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First, I want to thank everyone for getting all of their information on 4-H online and Fair Entry by the deadline. We are going to have a great turnout for fair! As we approach the official start of the 2023 Allen County 4-H fair, I want to reiterate some things. Please remember that 4-H is not about winning awards and ribbons. We strive for our members to make friendships, memories, and create life long skills during fair. It's about being a role model, giving back, and being the best you can be. We are looking forward to seeing how our youth have grown in the past year and what they have learned since the last fair.

We also wanted to introduce our summer program assistant! Nevaya Deck is very excited to spend her summer working at the Allen County Extension Office. She will be a Junior this fall at PFW majoring in Human Services. Nevaya lives in small town in Ohio, and has a passion for acting and music! At the office she has been focusing on fair preparations and has had a FAIRly fun time doing so! She is thankful to get to work with 4H'ers and their families this summer :)



As we approach fair, if you ever have questions please feel free to reach out to us! We are here to help. Also, project tags are available for pick up at the extension office. Have an amazing fair and we will see you there.

All the best, Rebecca & Jean



Summer Events Happening in July:

All of these events are open to the public and participants do not have to be in 4-H to register. All of the events that have grades refer to the grade that was just completed (not what grade you are going into)

- **Summer Blast Day Camp**

July 11th, 1-4 pm @ the Extension office. \$5 per person. Grades 3-12.

Join us for a few hours of summer fun. Kids will learn how to stay cool in the summer by playing water games, creating cool snacks, and participating in other fun activities and crafts.



- **American Sign Language Workshop**

July 12th, 6:30 to 8 pm. Cost: Free. Open to all ages including adults.

Do you have an interest in learning American Sign Language? This is a great chance for you to learn some basic signs. The presentation will be family friendly allowing everyone to participate!

- **Mini Camps: Cost for each \$5 per person. Grades K-2**

- * **Nature Explorers**

July 17th, 9am-12pm @ the Extension office.

Are you interested in bugs, animals, and being outdoors? Join us for a day full of fun exploring nature through games, crafts, and snacks.

- * **You rock!**

July 19th, 1-4 pm @ the Extension office.

Join us as we learn about rocks and fossils through fun games, crafts, and snacks.



- **Beginner Woodworking Workshop (Date subject to change)**

July 20th, 6-8 pm @ The Build Guild. Cost is roughly \$12 and will be paid day of. Grades 3-12.

The Build Guild has offered to host a private class teaching kids basic woodworking skills. The class is limited to 15 people. At the end of the workshop kids will leave with a peg game they made.



- **Cookies and Canvas**

July 28th, 6-8 pm @ the Extension office. Cost \$10 per person. Open to ages 8 and up including adults.

Join us for a night of cookies and creativity. Follow along as the instructor teaches you to paint the image. Everyone will leave with a finished canvas.

For more information on registering for these events please email Rebecca at rcclay@purdue.edu or call 260-481-6826. All payment will be collected day of. Space is limited!

News for Everyone

Loss or Damage

Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. and the 4-H Board does not assume liability for loss or damage to any articles. The building hosts will use all precautions possible to avoid any loss or damage. 4-H members, parents, and leaders will be sharing the responsibilities of Building Hosts & Hostesses.

Rules Book Available

The 2023 Rules Book is available online at [www.https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html). It is highly recommended each 4-H household print off a 2023 Rules Book.



We are asking for a 72 hour notice for pick up of manuals, poster sleeves, or materials. We do not have access to these storage rooms as freely as we use to. Also, please be aware that we move our office to the fairgrounds on June 15th. Please try to pick up everything from the office before then. Thank you!

Food Booth 2023

Hours of operation for food service:

Limited menu

- Saturday, June 17th 11AM -3PM
- Monday, June 19th 5PM-9PM

Full menu

- Tuesday, June 20 through Saturday, June 24 11AM - 10PM
- Sunday, June 25 11AM - 7 PM
- Monday, June 26th 11AM - 3 PM.



Fair Dates

The County Fair dates are June 20-25. For a complete schedule of events visit <https://www.allencountyfairgroundsin.com/full-fair-schedule>. For our newer families, the County Fair is held at the Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road, on the northwest side of the county. If you have questions please feel free to call the office or email Rebecca.



Fairgrounds Clean Up:

Our last clean up date will be Saturday, June 10th from 9 am to 12 pm. We are looking for people to help with mulching, pulling weeds, and other clean up in and around the buildings. Please park by the cattle barn. Even if you can only come for part of the time, your help is much appreciated!



THANK YOUR SPONSORS

Many 4-H'ers will receive awards at the fair this year. Awards vary from ribbons, plaques, trophies, medals and banners to the support you receive from a buyer at the 4-H Livestock Auction, or the donor for a trip. Local businesses, clubs and individuals donate money to help support 4-H because they believe that 4-H is a terrific program. Please be sure to thank your sponsors and let them know you truly appreciate their support. A thank you note is expected. We have lost sponsors due to the fact that they never receive a thank you.

4-H Awards Ceremony

All 4-H'ers who receive Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, Champion, and Reserve Champion Awards in the 4-H exhibit building will receive a special award at the Awards Ceremony in the Show Barn on Sunday, June 25 at 5 PM. We encourage all families to attend this special event.

