



2025 TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H COUNTRY HAM PROJECT

- Open to all Taylor County 4-H Members ages 9-18.
- Project will meet 4-5 times at Penn's Country Ham (8812 Liberty Rd, Mannsville, KY 42758) or at the Taylor County Extension Office starting March 2025.
- Youth will select, salt, wash, sock, cure, and oil two smoked country hams.
- Youth are required to give a 3-5 minute speech on country hams at the Kentucky State Fair on August 14, 2025 in order to keep their 2nd ham.
- Youth are also required to participate in our County Speech & Demo Contest in March 2025.

**\$50 - SIGN UP & PAY BY DECEMBER 6, 2024
AT THE TAYLOR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.**





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 at 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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