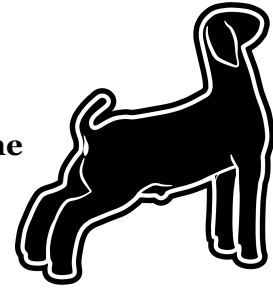




March 10, 2025

Attention: Any 4-H Goats enrolled after **May 15th will NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. If the May 15th Enrollment Deadline is not met, 4-H'ers may exhibit a Poster or a Demonstration as their project.**



TO: 4-H Goat Project Members

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

2025 GOAT MEMBER ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES: Once again, we will be enrolling all goats through 4-H Online via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper goat Enrollment Forms!! Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. You should receive all necessary tags at tag day scheduled on **Saturday May 3rd from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** If you need any extra assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office.

DNA HAIR SAMPLE: All market goats planning to exhibit at the State Fair will be required to submit a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office by **May 15th**. The hair has to be submitted in a specific envelope from the Extension Office. Obtain an envelope before you collect your hair sample. Using a pair of pliers, pull approximately 40 hair follicles from the tuft of the hair on the leg or between the toes of the animal and insert them into the envelope. Please don't look at this requirement as another step, but realize this will give you another chance if your tattoos or tags are incorrect at the State Fair. *State Fair does not require hair samples for dairy goat animals.*

1. 4-H GOAT TAG-IN: MAY 3, 2025 (WHAT NEEDS TO ATTEND TAG-IN?)

- Any goat that does not have a tattoo or scrapie tag or microchip
- All Meat Goat Wethers and Market Does who plan on exhibiting at the State Fair
- Any Wether Goat that plans to be eligible for the Clay County 4-H Rate of Gain (Pygmy Goat Wethers over a year old are not eligible for the Clay County 4-H Rate of Gain Class)

PLEASE REFER TO THESE ACCEPTABLE TYPES OF IDENTIFICATION FOR EXHIBITION:

Clay County 4-H Identification Options: (If you plan to use a Scrapie Tag as your identification if applicable, please insert that number in the tattoo box for that animal. – COUNTY ONLY)

- Meat Goat Wethers – 5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo or Scrapie Tag
- Market Goat Does – 5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo or Scrapie Tag
- Boer Goat Females – Tattoo or Scrapie Tag
- Dairy Goat Females – Tattoo or Scrapie Tag
- Dairy Goat Wethers – 5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo or Scrapie Tag
- Pygmy Goats – Tattoo or Microchip or 5-Digit County Tag or Scrapie Tag

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**State Fair 4-H Identification Options:**

- Meat Goat Wethers – 5-Digit County Tag and Shearwell RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample
- Market Goat Does – 5-Digit County Tag and Shearwell RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample
- Boer Goat Females – Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample
- Dairy Goat Females – Tattoo
- Dairy Goat Wethers – 5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo
- Pygmy Goats
 - Registered – Breed Registered Tattoo or Microchip
 - Unregistered – Scrapie Tag or Scrapie Tattoo

2. PREMISE NUMBERS, SCRAPIE TAG, AND SHEARWELL RFID TAG INFORMATION:

The Indiana Board of Animal Health requires all 4-H goats to meet the Indiana Premise and Scrapie Identification standards. Information and forms for these requirements can be found via the Indiana Board of Animal Health website at <http://www.in.gov/boah/>.

Premise Identification: If you do not have a premise identification number for where your animals are located, then you need to complete a request form via the Board of Animal Health website or contact them via their office. All this information can be obtained via the website. Once you open this website, you will see a “here” link in the middle of the Premise ID section. On the next page, click the pdf registration or the online premise registration. If you do the PDF version, mail it to the Board of Animal Health to obtain you Premise number.

Scrapie Tags: Some form of Scrapie tag needs to be in your goat’s ear before they are brought to the county fair. If you are only showing at the county fair and plan to use the Scrapie tag as your identification instead of a 5 digit county or tattoo then you need to get your tags before you enroll. If you view the Indiana State Board of Animal Website, you will see how to obtain these tags for free.

Shearwell RFID Tag: In order to show your meat goats (wethers and market does) at the Indiana State Fair, they must have a Shearwell RFID Tag in their ear. These can be purchased and inserted at tag-in day May 3rd for \$3.00 each.

4. Siblings are allowed to co-enroll animals on their enrollment. The animals do not need to be entered under each member profile. As long as all information is entered under one of the siblings, this will allow multiple siblings the opportunity to show the animal. You will need to decide who is showing what when we make entries in fairentry, which will open after May 15th and must be completed by July 1st in order to show.
5. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Goat requirements in the Clay County 4-H Terms and Conditions Handbook for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on the Clay County 4-H Purdue Extension website at <https://tinyurl.com/y5w4965h>
6. 4-H’ers who plan to show their goats at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at <https://tinyurl.com/2dtneut5>. Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines as well. Currently, the project information has not been updated for



2025, but will be available soon. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.