*If you would like tenure pins, you may request it. We no longer automatically give out pins to everyone.



ATTENTION ALL 12th GRADERS:

You should have received a letter from the Extension Office regarding your Final Year. If you have NOT received the letter, please call the office at 260-481-6429 ASAP.



EXHIBIT BUILDING CHECK IN PROCESS

All Exhibit Building projects will be checked in on Friday, June 16 from 3 pm to 6 pm **OR** Saturday, June 17 from 9 am to 12 pm. Judging will start at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17.

Remember to:

1. Take your General Record Sheet to the Celebration Building (behind the 4-H food booth near the Show Barn). You only need one (1) record sheet regardless of the number of non-livestock projects you are exhibiting
2. Verify which exhibits you brought to be judged. Projects entered in Fair Entry **NEED** to be checked by a staff member or volunteer to know what you actually finished. Project tags that were not picked up at the Extension office will be given to you when you check in on June 16 or 17.

Project Release Exhibit Building

Exhibit Building Projects : Sunday, June 25: 6 – 7 pm

Non Auction Animals: Sunday, June 25: 6 - 9:30 pm

Auction animals will stay on the grounds and be released after the auction on Monday



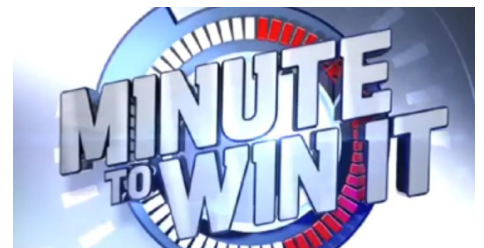
*Remember all projects are expected to stay until the release day and time

Projects selected for State Fair

Projects will be selected during county judging that have the opportunity to go to state fair. This year we are **NOT** keeping your posters/projects! If you would like us to take your project to the state fair, please drop them off to the extension office between July 24-26th from 8am to 4:30 pm. If you have a very large, heavy, or fragile exhibit, we will ask you to transport it yourself. You will be notified about this ahead of time. All projects (except food and garden) are due July 27th. **If you have a food item**, the vehicle will be leaving July 31st at 8:15 am. Canned, frozen, and preserved items can be dropped off the week prior but we recommend fresh products be dropped off morning of. Garden projects need to be taken down by families on Monday, July 31.

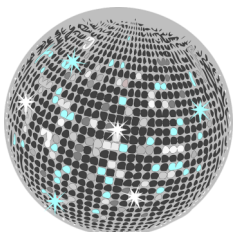
4-H FUN NIGHT

This year's 4-H Fun Night will be on Saturday, June 24 at 8:30 pm. Teams of six 4-H members will compete in "Minute to Win It" type games. Registration is on the website or you can pick up and submit entry during fair at the 4-H Office Fair by 4pm on June 22. Each team will have an entry fee of \$10.00 to cover supplies. Entry forms can be found on the Purdue Extension Allen County Web Site.



4-H Dance following the Fun Night

We will be holding the 4-H dance this year following the fun night in the show barn. Bring your dancing shoes and your friends for a night full of dancing and fun. The dance will start tentatively around 10 pm and end at 12 am. (Saturday, June 24)



Project Information

4-H Dog Project:

Dog Posters will be checked in from 9 am -12 pm on June 17 in the Exhibit Building at the Allen County Fairgrounds.



Cat Show: Judging will be Saturday, June 17 at 6 pm in the Home & Family Arts building. The costume class theme is “Anything goes.” Vaccination forms were due May 31 to the Extension Office.

Pet Rabbit: Projects Posters will be checked in on Saturday, June 17 from 9 am to 12 pm. Judging will follow at 12:30 pm.

The live Project Show will be Saturday, June 17 at 6:30 pm in the Home and Family Arts building. The costume class theme is “Anything Goes.”



Foods, Microwave and Homemade Ice Cream Judging

All Foods, Microwave and Homemade Ice Cream exhibits will be judged June 12 at the Fairgrounds in the Home and Family Arts Building.

Check-in from 5-6 pm with judging to follow at 6 pm.

Please Note: Adults who are not volunteering as a judge’s assistant will be excused from the building at 6 pm to ensure proper social distancing during judging.

JUDGING

4-H members are highly encouraged and welcome to be present during the project judging. Parents will be excused on Monday, June 12 and Saturday June, 17th for exhibit judging if they are not serving as a project assistant. If your child can not be there for judging, comments will be written on the scorecard for later viewing.

We are in need of Judge Assistants for June 17th. Please email jkendall@purdue.edu if you can help.

BLUE ACCUMULATIVE RECORD SHEETS

The 2023 Blue Accumulative Record Sheet needs to be filled out and turned in June 25 at the 4-H Fair Office. The form can be printed from the 4-H county webpage at puext.in/allen4H (note: the H is case sensitive). All projects and 4-H activities on this sheet will be transferred to your permanent record kept in our office. Your points will then be figured to determine who will be 4-H Top and Honor Achievers. Extra copies may be picked up in the 4-H Fair Office during the fair.



