

TO: Utility Goat Project Members & Project Leaders
FROM: Stephanie Gay, 4-H Youth Development Educator
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This letter has important information about Utility Goat Animal ID. Please read through the material and contact me or your project leader if you have questions. **Utility goats must be enrolled on the Boone County Utility Goat Enrollment form and turned into the Extension Office by May 15th. This form can be printed off the Utility Goat Project Page on the Purdue Extension Website:**

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

Reminder: Goats can only be exhibited in one goat project each year. This means that you cannot show a goat in utility and show it in meat or dairy in the same year at the fair. You can however enroll the goat in more than one project (i.e. meat and utility or dairy and utility), but when you arrive at the fair you have to declare which project it is going to be shown in.

Utility goats will need a form of identification, either a tattoo or a 5-digit county tag. **If your goat is not tattooed, you do not plan to tattoo your goat yourself and your goat doesn't have a 5-digit Boone County tag from previous years, then please contact our office for details on obtaining a county tag.**

4-H Tag Ordering Form

Attached you will find an order form to order county tag. **Please fill out this form for your family and turn it into the Extension Office by May 10 with payment.** There will not be an ID day at the fairgrounds this year, so if you need to use a county tag as identification, reach out to your project leader or the Extension office for assistance.

Utility Goat Leasing Program

Members leasing animals must turn in a completed lease agreement, into the Extension Office by May 15th with your Utility Goat Enrollment Form. This form can be found on the Utility Goat Project webpage of the Purdue Extension Website <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/boone/4-H-Youth-Development/lease-form.pdf>. **Remember that if you are leasing a goat, it is NOT eligible to be shown in the meat or dairy goat project.**

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/bFpGKWtsZKuZyYhq9> by May 15th.** **May 15th.** This paperwork will be reviewed and kept on file in the Extension Office.

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.

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.