The dates of the 2025 Indiana State Fair are August 1 - 17. You can find the livestock schedule here: <https://tinyurl.com/4dwn5hsw>

7. **INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE:** *All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training.* This program is currently only offered in-person. If you are not able to attend one of the in-person trainings, the YQCA online program will fill the requirement for the quality care training. This can be done at yqcaprogram.org. If you complete it online, you **MUST** provide your certificate of completion to the Extension Office (email it to aevinger@purdue.edu or bring it in during office hours Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm). Clay County Farm Bureau has generously offered to sponsor the program, so in person trainings are **FREE**. However, if you decide to complete the program via the internet, there is a \$12.00 fee.

Please call the Extension Office (812-448-9093) to RSVP for an Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training session or follow the link next to your select date to register. Members must be registered *BEFORE* attending a training.

All training's will be held at **6:30pm** in the Exhibit Hall on the following dates:

- March 19, 2025 - <https://tinyurl.com/bdb37k2n>
- April 29, 2025 - <https://tinyurl.com/3caj4wbf>
- May 22, 2025 - <https://tinyurl.com/39djrxx>
- June 30, 2025 - <https://tinyurl.com/2vyb8jq3>

10. **4-H Livestock Auction:** For **2025** we will have a live auction on **Friday July 18th** beginning at **6:00 pm** with an animal lineup that will have Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. The auction will follow the same guidelines as in years past with a buyer that will provide us with peg prices and animals will have the option to be shipped, processed, or kept depending on the buyer's choice. You will need to have a market animal to elect for the auction in order to be a part of it as normal procedure, these animals will not be eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair.

Good Luck this year with your animals. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

Natalie

Natalie Korniak
Purdue Extension Clay County
4-H Youth Development Educator

Ashley

Ashley Evinger
Purdue Extension Clay County
4-H Program Assistant





CLAY COUNTY 4-H GOATS

***Updated for 2025**

4-H Goat Club leaders: Jessica Steward – (staggjes88@gmail.com) and
Amy Stagg – (812)201-4114 (staggamy06@gmail.com)

ENROLLMENT:

- Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by said deadline and must be under their continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the 4-H show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll goats on Livestock Enrollment Forms.
- 4-H members must be enrolled in the Goat Project on 4-H Online by **May 15, 2025**.
- All 4-H Meat and Dairy wethers must have a five-digit county tag or tattoo. Meat goat wethers & wether dams intending on exhibiting at the State Fair, must be tagged at the Spring Tag-in Day on **May 3, 2025**.
- All 4-H Boer and Dairy Does must have tattoos by **May 15, 2025**. Market Goat Does must have a five-digit county tag or tattoo. All Pygmy Goats must have one of the following forms of identification: tattoos, microchip, scrapie tag or 5-digit county tag by **May 15, 2025**. **Chip readers must be supplied by the member.**
- All Meat, Dairy, and Pygmy Goat animals must be identified through Indiana 4-H Online by **May 15, 2025**.
- Premise ID numbers are required on all 4-H Goat enrollments.
- Superintendents have the right to limit the number of goats per exhibitor.
- Meat goat wethers, wether dams, market does, and registered Boer goat females must turn in a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office by **May 15th** to be eligible for State Fair.

HEALTH:

- Health papers are not required but animals must be free of abscesses, open sores, pink eye, respiratory disease, foot rot, sore mouth, external parasites or any other contagious diseases.
- All animals will remain loaded until inspected by the Superintendent at the time of check in.
 - Animals with questionable health conditions will be sent home.
 - Any animal displaying any type of open or unhealed areas will be sent home.
- No intact males can be shown.
- All dairy goats must be dehorned, however meat/pygmy goats will be allowed to be shown with horns in order to keep their breed characteristics at the owner's discretion.

GROOMING:

NEW FOR 2025

4-H Exhibitors that use groomers for show day assistance at the Clay County 4-H Fair, your groomers WILL NOT be required to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. However, if you plan to have groomers assistance at the State Fair, those individuals *may be required* to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Please reach out to the Extension Office in the Spring for enrollment assistance or refer to the State Fair rule books.

PENNING:

- The Superintendent will assign pen space prior to goats arriving at the fair.
- Exhibitors will furnish their own bedding. Stalls, pens and walkways should be kept clean by the 4-H member.
- Every goat must have a collar and a tie chain available.
- One overhead fan facing south per pen is allowed. Fans must be off the ground and have proper safety approved shrouds.
- Bucks are not permitted on the fairgrounds except buckling kids still dependent on their dams for nutrition.
- There will be a pen/stall fee of no more than \$5 per pen/stall due at the beginning of the fair. Please see your leader for further communications on this closer to fair.

