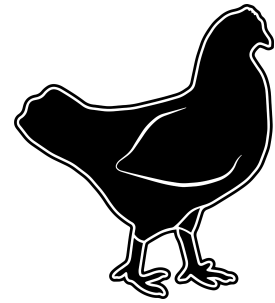




March 10, 2025

Attention: Any 4-H Poultry enrolled after **May 17th will NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. If the May 18th Enrollment Deadline is not met, 4-H'ers may exhibit a Poster or a Demonstration as their project.**



TO: 4-H Poultry Project Members

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

2025 POULTRY MEMBER ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES: Any poultry you wish to have eligible for the Clay County 4-H Poultry Show must be included on the enclosed identification form. Please list the class, breed, color/variety, sex/ age, and size.

Sex and Age Clarification – C=Cock, H=Hen, Ckl=Cockerel and P=Pullet.

Return the Identification form included in this mailing to the Clay County Extension Office or your poultry leader by May 17th.

1. BLOOD TESTING

In 1981 Indiana became an official U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean state. To maintain this classification, all poultry (excluding waterfowl & pigeons) going to the county fair must be officially blood tested.

Blood testing will be offered on May 17th at the fairgrounds from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. This will be the only day that blood testing is offered. The cost for testing is to be determined, but is expected to be about \$1 per animal. Please make arrangements to attend! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 or your poultry leader.

- 2.** Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Poultry 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/u8c4e8vk>.
- 3.** 4-H'ers who plan to show their poultry 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>

- 5. 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/39djrhex>
- June 30, 2025 - <https://tinyurl.com/2vyb8jq3>

Good Luck this year with your 4-H Poultry Projects. 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 POULTRY – ALL CHICKENS & WATERFOWL

***Updated for 2025**

4-H Poultry Club Leaders: Mitchel Riddell – (812)249-2913 (mitchriddell@gmail.com) and Derik Tipton

ENROLLMENT:

- a) All 4-H'ers are responsible for the individual care of their livestock project.
- b) Birds entered at the County Fair must be owned, raised, and cared for by the 4-H'er.
- c) **Blood testing will once again be required for the 2025 year. The date for that will be:**
 - **May 17, 2025 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am in the Poultry Barn**
 - ***All birds (but waterfowl) intended to be used for exhibition must be brought to this***
- d) All 4-H exhibitors will need to be enrolled in Clay County 4-H and in the poultry project by **May 15, 2025**.
- e) **FairEntry.com will NOT be used to enter Poultry.**
 - All entries must be submitted on a [paper form](#) & turned into the club leader or the Extension Office **no later than May 17** (blood testing date).
 - You can find that form [here](#), at a poultry club meeting or at the Extension Office.
- f) In each commercial/layer 4-H chicken class, two pullets or two hens constitute one entry. A 4-H'er may show a maximum of 6 or 3 different pairs of poultry of not the same variety.
- g) If you need to scratch a show entry, please let the poultry leader or the Extension Office know by **July 1, 2025**.

HEALTH:

SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

- a) All Poultry in state or out-of-state are required to have an official health certificate. Such animals must show no symptoms of any infectious or contagious disease and be permanently and individually identified and such identification must be clearly indicated on the accompanying health certificate; provided however, at the discretion of the state veterinarian, the health certificate may be waived in lieu of an inspection by personnel approved for this purpose by the state veterinarian.
- b) All poultry presented for exhibition shall be accompanied by an official health certificate **of veterinary inspection** or an appropriate National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certificate
- c) All poultry presented for exhibition must meet one of the following requirements:
 - Test negative for pullorum-typhoid within 90 days prior to the date of their exhibition.
 - Be hatched from eggs originating from **certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean flocks**.
 - Originate from a flock where the entire flock is certified NPIP pullorum-typhoid clean.
 - For more information on poultry health requirements call the Indiana State BOAH at (877) 747-3038, extension 322.
- d) No clinical signs of disease. No poultry may be exhibited showing signs of infectious or communicable disease.
- e) No external parasites. No poultry may be exhibited showing excessive signs of external parasite infestation (lice, nits, scaly leg).
- f) All poultry must be WASHED before bringing to the fair and clean when brought to the fair.

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:

All 4-H'ers must provide bedding and feed and water their own chickens and waterfowl.

