# Animal Verification Form – Late Policy

* Due: May 1st for dairy, beef cattle and horse projects
	+ June 1st for other animal projects
* Specific due dates for ESE 4-H program consideration must be met:
	+ May 1st for horses
	+ May 1st for dairy cattle and beef heifers
	+ February 1st for beef steers, must be owned
* Ownership or lease must be as of above due dates- No switching or changing animals after due dates. **The Big E Programs Do Not accept any late verifications.**
* Late fee for animal verification forms:
	+ $25 ***per project animal*** within the first 14 days past the deadline. The forms and check must be in the 4-H Office by the 15th of the month, or postmarked by that final date.
	+ Checks should be made out to the **University of CT** with “4-H” in the memo line.
* There are no exceptions made for consideration for ESE. That is – if you are late – you don’t qualify.
* A late form is accepted only when accompanied by the proper check, with all signatures on the form completed, including the leader’s signature. This is to ensure that the project animal is in fact the correct one. 4-H staff reserve the right to ask for proof of ownership or lease, to verify that the animal was in the 4-H'ers possession/care as of the due date.

Justification: 4-H Staff, over the years, have been put in the position of denying a 4-H'er the opportunity to show their project animal at the 4-H Fair, if the deadline was not met. This policy would offer one chance for “amnesty”, without being unfair to those who are on time.

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