

February 25, 2025

Dear Swine Member:

It's that time of year again! The 2025 Howard County 4-H Fair is just a few months away. To exhibit your animal at the fair, please ensure that you meet the following requirements:

- **Identify animals in 4-H Online with ear-notch pictures by May 15 at <https://v2.4honline.com/>.**
 - Siblings may co-enroll swine, but the animals must be listed separately on each 4-H member's swine identification in 4-H online.
- **Register animals in Fair Entry from May 17 through June 15 at <https://fairentry.com/>.**
- **Complete QLC (Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care) training by June 1.** Information regarding this training is enclosed.
- **Notch your pig's ears using the standard ear notching system.** This is the only identification system for admission to the Howard County 4-H swine project. If your pigs are not already notched, DO NOT use a baby pig ear notcher. You will need a larger ear notcher, or the ear notches could grow shut. If you are unsure how to read ear notches, have someone help you. The swine superintendent, swine committee, and barn superintendent will all assist. An ear notch chart is enclosed for your reference. If your ear notches do not match at fair time, then you risk the possibility of your animal not being admitted for exhibit.

You may enroll a maximum of 15 barrows and 15 gilts, but you may only show a maximum of three pigs at the Howard County 4-H Fair. The three pigs you show at the fair may be of any combination of barrows and gilts as long as they are registered in 4-H Online and Fair Entry.

Swine check-in is **Monday, July 7 from 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM**. The Howard County 4-H Swine Show is **on Wednesday, July 9, at 8:00 AM**. Health papers are no longer required to exhibit animals at the Howard County 4-H Fair. However, the superintendent will inspect every animal; any unhealthy or contagious animal will NOT be allowed to unload.

STATE FAIR

If you plan to exhibit your animal at the Indiana State Fair, visit <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-competitions-entry-information> for more information. Swine needs must be identified in 4-H Online with pictures of ear notches by May 15. DNA envelopes are also required and are due by May 15 in the Extension Office.

If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 765-456-2313. We're here to help!

Sincerely,

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