



# 4-H COUNTRY HAM PROJECT

- 4-H members (9-18 years old) will receive 2 hams to cure: they will learn how to cure the ham and hang hams for 8 months.
- After hams are cured, youth are required to give a presentation on a specific topic related to country ham
- Youth are **REQUIRED** to give 3-5 minute presentation at the Kentucky State Fair on August 21, 2025
- Youth must get 6 hours of classroom instruction in order to compete at the State Fair. we will hold meetings at the Extension Office to fulfill this requirement.
- Hams will be hung and monitored in the Franklin County Country Ham Barn.

**COST: \$70.00 includes 2 hams, cure mix & supplies**

**Deadline to sign-up will be 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024**

**If any youth 9-18 years old are interested in signing up, please stop by the Extension office or call Franklin County Extension Service at 502-695-9035 for more information.**

**Cash or checks made payable to Franklin County 4-H Council.**

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# ADULT COUNTRY HAM PROJECT

- Participants will receive one ham: you will learn how to cure the ham and then hams will hang for 8 months.
- Hams will be hung and monitored in the Franklin County Country Ham Barn.
- The cure will be provided and will consist of salt, sugar, and spices.
- In late April or early May participants will meet again to wash the hams and rehang them in ham socks and rehung. Hams will be ready for consumption in August.
- Adults are encouraged to enter the open division at the Kentucky State Fair Country Ham contest.

**COST: \$55.00 includes 1 ham, cure mix & supplies**

**Deadline to sign-up will be 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2024**

**Class is limited to 20 individuals, one person per immediate household, second family member may be put on waitlist; if you want to sign up, please stop by the Extension office or Call the Franklin County Extension Office at 502-695-9035 for more information.**

**Checks will be made to Franklin County 4-H Council.**

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**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) <b>Please note – ALL SENIOR’S PRESENTATIONS MUST BE AT LEAST 2 MINUTES LONG OR THEY WILL BE DIS-QUALIFIED AND HAMS FORFIETED.</b>		
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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