SHOW:

- Age of animals shall be computed from the actual date of judging.
- Meat & Dairy wethers need to be born after September 1, 2024.**
- Does must be a minimum of 90 days old by show day.**
- Classes will be determined based on the submission of the Goat Enrollment.



- e) Milking Dairy does that are competing for best Dairy Doe of Show, will be milked out prior to competing in the Best Dairy Doe of Show class.
 - Milk out may be observed by the superintendent.
- f) Rate of Gain will be offered to Pygmy wethers, Dairy wethers, Meat wethers and Market Does.
- g) All market animals participating must be brought to ID day on **May 3, 2025** to be weighed.
- h) Final weight of the animal will be its fair check-in weight.
- i) All animals entered in the Rate of Gain must be properly exhibited by the 4-H member in their appropriate class.
- j) Dairy Wethers - Only dairy breeds and grade dairy crosses may show in the dairy classes.
- k) Meat Wethers & Market Does - will be shown in market classes.
- l) It is recommended that the dairy exhibitors wear a white blouse/shirt and nice pants, skirt or split skirt (NO shorts) to show their animals.
 - Midriff area on all Exhibitors should not be exposed when standing or bending.
- m) For safety reasons Exhibitors must wear boots or closed toed shoes
- n) The Mini 4-H Show will include members that are enrolled in the Clay Co. Mini 4-H program and have met the grade/age requirement per species as listed in their handbook. Mini 4-H members must be entered in the goat project by **May 9, 2025** to allot time for pairing with an older 4-H member & their animal.

SHOW CLASSES:

- a) **Dairy Show Classes:** ADGA approved breeds- [See current year State Fair Class listings](#)
- b) **Pygmy Show Classes:** [See current year State Fair Class listings](#)- exceptions listed below.
 - **Wethers**
 - Junior Wethers one (1) year old or younger
 - Senior Wethers over one (1) year of age
- c) **Meat Classes:** Fullblood/Purebred Boers (94% and up), Percentage Boer (less than 94%), Fainter, and Market Goats (can add classes for breeds as needed): [See current year State Fair class listings](#)
 - **Market Goats**
 - All meat goat breeds and crosses of wethers and deemed market does are eligible. Market classes will be divided according to the weight of the animals.
 - Use of pinch collars (training collars) will be allowed when showing meat goats in the show provided the Showman has satisfactorily completed club training prior to the end of June. If club leaders feel the showman has not satisfactorily completed/compiled training prior to the end of June, the showman will not be permitted to use pinch collars during the show.
 - Bracing market animals is allowed and encouraged if showman can properly handle their animal but not required.
 - Meat wethers and wether dams must be slick sheared to ¼" hair length.
- 2) **Fiber Show Classes:** Classes will be determined based on enrollment.

SHOWMANSHIP:

Meat and dairy goats will have separate showmanship classes at the beginning of each show.

4-H members who participate in 4-H goat showmanship classes may only show their own animals that will be exhibited by them in a regular 4-H class.

- a) **Junior Showmanship – 3rd through 5th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall Junior showman, the 4-Her is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate showmanship class the following year.
- b) **Intermediate Showmanship – 6th through 8th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** and anyone who was won Junior Showmanship. Once an exhibitor is the overall Intermediate showman, the 4-Her is only eligible to compete in the Senior showmanship class the following year.
- c) **Senior Showmanship – 9th through 12th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** and anyone who has previously won Intermediate Showmanship. The winning 4-Her is eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions classes in the same year and future years once he or she has won senior.
- d) **Champion of Champions Showmanship** – All previous Senior Division Champions, including the **2025** Senior Division Champion.

Top three placings in all divisions will receive ribbons.



OUTSTANDING JUNIOR & SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Guidelines for the Outstanding Achievement Award:

- a) **Preparation of Exhibit = 25 points**
 - 1) Adequate, clean bedding – 15
 - 2) Animals clean while in pens - 5
 - 3) Decorations neat and attractive - 5
- b) **Appearance/Participation of Exhibitor = 25 points**
 - 1) Knowledgeable, courteous and friendly, able to answer questions about goats - 5
 - 2) Clothes and member is neat, clean and appropriately dressed - 5
 - 3) Member assists other members and attends the show when not showing - 15
- c) **Care of Exhibit = 25 points**
 - 1) Goats are clean and clipped (before show) feet trimmed - 15
 - 2) Aisles are kept neat and clean - 5
 - 3) Feed and equipment are stored neatly when not in use, out of sight if possible and kept clean - 5
- d) **Showmanship = 25 points**
 - 1) Member is courteous and helps others in make-up pens- 5
 - 2) Member is courteous and assists others while showing -5
 - 3) Member is polite to the judge and does not show frustration and/ or anger in the ring or arena building – 15

Will be presented during the show.

