “Kenton County 4-H Council” for \$55.00. Ham contracts are due the same date.

Please call Dan Allen at (859) 356-3155 if you are interested in participating.

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2012 Kentucky 4-H Country Ham Project



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ COUNTY _____

E-MAIL _____

BIRTHDATE _____

GRADE _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

**required by KY State Fair Entry Dept. (Counties save number in county database and please mark out prior to sending completed applications to Lexington)*

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 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 in August. On the required topic: <u>Junior (Born 2002 - 1998) The steps to curing a country ham.</u> -Outline the methods and the procedures of making a country ham, beginning with the fresh ham through aging to produce the characteristic flavor and aroma of country hams. <u>Senior (Born 1993 - 1997) Dried cured hams of the world.</u> - The USDA classifies country hams as dry cured; however, the US is not the only country that produces dry cured hams. The ham belt is the regions of the world that produce dry cured hams. Highlight these areas and describe the hams produced in these areas.		
Pay \$55.00 fee – you will receive 2 hams (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 \$55.00 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 at its conclusion.

Parents Signature **Date**

4-H'er Signature **Date**

Agent Signature **Date**

Make checks payable to Kenton County 4-H Council and return to the Taylor Mill Office by Nov. 28, 2011