SHOW:

- a) All 4-H Livestock will be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only!
- b) Each bird exhibited must have been raised by the owner as part of his or her 4-H project



- c) In judging classes of birds, special attention will be given to growth, development, and production qualities.
- d) It is suggested that 4-H club members be present at the time their 4-H poultry exhibit is judged.
- e) Each 4-H member can show up to 24 birds total (one per breed/variety/sex/age).
- f) Egg Class – Exhibits 6 uniform eggs (same size & color).
- g) All waterfowl and turkeys will be brought in on the day of show and returned home after the Poultry show except for the turkey and meat pen ducks that are going through the auction.
- h) All poultry, pigeon & waterfowl will be judged as a blue, red, white, yellow and pink group.
- i) Commercial 4-H Chicken classes:
 - 1) Pullets: two female birds hatched between ***August 1st** and May 1st
 - 2) Hens: two female birds in laying condition hatched before ***August 1st** of current year
- j) Description of Commercial/Layer classes:
 - 1) White Ear Lobe or white shell - pullets or hens
 - 2) Red Ear Lobe or brown shell - pullets or hens
- k) Meat Type Classes
 - 1) Two Cornish type weighing 5 lbs, each or more
 - 2) Must be from club group order.
- l) 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 poultry project by **May 9, 2025** to allot time for pairing with an older 4-H member & their animal.

4-H STANDARD EXHIBITION CLASSES (LARGE FOWL):

- a) A 4-H'er may enter for show a maximum of one entry per class for a total of 24 birds.
- b) Judging will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association
- c) Description of classes by age:
 - Cock - a male bird hatched prior to ***August 1, 2024**
 - Hen - a female bird hatched prior to ***August 1, 2024**
 - Cockerel - a male bird hatched on or after ***August 1, 2024**
 - Pullet - a female bird hatched on or after ***August 1, 2024**
- d) Standards will be broken into six different classes – American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean & All Other Standards

Please visit the [American Poultry Association](#) website to determine your Large Fowls breed & variety to accurately place them in a show class.

4-H BANTAM EXHIBITION CLASSES:

- a) 4-H'er may enter to show a maximum of one entry per class for a total of 24 birds.
- b) Judging will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.
- c) Description of classes by age:
 - Cock - a male bird hatched prior to ***August 1, 2024**
 - Hen - a female bird hatched prior to ***August 1, 2024**
 - Cockerel - a male bird hatched on or after ***August 1, 2024**
 - Pullet - a female bird hatched on or after ***August 1, 2024**
- d) Bantam Exhibition classes are broken down into 5 different classes – Game, Modern Game, Single Comb Clean Legged (SCCL), Rose Comb Clean Legged (RCCL), All Other Clean Legged (AOCCL) & Feather Legged

Please visit the [American Poultry Association](#) website to determine your Bantams breed & variety to accurately place them in a show class.

4-H PIGEON CLASSES:

- a) A 4-H'er may enter for a maximum of one entry per class for a total of 24 birds.
- b) Birds will be judged on show condition and confirmation to the National Pigeon Association Standards
 - 1) Description of birds by age:
 - Old Cock - Male bird banded prior to **August 1, 2024**
 - Old Hen - Female bird banded prior to **August 1, 2024**
 - Young Cock - Male bird banded on or after **August 1, 2024**
 - Young Hen - Female bird banded on or after **August 1, 2024**
- c) Pigeon classes are broken down into three different types of breeds - Fancy breeds, Sporting breeds & Utility breeds



4-H COMMERCIAL/MEAT PEN WATERFOWL CLASSES:

A 4-H'er may enter a pair of two same breed/variety ducks.

Please visit the [American Poultry Association](#) website to determine your birds breed & variety to accurately place them in a show class.

4-H EXHIBITION WATERFOWL CLASSES:

- a) 4-H'er may enter to show a maximum of one entry per class for a total of 24 birds.
- b) One male and one female constitute one meat pen pair.
- c) One male or female may be shown as a single.
- d) Birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association
 - Old Drake- Male bird hatched prior to **August 1, 2024**
 - Old Duck - Female bird hatched prior to **August 1, 2024**
 - Young Drake - Male bird hatched on or after **August 1, 2024**
 - Young Duck - Female bird hatched on or after **August 1, 2024**

Please visit the [American Poultry Association](#) website to determine your birds breed & variety to accurately place them in a show class.

4-H TURKEY CLASSES

- a) All Turkeys Compete in one of 4 classes - Old Tom, Young Tom, Old Hen & Young Hen

Please visit the [American Poultry Association](#) website to determine your birds breed & variety to accurately place them in a show class.

