

March 10, 2025

Attention: Any 4-H Rabbits 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 Rabbit Project Members

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

2025 RABBIT MEMBER ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES: Once again, we will be enrolling all rabbits through 4-H Online via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is https://v2.4honline.com/. There are NO paper rabbit enrollment forms. Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your rabbits online. You will need the tattoo, birthday, sex and breed to complete the entry. If you need any extra assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office. If you have any questions about the breed of your animal, please contact your rabbit leader. It is very important that everyone is in the correct classes at the fair.

- **1.** Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Rabbit requirements in the terms and conditions for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on our website at https://tinyurl.com/ynrkdnpx.
- 2. 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 be open after May 15th and must be completed by July 1st.
- **3.** 4-H'ers who plan to show their rabbits 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

4. INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE: All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the Indiana4-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/39dirhxx
- June 30, 2025 https://tinyurl.com/2vvb8j93

5. <u>4-H RABBIT POSTER PROJECT:</u> If you plan to exhibit a rabbit poster at the Clay County 4-H Fair, please make sure you selected it as one of your projects via your 4-HOnline profile at https://v2.4honline.com/ when enrolling.

Good Luck this year with your 4-H rabbit projects. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

Natalie.

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CLAY COUNTY 4-H RABBITS

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4-H Rabbit Club leaders: Dani Miller – (812)870-4788 (<u>daniella.miller17@yahoo.com</u>) and Derick Modesitt – (812)236-4261 (<u>modesittderick@yahoo.com</u>)

ENROLLMENT:

- a) Members must be enrolled in Clay County 4-H by and in the Clay County 4-H Rabbit Project by May 15th.
- b) Rabbits must be under the continuous care, responsibility, and ownership of the 4-H member by May 15th.
- c) All rabbits must be enrolled via <u>4HOnline</u> by May 15th. Deadline for Show Entries is <u>July 1st</u> and must be completed online at <u>fairentry.com</u>. The online entry must include all animals that are intended to be shown at the fair, including all Meat Classes (Meat Pen, Single Fryer, Roasters, and Stewers), Breeders, and Fur.
- d) Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll rabbits on 4Honline.
- e) At fair check-in, if your rabbit's ID does not match what is enrolled in 4HOnline (variety or gender), they will be shown in an exhibition class and will not be eligible for the Best of Show award.
- f) All Clay County 4-H Rabbit project members are recommended to attend a minimum of four (4) Rabbit Club meetings per year.
- g) ALL show rabbits (meat pen exception) MUST be tattooed by May 15th.
- h) Each Exhibitor is expected to help with Set-up or Clean up during the Fair.
- All animal exhibits: Tattoo in left ear of animal MUST be legible and appear exactly the same as what was entered on 4HOnline.

HEALTH:

- a) At the time of check-in with the Rabbit Superintendent and for the remainder of the time at the fairgrounds, the animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease.
- b) Exhibitors must check **IN** and **OUT** (at entry and release at fair) with the superintendent(s).
- c) DISEASED or UNHEALTHY RABBITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- d) The undersides of rabbits should not be matted.

GROOMING:

NEW FOR 2025

4-H Exhibitors that use groomers for show day assistance at the Clay County 4-H Fair, your groomers <u>WILL NOT</u> 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:

- a) Each 4-H member will be responsible for the care, feeding, watering, and cleaning of their animals during the Fair.
- b) Pens will be assigned by the superintendents. The # of rabbits staying during the fair per exhibitor will be announced after FairEntry is complete.
- c) Members will have a pen fee of no more than \$5 per pen due at the beginning of the fair. Please see your leader for continued communication on this fee.

SHOW:

- a) Each member may show one (1) rabbit per class, per breed.
- b) Rabbits must meet age and weight requirements as specified by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection for each breed/class by the day of the show.
- c) Only A.R.B.A. recognized breeds and Classes will be accepted. All A.R.B.A., County and Club show rules will apply.
- d) On judging day, exhibitors will be responsible for carrying rabbits to and from the judging table.
- e) Grooming will be allowed up to 15 minutes prior to judging time.
- f) All rabbits should only be in the show arena or rabbit barn on show day, not in the bleacher area.
- g) ALL exhibitors are required to stay for the entire judging of all animals. The Superintendent and or 4-H Council must approve any exceptions.
- h) Recommended Show Attire: long sleeve shirt/jacket or club t-shirt, long pants and closed toe shoes.
- i) 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 rabbit project by May 9, 2025 to allot time for pairing with an older 4-H member & their animal.



