

**Country of Origin Label Declaration**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seller Contact Information** (the person who sold you your 4-H animal)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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I attest through firsthand knowledge, normal business records, or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communication specific to the transaction and transferred are of \_\_\_ U.S. only or \_\_\_ U.S. Canadian or Mexican origin. Should the origin of my livestock become other than that described, I agree to notify the buyer/4-H'er at occurrence.

This affidavit/declaration shall remain in effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned and is delivered to \_\_\_\_\_  
(buyer/4-H'er).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Seller \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

4-H'ers Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(if 4-H'er is a minor)

**DUE BACK TO EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> !!**

**NOTE: Every sale animal including extra animals sent on truck sold at our Fair needs COOL documentation.**

# Complying Youth Livestock Project for Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

## What is Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)?

This newly mandated law requires many retailers to ensure that country of origin information is provided for covered commodities (ground and whole muscle cuts of beef, lamb, pork, poultry and goats). Packers and processors that supply covered commodities to their retail customers must provide COOL information.

4-H'ers are not directly regulated by COOL, but for retail claims they are required to provide documentation that indicates their project's country of origin; because covered commodities are required to be country-of-origin labeled, definitive origin information must be provided to slaughter facilities.

## What 4-H Youth Need To Do:

A sample affidavit ("COOL Youth Livestock Affidavit") has been developed that can work for all species of livestock (e.g., beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). The "COOL Livestock Affidavit" is located at [www.rice.ksu.edu](http://www.rice.ksu.edu) in the 4-H Youth page. Included with the affidavit is an explanation of the steps that need to be taken and example documents that can be used for an audit trail.

4-H youth who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill out this affidavit and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, the youth can provide authorities with this affidavit, along with other documents (i.e., health papers, sales receipts, feeding records or other similar documents) that are listed below.

4-H youth who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit. The producer will then give the affidavit back to the youth, and the youth should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. Example: A 4-H'er goes to buy a steer from a producer. The 4-H'er gives the affidavit to the producer (the seller) to fill out and sign. The producer fills out the affidavit. The producer gives the completed affidavit back to the 4-H'er.

### Examples of documents to maintain for at least two years as an audit trail.

Buyers of Livestock	Original Producers of Livestock
◆ Signed affidavit from seller of livestock	◆ Birth records (calving book, Pig Champ, Pig Tales, etc.)
◆ Bill of Sale	◆ Inventory Records that Reconcile
◆ Health Papers	◆ Sales Receipts
◆ Brand Inspection	◆ Supporting Documents Identified by USDA
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Balance sheet, income statements, other financial records, scale tickets, purchase and sales receipts, closeout records and/or feed records or bills, health papers, vaccination or other health treatment records or receipts, shipping records, farrowing, calving or lambing records, breed association registered pedigrees. See <http://www.ams.usda.gov.cool/records/htm> for details.