BORN AND RAISED:

- a) Born and Raised goats must be born and raised by the Clay County 4-H member. **Exhibitors must notify goat Superintendent at time of tagging weigh-in/tagging if their animal is homegrown.**
- a) Born and raised animals will receive separate ribbons/banners for placing.

AWARDS

Breed Champion & Reserve Champion Junior & Senior Dairy Does	Champion Homegrown Junior & Senior Dairy Doe & Wether	Supreme/Grand Champion Junior & Senior Dairy Doe & Wether of Show	Grand Champion Pygmy Doe & Wether
Champion Homegrown Pygmy Doe & Wether	Breed Champion & Reserve Champion Meat Does	Champion Homegrown Meat Doe & Market goat	Grand Champion Meat Doe, Meat Wether and Wether Dam
Champion Junior, Intermediate & Senior Showmanship	Champion of Champions Showman	Rate of Gain Winner	Outstanding Junior & Senior Achievement Awards
Top 5 Market	Top 5 Dairy	Breeders Award	Fiber Class Champion & Reserve Champion

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

The Livestock Auction/Benefit for the Barns Event will be held upon the conclusion of the fair. In order to be eligible, you must show an animal at the fair and have a designated animal for auction. A small percentage auction fee will be deducted from each member's check. Detailed auction information will be finalized closer to fair.



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training. This is an annual program that can be completed in-person by attending one of the classes on the following dates at the Fairgrounds:

- March 19, 2025
- April 29, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- June 30, 2025

An online option is available for \$12 through the YQCA program. Once you complete this [online course](#), you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

REFERENCES:

[Purdue Extension Goat Project](#)

[Indiana State Fair Book – Dairy & Meat Goats](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR GOATS:

May 3, 2025 (9:00 AM-11:00 AM) Goat Tag/ID Day at the Fairgrounds

May 9, 2025 Mini 4-Her's must be signed up to participate in the goat show.

May 15, 2025 Deadline to enroll goats online—Your enrollment will not be complete if your show animals are not identified online. Exhibitors who fail to register their animals online before the May 15th deadline will not be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair.

May 15, 2025 DNA Samples must be returned to the office if going to the State Fair.

July 1, 2025 Fair Entry due on [fairent.com](#) (where you will enter your show classes for the fair)

TBD Deadline to register goats online for the State Fair.

July 12 - 18, 2025 Clay County Fair

July 11, 2025 (6:00 PM - 10:00 PM) Goat check-in at Clay County Fair

July 12, 2025 (7:00 AM - 9:00 AM) Goat check-in at Clay County Fair

July 12, 2025 Mini 4-H Goat show

July 13, 2025 Pygmy & Meat show at Clay County Fair

July 17, 2025 Dairy Goat show at Clay County Fair

July 17, 2025 (9:00 PM) Goats released

July 18, 2025 Clay County livestock auction

August 1 - 17, 2025 Indiana State Fair

August 15 - 17, 2025 State Fair Dairy Goat Show

August 2 - 3, 2025 State Fair Meat Goat Show

August 10, 2025 State Fair Breeding Doe Show





GENERAL LIVESTOCK TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Updated for 2025*

LIVESTOCK HEALTH

- A. Emergency Medical/Death of Animal Clause: After **May 15, 2025** no animal may be substituted or replaced due to death or a medical condition, ***unless it is the ONLY animal the member has to exhibit in that species.*** In cases such as this, a signed letter from a veterinarian must be provided to the Extension Office. The substituted animal may only receive a participation ribbon in all exhibited classes except showmanship. Substituted animals may be sold in the Clay County 4-H Auction. Concerns or questions should be addressed to the Extension Office.
- B. Clay County follows state health requirements for livestock and animal projects. Animals will be inspected upon arrival by a veterinarian or a representative appointed by the Clay County 4-H Council. No livestock/animal should be unloaded or enter the barns until an inspection has occurred by the barn superintendent and/or veterinarian. We reserve the right to refuse entrance to any livestock/animal that the veterinarian deems unhealthy and shows signs of communicable disease.
- C. During the Fair: All exhibitors must remove from the premises any livestock that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious when requested by the Indiana State Veterinarian or his agents. Failure to meet all health requirements will result in removal of animals presented by an exhibitor.
- D. Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to 4-H exhibits. Fraud and/or deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following:
- 1) Tampering (altering) and/or misrepresentation relative to an animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion: (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, attaching hair/hair substitutes, or filling).
 - 2) Unethical fitting of animal exhibits considered as consisting of administration of any natural or foreign substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in #c below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substance) or performance of any surgical procedure, altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption is prohibited.
**Exceptions that are allowed to 1 and 2 above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.*
 - 3) 4-H market animals shall not contain any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the Clay County Fair. Drugs may not be administered to a 4-H animal exhibit at the Clay County Fair except those approved by the project superintendent. The project superintendent must witness the procedure.