SHOW CLASSES

a) SIX CLASS:

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- 6-8 Buck
- 6-8 Doe
- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

b) FOUR CLASS:

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- Junior Buck,
- Junior Doe

c) MEAT CLASSES:

- Members may ONLY show one (1) entry in any of the following four Meat classes; Meat Pens (3 rabbits), Single Fryer, Roaster and Stewers.
- 2. A member may enter one or more of the four Meat Classes.
- 3. All entries in the Meat Classes must be listed on 4HOnline by July 1st.
- 4. Rabbits shown in Meat Classes CAN NOT be shown in regular breeding classes.
- 5. Meat Classes will be judged according to A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection

Meat Pens

- Consist of three (3) rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety.
- (2) Each rabbit must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ lbs. and not exceed 5 ½ lbs.
- (3) Rabbits must NOT be over 10 weeks old on the day of show.
- (4) Any meat pen not within the above guidelines cannot be shown, and if disqualified for health reasons, will NOT be eligible to sell at the Auction
- (5) Members are not required to own and provide care for the Dam (of the Meat Pen exhibit).

■ Single Fryer

- (1) Consists of one (1) rabbit.
- (2) Must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ lbs. and not exceed 5 ½ lbs.
- (3) The rabbit must NOT be over 10 weeks of age as of the day of show.

Roasters

- (1) Consist of one (1) rabbit
- (2) Must weigh a minimum of 5 1/2 lbs. and not exceed 9 lbs.
- (3) The rabbit must be under 6 months of age and over as of the day of the show.

Stewers

- (1) Consist of one (1) rabbit
- (2) Minimum weight over 8 pounds.
- (3) The rabbit must be 6 months of age or older as of the day of the show.

d) BREEDERS CLASS (Clay County Born and Raised Rabbits by 4-H Exhibitor):

- 1. Rabbits must have been born at the exhibitor's rabbitry and raised by that exhibitor and listed on 4HOnline.
- 2. Rabbits in this class must be shown **FIRST** in the Regular Class. If it is disqualified in regular class, then it is not eligible to show in the Breeders Class.
- 3. Members may **ONLY** show one (1) rabbit in this class and this entry must be listed on FairEntry WITH a copy of the rabbit's Pedigree presented at check-in. **DO NOT** bring your original pedigree.
- 4. This class will be judged after Regular Classes are judged. Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen.

e) **FUR CLASS:** (to be judged following the Breeders Class judging):

- 1. Members may ONLY show one (1) rabbit in this class and this entry must be listed on the Online Fair Entry (July 1st).
- 2. All 4-H general Rabbit rules do apply.
- 3. Rabbits in this class must be shown FIRST in the Regular Class. If it is disqualified in Regular Class, then it is not eligible to be shown in Fur class.
- 4. Best of each type of Fur will be chosen. Then an overall Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen.
- 5. The fur class will be judged according to the ARBA Standard, which describes the four different types of fur: Normal, Rex, Satin, Wool, and each breed's fur description.

SHOW AWARDS

Champion & Reserve:	Champion & Reserve: • Illustrated Talk	Best In Show	
Champion BBQ Individual: Novice Junior Intermediate Senior	Champion BBQ Team: Novice Junior Intermediate Senior	Champion Ambassador: Novice Junior Intermediate Senior Master	Champion & Reserve: Breeders Class Fryer Fur Class Stewer Meat Pen Roaster

RABBIT ILLUSTRATED TALK

- a) A method by which 4-H'ers can show off their skills and abilities they have learned in the rabbit project.
- b) Same grade levels (divisions) will be used as for the Rabbit Ambassador
- c) Illustrated Talks will be delivered at the beginning of Rabbit Show and judged by rabbit judge.
- d) Illustrated Talk entries must be entered via online at <u>fairentry.com</u> by July 1st.

RABBIT AMBASSADOR CONTEST RULES

- a) Submit entry online at <u>fairentry.com</u> by July 1st.
- b) Any 4-H members enrolled in the Rabbit Project by May 1st of the current year may participate.
- c) Contact leader for procedures and the date and time. Awards and Placing are announced during Rabbit show at 4-H
 County Fair.
- d) Contest has 3 parts: Breed Identification, Written test, and Showmanship.
- e) Five categories are: Novice 4-H member 3rd or 4th grade; Junior 5th or 6th grade; Intermediate 7th or 8th grade; Senior 9th or 10th grade and Master in 11th or 12th grade on January 1st of the current year.
- f) Contestants will be required to move up to the next level either because of grade in school or if they placed 1st in a Rabbit Ambassador category at the State Fair the previous year.
- g) Contestants should have a long-sleeve shirt/jacket and long pants and must provide their own rabbit, clipboard and pencil for the Showmanship section of the contest.
- h) All material for tests comes from the Domestic Rabbit Guide by the ARBA and the ARBA Standard of Perfection.
- i) In case of tie-scores, the highest test score will place higher, or if needed, additional test questions will be added.
- j) Awards will be given for the three top placings in each division.