The Extension Office has poster sleeves for sale for \$2.00 each. We do not carry the hard backing or poster board.



All hands on Deck!



There are a lot of moving parts that go into making fair the best it can be. We need your help to ensure everything runs smoothly. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities. We cannot do this without our amazing volunteers!

Fair Set Up

- Thursday, June 15 Starting at 6 pm: Exhibit Building Set up
- Sunday, June 18 at 12 pm: Exhibit Hall Re-Set
- Livestock Barn Set up see schedule on pg.11

Fair Clean Up

- Monday, June 26 from 8-10 am: Clean-up Exhibit Buildings
- Livestock clean up will follow the Livestock Auction on June 26.

Judge's Assistants needed!

We need 4-H Volunteers, Parents, and Extended Family to help with check in and judging

Exhibit Building: Saturday, June 17

- Check in: 8:45 am—12 pm
- Judging starts at 12:30 pm

*Adults who are not volunteering as a judge's assistant will be excused from the Building before judging begins to ensure proper social distancing during judging. Parents are strongly encouraged to sign up to be a judge's assistant for judging

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The board is looking for 4-H, 4-H'ers, and 4H groups to sing the national anthem before livestock shows.

You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAA623A1F8C16-sing>



Food Booth:

To sign up for a shift at the food booth please visit this link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b48a5af2fa1f85-4hfood4#/>

All volunteers will receive a food voucher for working a shift and every volunteer who works a full shift has the opportunity to win a free inside the gates parking pass for the 2024 Fair.

Please email Jean or Rebecca if you would like to volunteer for anything above.

We really appreciate everyone and the amazing effort that is put into making our fair run smoothly.

Please remember to track your volunteer hours. We will be asking you for the total hours volunteered for Allen County 4-H later this fall. We use that number in a variety of reports to the community.



4-H Dates for Fair Schedule

Put these dates on your calendar for the upcoming Allen County Fair.

June 12, Foods, Microwave, Homemade Ice Cream Judging 5-6 check in and 6 pm judging

June 15, 6 pm Exhibit Hall Set up

June 16, 3-6 pm Exhibit Hall Project Check in

June 17, 9 am - 12 Noon Exhibit Hall Project Check in

June 17, 12:30 pm - Exhibit Hall Project Judging

Livestock Set Up and Check In times are listed on page 11 for all species. Please reach out to your leaders if you have questions.

Tuesday, June 20:

- 8 -11 am Llama Check in
- 10 am English Horse Classes
- 10 am Rabbit Show
- 4 pm Poultry Show (this has been moved to the Showbarn)
- 8 pm Top & Honor Achievers Recognition (Moved to Activities Stage/Tent)

Wednesday, June 21:

- 5:30– 8 am Swine Check in
- 10 am Horse Showmanship & Versatility
- 12 pm Dairy Show
- 5 pm Meat Goat Show
- 6 pm Llama Miniapalooza

Thursday, June 22

- 9 am Llama Showmanship
- 10 am Horse Trail & Western Classes
- 12:30 Dairy Beef Show
- 1 pm Llama Judging Contest
- 7 pm Sheep Show

Friday, June 23

- 9 am Llama Performance Classes
- 9 am Dairy Goat Show & Cart Performance Classes
- 10 am Horse Mini Classes
- 12 pm Horse Contesting Classes
- 7 pm Beef Show

Saturday June 24

- 9 am Swine Show
- 10 am Horse & Pony Grand Entry
- 12 pm Horse Fun Classes
- 6 pm Llama Fun Show
- 8:30 4-H Fun Night
- 4-H dance following fun night

Sunday, June 25

- 9 am Swine Carcass Show
- 12 pm Showman of Showmen Contest
- 5 pm 4-H Awards Ceremony
- 6-7 pm 4-H Project Released (must be picked up today!)*
- 6-9:30 pm Non Auction Animals Released*

Monday June 26

- 8-10 am Clean up Exhibit Buildings
- 12:30 pm Auction
- Final Clean up Follows Auction

* All Times are subject to change

***Reminder to all 4-H members:**

All exhibits brought for judging **MUST** remain until the scheduled release on Monday, June 26. Early removal will result in the loss of awards in that project and the member's ineligibility to compete in the project the following year.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



June 2023

- 7-9 4-H Camp
- 7-9 State Academy Trip @ Purdue University
- 7 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 9 Dairy Beef Open Show @ FG's
- 10 Fairgrounds Clean up Day 8 am
- 12 Foods, Microwave, Homemade Ice Cream Check in 5-6 pm with Judging at 6 pm @ FG's
- 12 Swine Workshop, Pen Set Up, verify entries & clean up grounds 4 pm @ FG's
- 13-16 State Junior Leader Conference
- 14 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 15 Horse & Pony Outdoor Meeting 6-9 PM @ FG's
- 19 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 20-25 ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**
- 26 Livestock Auction 12:30 @ FG's**
- 26-28 Purdue Round Up @ Purdue University
- No Junior leaders this month!