OWNERSHIP & REGISTRATIONS

- A. Each 4-H member shall own or lease his/her 4-H exhibit. Ownership, personal possession, and regular care of the animal must be in effect on or before the county and state enrollment deadlines (**May 15, 2025**) and continuously until after the 4-H show at the county and/or state fair.
- B. All breeding animals must be registered in their respective breed associations and earmarked or tagged to coincide with their individual registration papers. Registrations will be checked by the barn superintendent.
- C. An original certificate of registration, transfer or a FAX directly from the National Breed Association to the Extension Office for 4-H purebred animals must be presented to the 4-H superintendent prior to the time of show. This document must show that the 4-H exhibitor owns the animal(s) being exhibited, either entirely or in part with family or legal guardian, before the State 4-H project enrollment date (**May 15, 2025**) and continuously until show date.
- D. For 4-H breeding animals, acceptable registrations include family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians. Acceptable registrations are:
 - 1) In the 4-H member's name
 - 2) John Smith & Sons
 - 3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters
 - 4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only)
 - 5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister)
 - 6) Family corporations, where the 4-H member's name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of the same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date
 - 7) 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 on file with the Extension Office before the ID deadline.
- E. 4-H breeding beef, Boer goats, dairy goats, sheep, and swine will NOT be accepted in the State Fair 4-H Show if they are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)", "Long Oak and William Smith (4-H Member)", etc.).
- F. For 4-H dairy cattle: family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
- G. Dairy heifers, horses and ponies may be leased, subject to approval of the county 4-H dairy or horse and pony committee and the respective County Extension Educator. That form can be found [HERE](#) and will need to be turned into the Extension Office by **May 15, 2025**.



- H. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the County Fair shall not be eligible to show at the County Fair or State Fair.
- I. 4-H animals shown after the 4-H animal enrollment deadline (May 15), should not be shown by anyone other than the 4-H member that enrolled said animal. This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing 4-H eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment the person who enters them in Indiana 4-H is equivalent of the enroller of the animals. If this rule is found to be broken, the animal in question will not be eligible to be shown at the County Fair or in a 4-H Class at the Indiana State Fair.
- J. For 4-H animals that are eligible to be co-enrolled by siblings, a declaration of who will be showing the animal during the Clay County 4-H Fair is required in Fair Entry before **July 1, 2025**.

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NEW FOR 2025

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4-H EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS

- A. All 4-H Livestock may only be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.
- B. There should be no use of electronics i.e.: cell phones, bluetooth, etc. between a 4-H exhibitor and any person (s) during judging unless a service device for a disability is required.
- C. **Each exhibitor must be present at set up and clean up. Each superintendent is to see that his or her department is set up and cleaned up. The Superintendent will assign duties.**
- D. All livestock exhibitors will furnish their own feed and watering utensils as well as feed their animals.
- E. Livestock animals shall be under the daily care and maintenance of the exhibitor. **Pens/stalls must be kept clean & dry, barn aisles must be kept clear of tack/debris at all times to provide easy accessibility to visitors.** Decisions shall be left to the discretion of the Council and superintendent in regards to compliance.
- F. 4-H'ers are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the member may request another Clay County 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Requests must be made to the Barn Superintendent or the Clay County 4-H Council no later than check-in at the Fair. Requests will be granted only in the case of: 1) Illness, 2) Injury, 3) Conflict of more than one animal per class, or 4) circumstances deemed unavoidable.



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SHOW PROCEDURES

- All livestock exhibits are due as designated in the fair schedule. No livestock is to be unloaded until checked by that species superintendent and/or a Vet. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The superintendent will be in charge of assigning livestock pen space.
- In livestock classes, placing ribbons will be awarded to the first five placings in each class.
- Exhibitors who fail to show required registration papers will show their animals in the Crossbred Class.
- Animals shown at other shows after the enrollment deadline under different ownership will not be eligible for the Clay County 4-H Show. This does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing 4-H eligibility.
- Competition placings do not become official until the completion of all post judging animal verification such as, but not limited to, retinal scan or RFID tag reading.
- If, in the opinion of the judge or superintendent, the club members cannot safely handle the animal, they will be credited for completing the project.
- Only animals for exhibition during the fair may be on the 4-H Fairgrounds. Those animals not scheduled for overnight stay may be here only during exhibition.
- After a Champion is selected, the second-place exhibit in that same class automatically becomes eligible to show for Reserve; likewise a Reserve Champion to an exhibit selected for Grand Champion becomes eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.

CLAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- All animals must be sound and healthy in order to be sold in the Clay County 4-H Livestock Auction. If the animal is found to be unsound, the project superintendent, auction committee and 4-H Council will make the final decision on whether the animal will go through the auction.
- All 4-H members are required to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training in order to sell in the livestock auction.
- A Premise ID will be required for all Beef, Boer Goats, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Meat Goat Wethers, Pygmy Goats, Sheep and Swine sold at auction.
- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit beef animals or dairy steers weighing below 850 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for the beef sale at the auction unless a buyer is secured.
- Swine weighing less than 230 pounds at weigh in may be shown at the fair but will not be allowed to be sold in the livestock auction. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Exhibitors wishing to exhibit swine weighing



below 230 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for sale at the auction unless a buyer is secured.

- F. Once an animal has gone through the auction it may not be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair or any other 4-H affiliated show.
- G. Sale order for each species will be: 1. Grand Champion; 2. Reserve Grand Champion; 3. Grand Champion Born and Bred; 4. Reserve Grand Champion Born and Bred. Others will draw for sale order. In the event that the person having Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion does not sell that animal, but sells another animal, they must draw for sale order.
- H. If the market is available for any species of animals sold in the auction, the animal will be pegged, sold and either shipped or kept as designated by the buyer. Animal species sold in the auction include cattle, swine, poultry, goats, sheep and rabbits.
- I. Poultry exhibitors may enter either a meat pen of Cornish type chickens weighing 5 pounds each or more or a meat pen of ducks weighing 5 pounds each or more in the livestock auction. Another option is selling a turkey.
- J. Rabbit Exhibitors may sell one meat type entry in the auction. Auction entries must be from one of the Meat Rabbit Classes which include Meat Pens (3 rabbits), Single Fryer, Roaster or Stewers.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS

4-H Showmanship Rules for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, & Goats

- A. There will be four showmanship divisions with a Champion and Reserve Champion in each division.
 - a. **Junior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 3, 4, 5 on January 1st of the current year.
 - b. **Intermediate Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 6, 7, 8 on January 1st of the current year.
 - c. **Senior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 on January 1st of the current year.
 - d. **Champion of Champion Showman** – includes all senior showmanship winners and Champion of Champion winners of previous years.
- B. A member may win the junior, intermediate, and senior divisions only once and will show in the next level the following year.
- C. A winning senior may compete in the Champion of Champions division in the year he/she wins the senior division.
- D. 4-H members may win the Champion of Champions division any number of times.
- E. Division(s) may be added/deleted at the discretion of the superintendent.
- F. An alternate out of the Champion of Champions will be selected.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

- A. The following species will be shown: sheep, horses, meat goats, dairy goats, dairy cattle, swine, and beef.
- B. The Champion of Champions from each species will compete in the Round Robin contest. Any 4-H'ers winning in more than one category must choose one species only. The alternate chosen from the Champions of Champions will fill the opening.
- C. All animals will be shown natural, with no advance grooming allowed. The Superintendents will make sure that the animals are clean and equally presentable.
- D. The Superintendent of each species will provide all of the equipment needed for showing their species.



- E. All animals of the contestants involved will not be used in the contest. Furthermore, no animals housed at the same facility or having the same Premise ID as a participating contestant will be allowed.
- F. Each contestant will enter a “lottery” and draw a number one-six at the start of the contest. This number will determine the animal they will show throughout the entire contest. For example, a member draws number five, this member will always exhibit animal number five in each species. The Superintendent in each species will number the animals one-six. The contestants will know to walk directly to their designated animal.
- G. Each species winner will enter the ring first for his/her species.
- H. Jeans and boots or hard shoes are required for safety.
- I. After the contest starts, the contestants will not be allowed to leave the show ring, except for the one authorized break. Spectators will only be allowed in the bleachers area of the Show Arena.
Communication between participants and spectators is not allowed and could result in disqualification of contestants.
- J. There will be a 15 minute time limit per class.
- K. Judges’ names MUST be submitted to the extension office by **June 1, 2025**. A brief biography for each judge must be prepared before the start of the Round Robin and submitted to the Round Robin committee chair on Sunday of the fair. The committee will be responsible for asking judges to remain until the end of the competition. The Committee Chair will work with the educator and superintendents to hire judges.
- L. A point system will be used with points assigned to each round as follows: first place, 1 point; second place, 2 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 4 points; fifth place, 5 points, and sixth place, 6 points. The winner will be the contestant with the lowest score at the end of the Round Robin.
- M. All past and current winners of the Round Robin competition will be unable to compete again for the remainder of their 4-H eligibility.
- N. The first and second place winners will receive awards at the conclusion of the contest.
- O. In case of a tie, a written test will be administered at the contestant/parent meeting on Thursday afternoon. This test will consist of twelve questions, two from each species. The test will be created by the Round Robin Committee and Youth Extension Educator. No outside help can be given during this test. This includes spectator advice or electronic devices. The tests will be sealed in an envelope at the meeting and only be used if a tie should occur. If a contestant fails to appear at the information meeting, that individual will not be included in the tie breaker.
- P. If any problems or questions arise during the contest, the Round Robin Committee’s decision will be final. Judges’ decisions are final and will be kept confidential.
- Q. Rabbit and Poultry Champions/Senior Division Winners will be recognized during the Round Robin and may be asked to complete an action demonstration for the spectators/exhibitors.



