

TO: Rabbit Projects Members & Project Leaders
FROM: Stephanie Gay, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator
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This letter contains important information about the 4-H Rabbit project. Make sure to read it entirely. Rabbits must be enrolled online through 4HOnline by May 15th at 11:59pm in order to be exhibited at the county fair. Step-by-step directions for enrolling rabbits in 4HOnline are attached.

In 4HOnline, you will either select “Rabbits- Market Classes”, “Rabbit- 4 Class”, “Rabbit- 6 Class” from the drop down menu. **Please print off the directions and follow them carefully to make sure you fill out the entries correctly.** This is not like other animals you may have entered and the directions will make sure you enter the correct info in the correct spots.

If a rabbit is too young for tattoos or not born yet you will enter the intended tattoo in the box called “tattoo”.

Tattooing Your Rabbits

If you need assistance from the Rabbit Leader with tattooing the rabbits please contact Beth Hale at ablivestockbooneco@gmail.com to schedule a time during an upcoming workshop.

Livestock Location Approval Form

If any of your livestock are not housed on your family’s residence you **must complete a Livestock Location Form. This can be done online at: <https://forms.gle/JEaL7uan8Rd8aPD36> and must be completed by May 15th.** This paperwork will be reviewed and kept on file at the Extension Office. See General Livestock Rule #1 of the 4-H Handbook for specific details. This form can also be found on each of the livestock project pages.

Entering Animals in 4HOnline

Livestock will be entered through 4HOnline. You will go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and login to the account you created when you enrolled in 4-H online for this year. Instructions to walk you through this process is attached. **You will have until 11:59pm on May 15th to enroll the animals online. If this is not complete by the May 15th deadline, you will not be able to enter animals and you will not be able to show at the county and/or state fair.**

Don’t have access to the computer or internet or just not that tech savvy? 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 as in years past. 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 – Program Overview

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-Online 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 at the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in the Witham Pavilion**

***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.