4-H GUINEA CLASS

Please visit the [American Poultry Association](#) website to determine your birds breed & variety to accurately place them in a show class.

4-H QUAIL CLASS

- a) Shown as 2 birds per cage.

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP:

4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present birds that are clean, healthy, trained and manageable, along with the techniques of proper display. This activity provides an opportunity to competitively demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, conditioning, evaluating and handling poultry. (See 4-H manual number 679, "4-H Poultry Showmanship", available from the county Extension office for details.) **Must be entered in live poultry to participate in showmanship.**

- 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.

SHOW AWARDS:



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| Standard Champions – American Standard, Asiatic Standard, Continental Standard, English Standard, Mediterranean Standard, All Other Standards | Bantam Champions – Game Bantam, Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam, Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam, All Other Comb Clean Legged Bantam, Feather Legged Bantam, Poultry Meat Pen | Waterfowl Champions – Heavy Duck, Medium Duck, Light Duck, Bantam Duck, Heavy Goose, Medium Goose, Light Goose, Duck Meat Pen, Exhibition Turkey, Meat Pen Turkey | Grand Champions – Eggs, Turkey, Waterfowl, Pigeon, Standard, Bantam, Meat Pen-Overall, Layer |
| Best of Show | | | |

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.

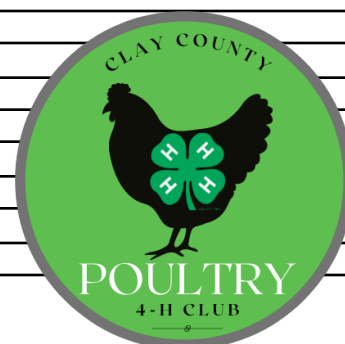
CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

To be in the AUCTION you MUST be in a minimum of 3 entries.

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.

IMPORTANT POULTRY DATES:

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| May 9, 2025 | Mini 4-Her's must be signed up to participate in the Mini poultry show. |
| May 15, 2025 | Deadline to enroll in the Poultry project on 4Honline |
| May 17, 2025 (8:00 AM-10:00 AM) | Poultry Blood Testing at the Fairgrounds |
| May 17, 2025 | All Poultry show entry forms must be turned into the leaders or the Extension Office to be able to show at the fair. |
| TBD | Deadline to register poultry online for the State Fair. |
| July 13 - 19, 2024 | Clay County Fair |
| July 11, 2025 (6:00 PM - 10:00 PM) | Poultry check-in at the Clay County Fair |
| July 12, 2025 (7:00 AM - 9:00 AM) | Poultry check-in at the Clay County Fair |
| July 12, 2025 | Mini 4-H Poultry show |
| July 14, 2025 | Poultry show at the Clay County Fair |
| July 17, 2025 (9:00 PM) | Poultry released |
| July 18, 2025 | Clay County livestock auction |
| August 1 - 17, 2025 | Indiana State Fair |
| August 15 - 17, 2025 | State Fair Poultry shows |





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**.

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.

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.



G. 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.

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.

*****THIS FORM IS DUE AT BLOOD TESTING, NO LATER THAN MAY 17, 2025*****

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ALL CHICKENS & TURKEYS ENTERED TO SHOW MUST BE BLOOD TESTED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SHOW

PIGEONS & WATERFOWL *DO NOT* NEED TO BE BLOOD TESTED

LIST EVERY BIRD THAT YOU POTENTIALLY MAY SHOW AT THE CLAY COUNTY 4-H FAIR (ONE BIRD PER LINE)

INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION REGARDING EACH BIRD: CLASS, BREED, COLOR, SEX, SIZE

ANY BIRD THAT IS **NOT LISTED ON THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW - NO EXCEPTIONS!**

VISIT THE APA WEBSITE FOR HELP WITH IDENTIFYING BREEDS & VARIETIES: <https://tinyurl.com/yrmemm8w>

STANDARD CLASSES: AMERICAN, ASIATIC, ENGLISH, MEDITERRANEAN, CONTINENTAL, ALL OTHER BREEDS

BANTAM CLASSES: GAME, SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED (SCCL), ROSE COMB CLEAN LEGGED (RCCL), ALL OTHER CLEAN LEGGED (AOCL), FEATHER LEGGED

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2025 CLAY COUNTY 4-H POULTRY IDENTIFICATION FORM

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