Animal Identification

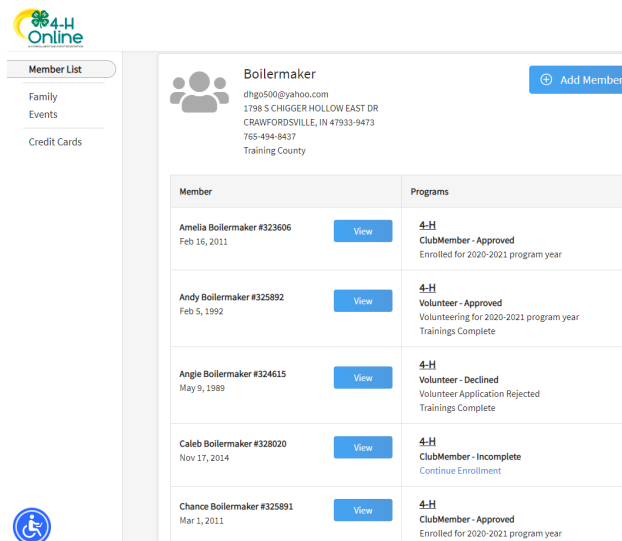
4-H members (Grades 3 – 12) must identify all Beef and Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep and Swine in the 4-H Online system by the species deadline or earlier county deadline if applicable to be eligible for exhibition.

- Beef and Dairy Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, and Swine must be entered into 4-H Online no later than May 15, 2025.

Animal Identification in 4-H Online

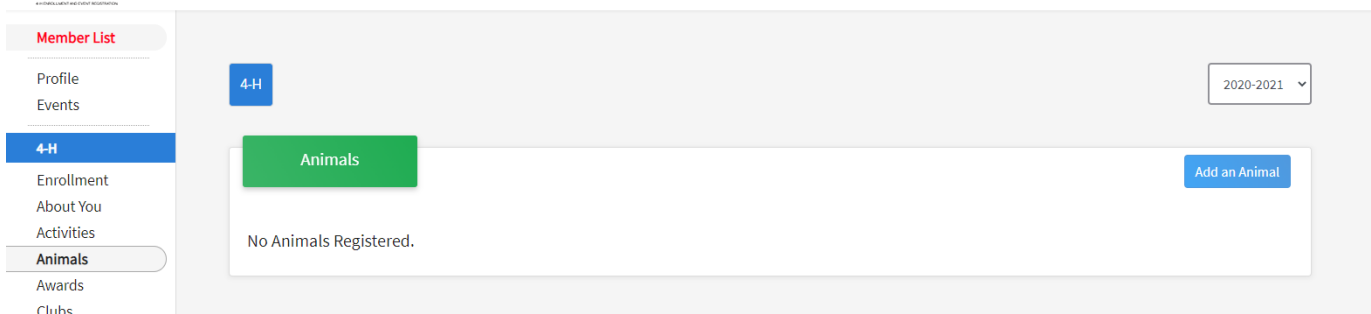
Please complete the following steps to identify your livestock in the 4-H Online system.