RABBIT BARBECUE CONTEST

- a) 4-H Rabbit members must enter online at fairentry.com by July 1st.
- b) The 4-H Rabbit Clubs will furnish awards and meat needed.
- c) All contestants will furnish their own barbecue grill (non-electric), fuel, utensils, meat thermometer and sauce.
- d) ONLY the 4-H contestants may do preparation and actual cooking. Adult supervision will be present.
- e) There will be (4) Divisions: Novice Single (grades 3-4), Jr. Single (grades 5-6), Intermediate Single (grades 7-8), Sr. Single (grades 9-12); Novice Team (2 individuals), Junior Team (2 individuals), Intermediate Team (2 individuals), Senior Team (2 individuals). If a team consists of a junior and senior member you must compete in the Senior Team Division.
- f) Meat will be labeled with weight.
- g) There will be a "Finished Time" set.
- h) It is up to contestants to determine how long meat will need to be cooked. Points will be deducted if finished product is not done.
- i) Presentation to the Judges of the finished product SHALL BE on one (1) platter.
- j) A guide line for judging will be: (A) practical equipment, (B) Skill in starting and controlling fuel and using the equipment, (C) Thoroughness of cooking, (D) Time accuracy of doneness to the time to be completed by.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

To exhibit <u>beef cattle</u>, <u>dairy cattle</u>, <u>swine</u>, <u>sheep</u>, <u>goats</u>, <u>poultry and rabbits</u>, 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 <u>online course</u>, you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

Rabbit members may designate any type of 6 Class rabbit for the auction or a meat pen.

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.

REFERENCES:

<u>Purdue Extension Rabbit Project</u> Indiana State Fair Book - Rabbits

IMPORTANT RABBIT DATES:

May 9, 2025	Mini 4-Her's must be signed up to participate in the Mini rabbit show.		
May 15, 2025	Deadline to enroll rabbits 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.		
July 1, 2025	Fair Entry due		
TBD	Deadline to register rabbits online for the State Fair.		
July 6. 2025	Rabbit Ambassador Contest		
July 12 - 18, 2025	Clay County Fair		
July 11, 2025 (6:00 PM - 10:00 PM) Rabbit check-in at the Clay County Fair			
July 12, 2025	Rabbit show at the Clay County Fair		
July 12, 2025	Mini 4-H Rabbit show		
July 17, 2025 (9:00 PM)	Rabbits released		
July 18, 2025	Clay County livestock auction		
August 1 - 17, 2025	Indiana State Fair RABBIT CIUI		
August 8 - 10, 2025	State Fair Rabbit shows & Ambassador Program Clay County		



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 <u>WILL NOT</u> 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 <u>beef cattle</u>, <u>dairy cattle</u>, <u>swine</u>, <u>sheep</u>, <u>goats</u>, <u>poultry and rabbits</u>, 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:
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SHOW PROCEDURES

- A. 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.**
- B. The superintendent will be in charge of assigning livestock pen space.
- C. In livestock classes, placing ribbons will be awarded to the first five placings in each class.
- D. Exhibitors who fail to show required registration papers will show their animals in the Crossbred Class.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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

- A. 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.
- B. All 4-H members are required to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training in order to sell in the livestock auction.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- 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.



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Rabbit Identification

Animal Identification

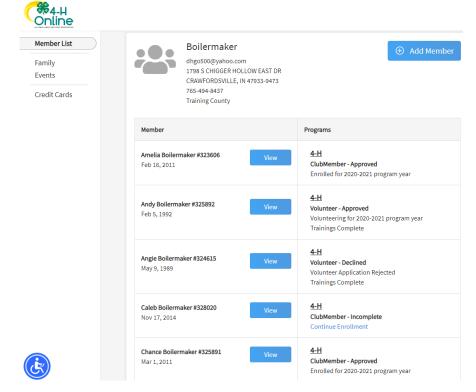
4-H members (Grades 3 - 12) must identify all Rabbits in the 4-H Online system by the species deadline or earlier county deadline if applicable to be eligible for exhibition.

• Rabbits must be entered into 4-H Online no later than May 15.

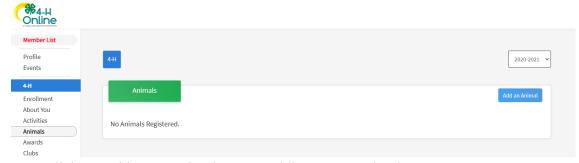
Animal Identification in 4-H Online

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

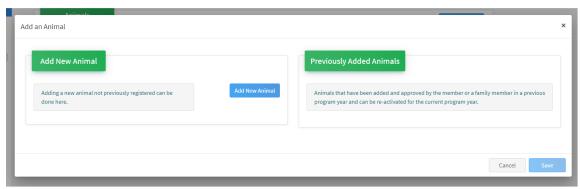
- 1. Login to your family profile at: https://v2.4honline.com using your family email address and password associated with your 4-H enrollment record.
 - a. If you have forgotten your password, please use the 'Reset password' option on the 4-HOnline login page, and you will be sent a new temporary password.
 - 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



- 3. Click Animals in the navigation panel
- 4. Click the blue Add an Animal button.



5. Click on Add New Animal to start adding a new animal.



- 6. Select the appropriate Rabbit animal type from the dropdown menu.
 - a. Rabbit Meat Classes
 - b. Rabbit- 4 Class
 - c. Rabbit 6 Class
- 7. Enter the required Tattoo,
- 8. Click Save.



- 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.

- 13. 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.
- 14. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.
- 15. 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.
- 16. To add more animals for the same member repeat steps 3-15. 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 15th**. 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 stepsiblings). 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.