January 17, 2025

Dear 4-H Dairy Exhibitor,

ALL **DAIRY STEERS** planning to show at the **Hamilton County 4-H Fair and/or Indiana State Fair** must be ear tagged, weighed and identified at the Hamilton County Beef and Dairy ID day on **February 22, 2025** in the Small Animal Barn on the 4-H Fairgrounds from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Snow date is March 1.

**4-H Dairy ID enrollment is completed on-line.** Enclosed you will find an Indiana 4-H Beef/Dairy ID **Worksheet**. Complete this worksheet and bring to Beef/Dairy ID. We will fill in the tag numbers and weights. You will use this worksheet to enter your dairy enrollment online at <https://in.4honline.com> by **May 15**. Please see attached instructions. Each 4-H'er will need to complete Dairy Enrollment online.

Traffic directions for Beef/Dairy Identification: Enter the 4-H Fairgrounds on Clover Road, the north/south road that runs on the east side of the Exhibition Center (connects to Walmart). Turn west on the first east/west road, the one that runs on the north side of the Gravel Lot. Turn south to follow the road as it goes west of the Horse Arena and Cattle Barn. Unload animals on the north end of the Small Animal Barn. (See attached unloading map.) **DO NOT ENTER THROUGH THE WEST ENTRANCE by the Small Animal Barn.**

Enrollment deadline for **registered Dairy females is May 15**. Registered heifers must be identified by the animal's registration number or the dam's registration number, tattoo and RFID tag. The animal's birth date and name must be listed. RFID tags are available at the Extension Office.

**FOR STATE FAIR ENTRIES ONLY**, 4-H’ers who plan to enter dairy cattle at the Indiana State Fair must collect DNA hair samples on each dairy animal they plan to enter for state fair. See enclosed “Beef/Dairy Cattle DNA Hair Sample Collection Instructions” for more information. Collection envelopes will be available at the Beef/Dairy ID and in the Extension Office. Collection envelopes must be hand carried to the Extension Office by **May 15, 2025**.

Do not hesitate to contact Dairy Superintendent Kathleen Herr (317-694-8729) or the Extension Office with questions. If the weather conditions are questionable, contact the Extension Office (317-776-0854) for a recorded message on the status of the ID.

For Youth,

  

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