1. Login to your family profile at: <https://v2.4honline.com> using your family email address and password associated with your 4-H enrollment record.
 - a. If you have forgotten your password, please use the 'Reset password' option on the 4-H Online login page, and you will be sent a new temporary password.
 - b. If you have forgotten your family email address or turned in a paper 4-H enrollment form, please contact your local Purdue Extension Office for assistance.
2. Click View next to the Member's record for whom you would like to add an animal



Member	Programs
Amelia Boilermaker #323606 Feb 16, 2011	4-H ClubMember - Approved Enrolled for 2020-2021 program year
Andy Boilermaker #325892 Feb 5, 1992	4-H Volunteer - Approved Volunteering for 2020-2021 program year Trainings Complete
Angie Boilermaker #324615 May 9, 1989	4-H Volunteer - Declined Volunteer Application Rejected Trainings Complete
Caleb Boilermaker #328020 Nov 17, 2014	4-H ClubMember - Incomplete Continue Enrollment
Chance Boilermaker #325891 Mar 1, 2011	4-H ClubMember - Approved Enrolled for 2020-2021 program year

3. Click Animals in the navigation pane.
4. Click the blue "Add an Animal" button. (even if you have previous year animals that can be registered again, click "Add an Animal")

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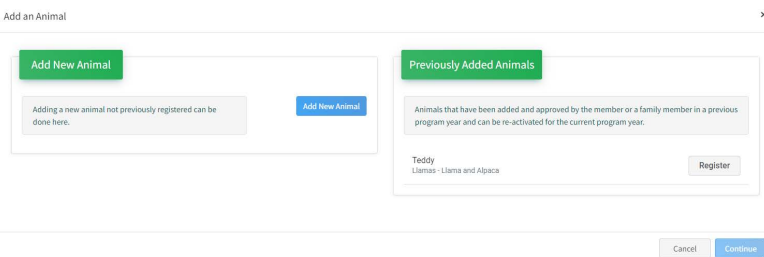
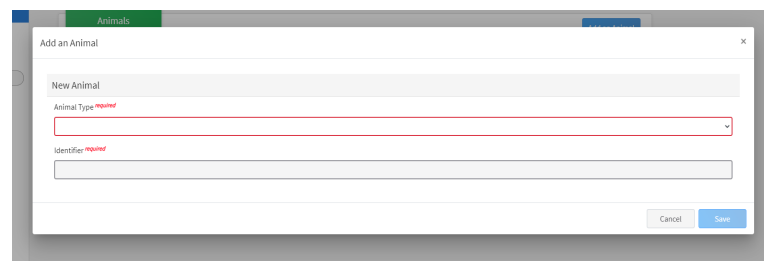
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5. Click on "Add New Animal" to start adding a new animal **or** if you have animals that carry over from the previous year you **"Register"** those. Animals that can be registered from previous years **must be REGISTERED** every year by completing this step. You cannot select a previous year and assume they are there. Animals that carry over are Dairy Cattle Females, Horse&Pony, Llama&Alpaca, Dairy Goat Females, and Pygmy Goats (move onto step 9 if registering previous animal).
6. Select the appropriate animal type from the drop-down menu.
7. Enter the required Tag, Tattoo, or Animal Name as directed for the first step that will then allow you to proceed to the remaining identification process. (see Key) →
8. Click Save.

Key

Animal Type	Required Identifier	What do I put in this field?
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Commercial and Market Heifers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Cow-Calf Pair	Tag	Calf's tag
Beef Feeder Calves	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Registered Heifers	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Feeder Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Dairy Cattle Females	Animal Name	Animal's name
Dairy Goat Females	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Goat Wethers	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Meat Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Pygmy Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo, Microchip, or Scrapie ID
Horse and Pony	Animal Name	Animal's name
Llama and Alpaca	Animal Name	Animal's name
Sheep	Tag	5-digit County Tag or Scrapie ID (commercial ewes) or registration number(breeding ewes)
Swine Barrows	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)
Swine Gilts	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)

9. Read the on-screen instructions for Animal ID requirements for County Fair and Indiana State Fair Exhibition.
10. Click on the button "Show Questions" after reading the instructions.
11. Required fields are indicated, but be sure to complete all other visible fields as applicable.
12. Click next once completed. If animals have been carried over, the ID information will already be there.
13. Upload any files if required or necessary for the particular Animal type. For animals that are carried over, new photos and files must be uploaded each year.
14. Click next once completed.
15. Review the entered information. Use the Back button at the bottom of the page to return to the previous screen to make corrections if needed.
16. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.
17. The animal information will display on the screen with the status, created, modified, and submitted date and time stamp (local time). You will also receive a confirmation email upon submission.
18. To add more animals for the same member repeat steps 3-17. To add animals for another member return to the Member List and View another member.

****Note**** Members are able to edit Animal ID information until the species specific Animal ID deadline of **May 15, 2025**. Click on the Animals tab from your account at any time to view the status for all of the animals for a member in the family.

Family Enrollment of Animals

Animals are automatically co-enrolled within the same family (Siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be identified under a single 4-H member in 4-H Online and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. **With this capability in 4-H Online, animals do not need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family.** The exhibit management program will allow a member to select to exhibit any animal identified by the family in 4-H Online. It is suggested that at least 1 animal be identified by each member enrolled in the project.