July 2023

- 1-7 Citizenship Washington focus Trip to DC
- 4 Office Closed - County Holiday
- 11 Summer Blast 4-H day camp grades 3-12 1-4 pm @ CEO
- 12 American Sign Language Workshop (open to all ages) 6:30- 8 pm @ CEO
- 17 Mini Nature Explorer Camp grades k-2, 9 am -12 pm @ CEO
- 18 Horse and Pony Leader Meeting 7-9 pm @ CEO
- 18 Livestock Committee Meeting 7-9 pm @CEO
- 19 You Rock Mini 4-H Camp grade k-2, 1-4 pm @CEO
- 20 Beginner Woodworking Workshop 6-8 pm @ Build Guild (max 15 people)
- 25 Junior Leaders 6:30-8 pm @CEO
- 28 Cookies and Canvas Painting class (open to all ages) 6-8 pm @CEO

CEO = County Extension Office
FG's = Fairgrounds
Subject to Change

2023 Indiana State Fair
July 28-August 20



**2023 Allen County
Fair June 20-25**

4-H BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in running for a position on the 4-H Board at the Fall Annual Meeting, please contact the Extension Office to indicate your interest, or to get more information.



The 4-H Board consists of 18 Members, with 5 of those being appointed Youth, who meet 12 times a year to oversee the 4-H program in Allen County. We are looking for people willing to serve as there will be openings in the Fall of 2023.



Allen County Fair Rodeo



Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 | 7:30pm Pull Strip

No Pre-Sale Tickets, Cash-ONLY

General Fair Admission = \$5	Pull Strip Rodeo Gate Admission = \$10
Pit Passes = \$20	(3 & under free)

Events	
Bare Back	Team Roping
Saddle Bronc	Cowgirls Break-A-Way
Calf Roping	Barrel Racing
Steer Wrestling	Bull Riding

Contestant Registration

NextGen Rodeo (903) 287-7852 -OR-

App.NextGenRodeo.com

Participants enter at Fort Recovery Gate off Lima Road

No same-day registration to participate.



Event Questions (Jerry): 260-385-4143 | Participant Questions (Aaron): 260-410-0340

Main Sponsors: Rural King and Farm Credit Services

260-449-4444 | TheAllenCountyFair.com



LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

The rest of the newsletter is livestock information for the fair. Please make sure you read through it if you are showing livestock!

2023 Livestock ID and Workshop Dates

June 12- Swine Workshop/Set Up/Check paperwork over 4:00 pm @ FG's

Grooming Assistance at the Indiana State Fair

Just a reminder that if you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair you need to make sure that you are in compliance with the Grooming Assistance rule. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H Member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. More information and the application can be found here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/news/county/vigo/2020/05/Indiana-4-H-Animal-Grooming-Assistance-Program.html>

Please note that this program is only for Indiana residents.

*Those enrolled in this program should not see this as a way to do the work for the 4-H member, but should provide hands-on learning opportunities that further the skills and abilities of the 4-H member.

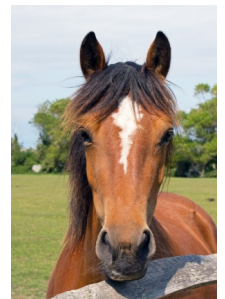


Indiana State Fair Entry Book

The 2023 Indiana State Fair Entry Book has been posted at www.indianastatefair.com/p/statefair

HORSE & PONY INFORMATION

Horse & Pony Activity Sheets: Due June 15 at the Horse & Pony Office at the Fairgrounds.



What to know for the County Fair

The County Fair dates are June 20-25, with the Livestock Auction on Monday, June 26. For a complete schedule of events visit <https://www.allencountyfairgrounds.in.com/full-fair-schedule>. For our newer families, the County Fair is held at the Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Road, on the northwest side of the county. Please remember that all members showing animals are expected to provide food and water daily and keep their stall/pen area clean. Please be respectful and courteous to everyone, including all the judges.

Checking in your animal:

- Check-in at East gate
- Cattle, goats, sheep and swine will have a wellness/compliance check **BEFORE** entering the grounds. Please enter at the Main Entrance to the Fairgrounds, drive past the McComb Administration Building and form a line to be checked in.
- Horses, Llamas, poultry and rabbits will go straight to their barn to be checked in.
 - * Only healthy animals will be allowed to be stalled or penned. **Do not bring sick animals to fair!** We do not want to spread sickness.
- Swine will have a temperature checked outside at the gate prior to unloading.
- Stall/pen assignments will be made at the discretion of the livestock committees. Priority will be given to ensure we have adequate space for animals rather than tack.

