

TO: Sheep Project Members & Project Leaders
 FROM: Stephanie Gay, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
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This letter has important information about enrolling your sheep for the county fair. Please read through the material and contact me or your project leader if you have questions. Below are the required identification to exhibit at the county and the State Fair this year. All tags listed below will be put in at ID days.

SHEEP ID REQUIREMENTS:

Market Lambs– County Fair Rule	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag
Commercial ewes– County Fair Rule	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag
Registered ewes– County Fair Rule	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers
Market lambs– State Fair Rule	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample
Commercial ewes—State Fair Rule	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample
Registered ewes—State Fair Rule	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample
Rams- county only project	Farm/flock tag

Please keep in mind that it is the state law that all sexually intact lambs must have a scrapie tag. You are responsible for making sure your lambs have scrapies tags, but most breeders will have already done this for you.

ID Day

Your project leaders working together with the Extension Office to visit your barns and will complete the tagging of your animals on a scheduled day/time that works for both you and them.

Tagging will be completed the first few weeks of May, and your project leaders, Hannah and Dave Myers, will reach out to you ahead of time.

Reminders for ID Day

- Tattoos and all other required tags must be in the ear at time of ID Day.
- You must have a Premise ID by May 15th. See info below for more information on how to attain a Premise ID if you don't already have one.
- Have your animals corralled in the barn and haltered prior to your leader's arrival to ensure a smooth and quick tagging appointment.
- Schedule to have some help if you have several animals that will need tags.

You will be given a copy of your paperwork when your leaders leave your farm, and you will need 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 Tags & DNA Envelopes

The 4-H sheep project will again be paying for tags for all members exhibiting sheep. Your leaders will provide the needed number of tags when they arrive at your farm. **Please have your Premise ID ready, as they will need this information when they arrive.** If you need DNA envelopes for the State Fair, your leaders can provide those the day they visit as well.

DNA Samples - State Fair Only

If you are taking your Sheep to the ISF you have to submit a DNA sample by May 15th in an envelope provided by the Extension Office. The DNA sample is a backup if there is any issue with identification once you get to the ISF. There are videos and step by step instructions on how to pull a DNA sample on the Sheep Project Page of the Purdue Extension website. <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/boone/4-H-Youth-Development/boone-county-2022-4-h-projects.html>

Info about enrolling Rams- Boone County 4-H only/ Not State Fair eligible:

Do not enroll Rams through 4HOnline. This will cause you, the Extension Office and the Indiana 4-H program unnecessary extra work. Instead enroll them on the Boone County 4-H Ram Enrollment form turn it into the Extension Office by May 15th. This form can be found on the Sheep Project page of the Extension Website and attached to this email.

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.

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/JEaL7uan8Rd8aPD36> and must be complete by May 15th.** This paperwork will be reviewed and kept on file at the Extension Office. General Livestock Rule #1 of the 4-H Handbook for specific details.

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 can be found on the Sheep Project Pages on the Purdue Extension Website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/boone/4-H-Youth-Development/sheep.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 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.

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.

Livestock Health Papers (CVD): The Boone County 4-H Fair Board will NOT be requiring exhibitors to present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection when checking in their animals at the 4-H Fair. All animals will be inspected for contagious diseases, ringworm, fungus, etc prior to being allowed to unload from the trailer, as has been past practice.