

TO: Feeder Calf Projects Members & Project Leaders
FROM: Stephanie Gay, 4-H Youth Development Educator
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This letter contains important information and materials for properly enrolling your 4-H Feeder Calf animals for County and State Fair. Please read all the information and follow all rules and deadlines. You will notice that there is a Feeder Calf ID worksheet enclosed. This worksheet will NOT be accepted as enrollment for 2026. It is only for the purpose of assisting you at ID day. You will have until May 15th to officially enroll each animal in 4HOnline. All calves must be born between January 1, 2026 and April 15, 2026. **Feeder calves are required to come to the fairgrounds on May 7th from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Cattle Barn to be tagged with a 4-H tag and an 840 RFID tag.**

Reminders for ID Day:

- Turn in 4-H Tag Order Form with money by May 7th at the Extension Office. Form is enclosed.
- Tattoos must be in the ear at time of ID Day.
- You must have a Premise ID. See info on pg 4 for more information on how to attain a Premise ID if you don't already have one.
- Make sure to have your paperwork completed as best you can when you arrive. All information will need to be filled out, unless the column says otherwise.
- Waiting until you arrive to ask questions is waiting too late and will cause delays in tagging and possible mistakes that will lead to your animal being disqualified for county and/or State Fair.
- Bring help if you have several animals to ID.

You will then take your copy of the paperwork home to enter the information into 4HOnline by May 15th at 11:59pm. Make sure to double check your information. Missing information can result in county and/or State Fair Disqualification.

4-H Tag Ordering Form

Enclosed you will find an order form to order tags for ID day. **Please fill out this form for your family and turn it into the Extension Office by May 7th with payment. Tags will be not be distributed at the office. They will be handed out at the time of tagging day.** If replacement tags are needed in the future, you will be assessed a fee to replace each missing tag. All Feeder calves must have a county tag and an RFID tag to be eligible to show at the county and state fair. When you purchase your calf, it might come with an RFID tag already in it's ear. If that is the case, you do not need to purchase one from us.

DNA Samples

This is only for those with dairy feeder calves who are considering showing at the Indiana State Fair. These animals will need to have a DNA sample on file at the Extension office by May 15th. Envelopes for this are at the Extension Office, but you will need to order them on the Tag order form that is enclosed. **You will get your envelopes at ID Day. They will then need to be turned into the**

Extension Office by May 15th. Here is a link to a video on how to properly pull hair from your animal to submit for DNA sampling. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCT-SGv8Z6o>

Feeder Calf Leasing Program

Members leasing animals must turn in a completed lease agreement, into the Extension Office by May 15th. This form can be found on the Feeder Calf Project webpage of the Purdue Extension Website. <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/boone/4-H-Youth-Development/lease-agreement.pdf>
This can be given to your project leader at ID day.

Livestock Location Approval Form

If any of your livestock are not housed on your family's residence you **must complete a Livestock Location Approval Form. This can be done online at:** <https://forms.gle/M7Cva8Gkxr7NXMZv8> **and must be complete by May 15th.** This paperwork will be reviewed and kept on file at the Extension Office.

Entering Animals in 4HOnline

Livestock will be entered through 4HOnline. **You will go to the 4-HOnline site:** <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and login to the account you created when you enrolled in 4-HOnline. Instructions to walk you through this process can be found on the Feeder Calf Project Page on the Purdue Extension Website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/boone/4-H-Youth-Development/feeder calf.html>

You will have until 11:59pm on May 15th to enroll the animals online. After that you will not be able to enter animals and you will not be able to show an animal at the county and/or state fair.

Don't have access to the computer or internet or just need assistance? That is fine. The Purdue Extension Office is here to help you! Stop in the Extension Office during office hours (8am-4pm) Monday- Friday and use the computers we have just for enrolling animals.

If you plan to show at the Indiana State Fair you will still need to go through the State Fair registration process on their website. For more information on registering for the 4-H livestock shows at the Indiana State Fair go to <https://www.indianastatefair.com/>.

The first step to enrolling 4-H Livestock, DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE TO ENROLL ANIMALS. If you have problems with the online process at the last minute you might be out of luck and I can't help you after the deadline. Work on this as soon as you can. You can go in as many times as you like to add/delete animals prior to May 15th. If you see that the animal is enrolled on the screen that means I can see that the animal is on the screen.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits at the county fair and Indiana State Fair, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care training or the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. Quality Assurance training must be completed by 4-H members annually.

The program is offered here at the Boone County Fairgrounds. There is a \$3.00 fee, which you pay at the door with either cash or check (made out to Purdue University). We are not able to accept card payments for this training.

You will need to pre-register at <https://2026BooneQLC.4honline.com>
Youth may also register by using the “event” tab on their 4-HOnline account. There are 3 training dates available. Each 4-H'er only needs to attend ONE of the three trainings.

Dates offered (you only need to attend 1 session)

March 16th @ 6:30pm

April 14th @ 6:30pm

May 4th @ 6:30pm

***All trainings will take place in the Witham Pavilion at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds.**

***Please note- these trainings do not apply to Mini 4-H members (grades K-2)**

If you are unable to make the in-person trainings, you may also complete the online training through YQCA at www.yqcaprogram.org. The cost for this option is \$12. **If you choose to complete this training, you MUST email a copy of your certificate by June 15th. Please send to the certificate to bvickery@purdue.edu.**

Other important information you need to know when it comes to enrolling livestock:

Co-enrolling Animals: Animals may be co-enrolled within the same family (siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be listed under a single 4-H member or you may enroll each animal under each child. Either way the animals will be considered “co-enrolled” among the siblings in the family. At least 1 animal needs to be identified by each member enrolled in the project. Then at the fair each child will designate who will be showing each animal.

Ownership and Registration Requirements: 4-H animals must be registered in one of the following ownership methods:

- a. In the 4-H members' name;
- b. John Smith and Sons;
- c. John Smith, Sons and Daughters;
- d. John Smith and Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only);
- e. Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister);
- f. Family corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date;

g. Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline.

Premise ID (Premises Identification): Every property owner housing beef, boer goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goat wethers, pygmy goats, sheep, and swine should have a premise identification number for that property. The purpose is to be able to quickly notify livestock owners of a contagious disease outbreak in their vicinity, should that ever occur. Please contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health for more information and to obtain your premise ID number if you do not have one. The phone number for IBOAH is 317-544-2381. This process takes about 5 minutes over the phone.