We could use your help setting up the livestock barns. Here is the schedule for all species:

If you have questions please reach out to your leaders

Horse	Continuous (contact your leaders)	
Cattle Barn– Beef/Dairy/Dairy Beef	Sunday, June 18	9 am
Small animal barn – Poultry	Saturday, June 17	9 am
Small animal barn - Rabbits	Sunday, June 18	12 pm
Small animal barn - Goat	Sunday, June 18	1 pm
Sheep	Monday, June 12	3 pm
Swine	Monday, June 12	4 pm
Llama	Sunday, June 18	6 pm
Show Barn	Sunday, June 18	As needed

Bring your animals and equipment during the times listed below for each specie

Rabbits	Monday, June 19	4-7 pm
Horses	Monday, June 19	12-9 pm
All Goats and Sheep	Monday, June 19	5-9 pm
Beef, Dairy Beef, and Dairy Heifers	Monday, June 19	5–9 pm
Poultry	Monday, June 19	5-9 pm
Llama	Tuesday, June 20	9-11 am
Swine	Wednesday, June 21	7-10 am
Dairy Cows ONLY	Wednesday, June 21	Enter Before Show and Leave after Show

Animal Medications -

Reminder that if you are selling your animals be sure that the animals are "DRUG FREE". Animals that have been fed medicated feed or given medical injections should not be sold if the drug withdrawal time is beyond June 26th. Be a smart food producer and sell a "clean product" that you would want to eat. If during the course of the County Fair, one of your animals requires medication, then you will need to contact a member of your 4-H Livestock Executive Committee for approval. An additional paper will also need to be completed before you treat the animal. Those forms will be available at the Livestock Fair Office.

Weigh In Schedule -

Members should bring animals that need to be weighed to the scales at the assigned times. **It your responsibility to bring your animals to the scales.**

Monday, June 19	All Beef	5-6:30 PM
Monday, June 19	All Dairy Beef	6:30 – 9:00 PM
Monday June 19	Sheep	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, June 19	Dairy Goat & Meat Goat Weathers	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, June 19	Advanced Pack Goats & All Milk Production Does	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, June 21	Swine	7:00 – 10:00 AM

First bedding is provided for poultry and rabbits. Everyone else is expected to bring bedding for their animals. Appropriate bedding generally is wood shavings or straw. Shavings bags either need to be placed in designated areas or directly into the trash dumpsters – **NOT the TRASH BARRELS.** For Swine – **ONLY shavings are allowed for bedding.**

Pen fees should be paid to each livestock committee at time of check in or weigh in.

- Beef, Dairy Beef and Sheep collected their pen fee at the spring weigh in.
- Dairy - \$3.00/head – heifers only
- Goats - \$5.00/pen with \$25 deposit that will be returned after you clean up after fair
- Horse exhibitors will be expected to pay a refundable \$20.00 deposit for their stall, which will be returned if/when your stall is cleaned after Sunday, June 25
- Poultry \$3.00/pen
- Rabbit - \$1.00 PER Animal.
- Sheep- check with committee
- Swine Tag Fee – will be \$4.00/animal, if you did NOT already get/pay for a tag earlier. Carcass Scan – \$10.00.

Wheel barrows and manure pits or spreaders will be provided in or around each of the animal barns. You will need to bring your own rakes and shovels. Be sure to put your name on them.

- You may want to bring your own hoses if you need to wash your animals.
- **Electrical fans should have guards or cages on them to protect people from sticking things into them.
- **Electrical cords, if used, need to be single use – or connected to a power strip that has a circuit breaker. Please. **Bring GFI power strips. No three-way cords allowed. The Fire Marshall will not allow use of cords with multiple outlets on the end. Cords cannot be located or placed under bedding material or wrapped.**

Feed and extra bedding should be kept to a minimum inside the barns and tents, according to the Fire Marshall.

Recommend ONE DAY SUPPLY ONLY. Keep other bedding and feed in your trailer or truck.

MANURE MANAGEMENT: Please dump your animals manure all the way to the back of the cement manure pit. Do NOT leave it by the entrance. Thank you.

ANIMAL LIABILITY: Reminder that owners of any animals at the Fair are responsible for any/all damages that the animal may do to other animals, fair visitors or buildings. Take extreme caution when moving or working with your animals at all times. Make sure that they are properly fed, watered, exercised, and have clean stalls.

FAIR ENTRY/PARKING

Remember that you can enter and leave the gated area of the fairgrounds only through the EAST GATE. Starting Tuesday, June 20, vehicles inside the gate between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM MUST have a Fairgrounds Hang Tag displayed in the front windshield. If you come earlier in the morning just to feed and check on your animals, be sure to have your vehicle outside the gate by 8:00 AM if you don't have a hang tag. Each passenger and driver must also have a ticket/pass – the hang tag is NOT a pass for the person.

4-H membership passes that allow the member to enter any gate of the fair should be picked up on Friday, June 16 from 3 pm-6-p or Saturday, June 17, 10 am to 2 pm in the Celebration Pavilion. Cost of these passes is supported by Allen County 4-H, Inc. APPROVED 4-H Adult Volunteer passes will also be available at that same location and will cost \$5.00.

- **NO PETS** – Reminder that during the official fair dates – non-exhibit animals or pets are not permitted on the fairgrounds.
- **Campers** - Tags will be available from the FAIRGROUNDS at the same time 4-H member passes are distributed, or in the Fairgrounds Administration Office. Contact Miranda at the Fairgrounds Office – 449-4444 – to reserve your spot. Only one (1) vehicle with a hang tag is permitted for each camper slot.
- **Parking** – inside the fence should be in designated parking lots only. Do NOT leave a vehicle parked next to a building as this is a fire access lane. Note there will be NO Parking beside the Swine/Sheep Barn.

EXERCISE/WALKING Your Animals

As many of the animals you bring to the fair may not be familiar with the smaller pens at the fair, it is encouraged that you find time to “exercise” or walk your pigs, sheep, cattle, llamas, goats, and horses during the week of the fair. CAUTION should be the key as you do so. Animals should only be exercised during times when there are not major shows going on. You must keep your animal under control AT ALL TIMES as the general public often is unaware how to act/ behave around these animals. The designated areas include the grass area between the Show Barn and the Lions Cattle Barn – and the field next to the cattle tie-outs – staying away from the llama tent as much as possible. Also, stay away from the south end of the horse arena. Times to do this are between 6-11 a.m. and between 10-11 p.m. The Show Barn can also be used, provided that there is not a show being set up for or going on. Take extreme caution moving the animals when there are lots of general public in the aisles or around the barns. Remember also that your animals may not be used to the other types of animals that will be at the fair. Be Polite. **DO NOT EXERCISE YOUR ANIMALS NEAR A SHOW RING WHILE ANOTHER SHOW IS GOING ON. This includes the Horse Arena, Llama Arena and Show Barn.** If your animal makes a mess please clean up after them!

Swine Exercise Run: Keep in mind that pigs should NOT be in that area during ANY CATTLE, SHEEP, GOAT or LLAMA Shows – as this may cause those animals to become scared resulting in them getting loose with possibility of injury to handlers and spectators.

UNDER NO circumstances take an animal up to or near any of the food vendor areas, including the 4-H Food Booth outside of the Show Barn.

Additional Information for your Specie

SHOW ATTIRE for everyone:

Show attire is long pants, closed heel and toe shoes, tucked in shirt with capped sleeve. See specific species for additional expectations. Volunteers working livestock show should comply with 4-H's show attire as per rules book.

Exhibitor Back Numbers

For exhibitors of all cattle, goats, pigs and sheep, we will use back numbers that are assigned to each exhibitor. A general listing of these will be provided with the show bills. You will get ONE number that will need to be worn for any and all of these shows that you participate in. These numbers will be available for you to pick up in the Livestock Office of the cattle barn starting June, 19.

SWINE EXHIBITORS

- Remember this year: All swine will have their temperature checked before they are allowed on the Fairgrounds as per BOAH recommendations.
- See the page 15 for information on penning procedures that will be followed this year.
- Hair – Animals going through the Auction or on the market truck will be required to have at least ½ inch of hair per the markets. This is being required to assist with the processing of these animals. When loaded, pigs should not have any other residue on their skin – oil or other products.
- Everyone wishing to participate in the Swine Showmanship Classes will need to sign up when they weigh their pigs in. This will allow the committee to break classes if there are too many contestants in one group.
- Note there will be NO Parking beside the Swine/Sheep Barn.
- Carcass Scan will be done at weigh in.
All pigs that come across the scales that do NOT already have an 840 RFID ear tag in their ear – will be tagged with an 840 RFID tag. Ear tag fee is \$4.00 per tag.

RABBIT EXHIBITORS

Note that there will be a meeting for ALL Rabbit Exhibitors at 9:30 AM prior to the Show, Tuesday, June 20. It will be held in the Show Barn.

POULTRY EXHIBITORS

- Please help set up the Poultry Barn on Sunday, June 17 at 9 am.
- Water and feed cups will be provided for bird cages. All other animals will need their own feed and water containers.
- Show Attire - All participants are asked to wear appropriate clothing, ie: no printed or torn T-shirts. Polo or button-up shirts are desired and slacks or jeans for the show judging to show respect to the judge. Also participants will be asked to remove the birds from the cage with the judge watching if the judge so desires. If for some reason you cannot be there to show your birds please let one of the committee know ahead of time.

CATTLE

- Be sure to check with the Livestock Executive Committees on where you may relocate your trailer if you are leaving it on the grounds during the County Fair.
- Beef Grooming - 4-H'ers will be asked to sign up any and all people that may help them groom their animals for show. They must be a current Allen County 4-H leader, family members no more than 2 generations removed from the exhibitor member or another Indiana 4-H member. REMINDER that generators are permitted only on show day and must be at least 25 feet away from the wash rack and/or show barn.

Celebration Pavilion

Time has been set aside for your project/group to have a party at the fair. The Pavilion is located between the 4-H Food Booth and Small Animal Barn. Watch for more announcements posted in your exhibit area and talk to your leaders for more information.

Rabbits	Tuesday, June 20	12 pm
Poultry	Thursday, June 22	6 pm
Sheep	Thursday, June 22	8:30 pm
Swine	Friday, June 23	11 am—2 pm
Goats	Friday, June 23	3:30 pm
Dairy	Friday, June 23	6 pm
Beef/Dairy Beef	Saturday, June 24	6 pm

GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF EXTRA SWINE PENS

Each 4-H swine member bringing pigs to the county fair will have the opportunity to participate in a random drawing to receive an extra pen. Each 4-H'er was asked on the swine activity sheet if they would like to participate in the random drawing for unused pens. Each 4-H'er is requested to attend the barn set-up and will be asked to fill out a card confirming the number of pens needed and requesting or declining participation in the random drawing. Following the barn set-up, a phone call will be made by the Swine Committee, to any family that did not attend the barn set-up. This call will be confirming the number of pens needed and the 4-H'er's request for an extra pen. Drawing for extra animal pens will be done at set up.

There will be two (2) community tack pens per row (a row consists of 18 pens). This will be a total of 16 community tack pens, the same as we have had in the past. The few pens that will be held back for error and the pens at the east end of the barn used for weigh-in will become available later that day, if needed.

ALL 4-H member names, that requested participation in the drawing, will be placed in a box and drawn out according to the number of extra pens available. After the initial drawing, if pens are still available, a second drawing will take place. Results of the drawing and availability to use an extra pen will be announced on Monday evening. It is "STRONGLY" encouraged that the extra pen be utilized for pigs, rather than tack.

If, after check-in is complete, there are still extra pens available, they will be used as additional community tack pens. Extra pens should be utilized by immediate family members. Also, extra pens should be in use for the entire week of the fair and not sit empty.

***Members will be expected to pay the annual pen fee for any additional pens allotted.**

4-H Board Member on Duty:

There will always be a 4-H Board Member on duty during fair. Saturday and Sunday June 17 and 18 someone will be there 10 am -6 pm. Monday, June 19 someone will be there all day minus the 6am to 10 am shift. Tuesday, June 20 through Sunday June 25 there will be a board member there all day/night. Each committee is responsible to watch their barn/animals overnight. If you have questions please reach out to your leaders.

Overnight stays!!

This year, the board has voted to let 4-H'er spend the night in the barns **HOWEVER**, they will have to sign a release of liability that is attached to the overnight stay permission slip. Members will not be insured through Purdue or fairgrounds insurance due to overnight policies (Purdue). A 4-H'er must have an animal exhibit at the fair to stay overnight and permission slips need to be turned in by 4:00 pm day of to stay. If you are interested in camping during the Fair, please contact the Allen County Fairgrounds directly to make arrangements by calling 260-449-4444. Thank you for your understanding.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES:

If you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, your entry online is due June 30. Please check the Indiana State Fair Registration for correct due dates and procedures. Following the Livestock Auction at the County Fair, the Extension Educator will indicate which animals sold through the auction or were consigned in the 4honline/Fair Entry system (for beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and swine) If you are showing at the state fair, you will need an animal affidavit form for EACH Market and Breeding animal for Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat and Meat Goats. Please note that if you did not turn in a DNA envelope, you cannot participate in state fair.

Animal Release:

Animals will be released to leave the fairgrounds on Sunday, June 25 unless they are being sold in the 4-H Livestock Auction or consigned to the market. Non-Auction animals will be released after 6:00 PM on Sunday and are expected to go home before 9 pm that day. Auction animals will remain on the grounds. Please make sure that auction animals have ample food and water for the next day.

Tags:

As a reminder, if a tag falls out or is ripped out please contact Rebecca and your committee members/leaders. A committee member will have to be present to retag the animal and Rebecca will have to change the numbers on 4-H online. This is especially important to report if you are taking your animal to the state fair. The tag number will have to match what they have in their system!

LIVESTOCK AUCTION INFORMATION

The Allen County 4-H Livestock Auction is Monday, June 26 starting at 12:30 PM. Remember you are allowed to sell through the auction ring a maximum of two projects (animals). The complete rule is on page 8 of the 2023 Allen County 4-H Rules Book.

The sale order for 2023 is – Dairy Goat Milk - Goats-Sheep – Dairy Beef – Poultry - Swine - Rabbits - Beef – Dairy Milk

Reminder that we will only be selling/auctioning the PREMIUM for your animal. Those animals with an established market price – *[includes all but milk – rabbit – poultry]* – will receive their Premium announced at the sale PLUS their Market price support. Buyers planning to keep their market supported animals will be expected to pay both the market support and the premium that they agreed to in the ring.

Fair Week

Members will draw numbers within each specie to determine auction order with the exception of Champion animals which will be sold first each time. Remember to indicate to the Livestock Committee which animal you intend to sell immediately following your show. **It is your responsibility within 1 hour of completion of the show, to inform your livestock committee chairs if you intend to put your animal in the livestock sale or consign to market. Animals not designated within one hour of completion of show will be expected to be taken home.** We sell the animals by the head not by the pound. ****NOTE: Selling Dairy Milk/Dairy Product OR Goat Milk/Goat Milk Product will make that animal NOT eligible to advance to the Indiana State Fair.****

Auction Day

Be on time and in line when your animal is to be sold. Each barn will have a list of the auction order posted. When selling your animal remember your showmanship skills as this is the last time to show your animal. You should be well dressed and groomed to present and show your animal even though you are only in the ring for a few minutes. Always be alert and cheerful.

In an effort to keep the auction moving, the committee would like to limit the messages read by the announcer. If you need a message read, please keep it brief. For example - will dress and deliver or will provide a chicken dinner. Write the message clearly on a piece of paper and include your name, specie and your auction number. The committee reserves the right to edit.

The committee has purchased Thank You cards for you to send to your buyer(s). They will be available at the back table the day of the auction. You may also request a listing of your buyers names and addresses AFTER your last sale. This will allow you to send Thank You Notes more speedily.

After the Auction

Auction checks will be mailed approximately 45 days after the sale. The check will be for all animals you sold either through the auction or consigned to market. Please cash your checks promptly. A \$20.00 auction fee per animal and check-off fees will be deducted from your check. Note: Auction checks will NOT be issued to the 4-H member until full payment is collected from their buyer(s). If we have not received money after 30 days, a youth's check will be docked that bid.

Poultry and Rabbit sellers must honor the wishes of the buyer as to where they want their purchase dressed and delivered to. Please make contact with your buyer ASAP to arrange delivery.

You are expected to write each buyer a Thank You. It will let them know that you appreciate their support. Thank you notes do not need to be long and should be hand written. The first sentence should express your appreciation and explain why you are thanking them. The next sentence should tell a little bit about your project or describe how you will use the money. The final sentence should confirm your gratitude.

General Info

The Appreciation Meal is ONLY for registered bidders – not sellers – who register for the 2023 Livestock Auction. Also, please do not solicit for bids from buyers as they are enjoying the Buyer Appreciation Meal.

Contact the Livestock Auction Committee if you have questions: Randy Lewis, 438-5382 or Sharon Clark 260-710-0503

Remember selling in the Livestock Auction is a privilege.

2023 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2023 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.



	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Wethers	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo		
Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	40 total	May 15
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo		
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample		
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample		
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

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Allen County Fair Pricing and Discount Information

Allen County Fair GENERAL ADMISSION

\$5 Admission (Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday)

\$10 Admission (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Free till 2pm, weekdays

Kids 5 and under are always free at the admission gate

June 25th, Military Appreciation Day, FREE admission with military ID

June 25th, Fairs Care Day, FREE admission with donation of five (5) nonperishable food items

Pre-Fair Discounted ADMISSION TICKETS

Allen County Fair tickets will be available for purchase pre-fair. Six (6) general admission tickets will cost \$30 and individual tickets can be used any day of the fair. Discount tickets can be purchased at the Allen County Fairgrounds office June 12th to June 16th 9am-4pm

Vehicle Hangtag PARKING PASSES

Vehicle hangtag parking passes are sold separate from Allen County Fairgrounds memberships. Each hangtag parking pass will cost \$50 or \$40 for those 65 and older. The pass will allow one vehicle to park inside the gated fairgrounds. No additional tickets will be included, and a hangtag does NOT also cover general admission to the fair. You can purchase a hangtag parking pass from the Allen County Fairgrounds office until June 16th from 9am-4pm or at the times listed below.

Pre-Fair Discounted Admission Tickets and Vehicle Hangtags can be purchased/picked up starting on June 12th at the Allen County Fairgrounds Office between the hours of 9am and 4pm and until June 16th. Tickets can also be purchased at the Celebration Pavilion June 17th 10am-2pm, June 18th 1pm-3pm and June 19th 6pm-9pm

4-H LIVESTOCK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES Allen County

The purpose of the livestock specie executive committee shall be to recommend program direction, policies, workshops, and recruit additional volunteers to carry out the necessary tasks related to participation of young people in that particular specie. The 4-H Board does expect each specie to hold at least one educational workshop or meeting a year.

1. Livestock specie executive committees shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 people (4 adults and 2 youth) which shall include two 4-H members that have a minimum of 4 years of 4-H club work and 3 years of participation in that project.
2. Only one adult member of a family may be a member of a particular executive committee. Youth may be a sibling or child of an adult member. An individual may serve on only one specie executive committee at a time.
3. The Livestock executive committee members shall be elected from anyone who has completed a 4-H Leader 4honline entry by the deadline. Livestock Executive Applications should be completed and turned into the Extension Office by June 14, 2023.
4. Adults that complete a leader contract but do not become executive committee members, will be given recognition as adult project resource leaders.
5. Membership on the executive committee shall not be limited by number of years or terms served.
6. The executive committee shall be elected by 4-H members who participate in that particular specie.
7. The executive committee shall elect annually a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary/treasurer.
8. The executive committee will make its recommendations to the Board of Directors of Allen County 4-H Clubs, Incorporated. The 4-H Board has the final decision on all 4-H program matters.
9. The executive committee shall keep the Extension Educator notified of any and all committee meetings. A copy of the committees meeting minutes should be on file in the Extension Office. Only decisions that are in writing can be presented and supported by the 4-H Board.
10. Horse and Pony committee is exempt from this policy since they had an approved existing policy and because they are project leaders representing more than one club. Llama is also exempt as they are project leaders representing more than one farm.

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Allen County 4-H Livestock Executive Committee Member Application/Bio

Name

Specie you wish to serve as an Executive Committee member for?

How are you affiliated with 4-H?

Familiarity with 4-H and what you have done in the past with this species and/or this committee?

Why do you wish to serve on the Executive Committee?

4-H Volunteer Signature _____

Return to the Extension Office by June 14, 2023

Selected livestock Executive Committee members will need to go into 4honline on October 1, 2023 and complete their enrollment AND Youth Safety/Child Abuse Reporting Training. Trainings must be completed by January 15, 2024 or the member will be removed from the list of Executives for 2024. Thank you.

Scan and Email to rcclay@purdue.edu