

Livestock Ownership and Registration Requirements:

Each 4-H member must continuously own his/her own exhibit from the state enrollment date until show day at the county and/or State Fair. Registration certificates must show that the exhibitor has owned the animal either entirely or in part according to the following methods of registration, continuously from the state enrollment date until show day at the county and/or State Fair.

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-Hers 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 attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline.
8. 4-H breeding beef, Boer goats, dairy goats, sheep, and swine WILL NOT be accepted in the State Fair 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 & Williams Smith' (4-H member), 'Long Oak' & 'William Smith')
9. Horses, ponies, and dairy may be leased, subject to approval of both the county 4-H Horse/Dairy committee and the respective County Extension Educator.
 - For the 4-H dairy cattle, partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are acceptable (i.e. John Doe and William Smith (4-H member), or Long Oak and William Smith, may not be exhibited by more than one person from May 15th until the conclusion of the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. This person must be the exhibitor of the animal in current State Fair 4-H Dairy Show or the animal will be ineligible for this show. 4-H dairy cattle will not be accepted in 4-H classes at the State Fair if they are registered in the father's name only or in the farm name.
 - 4-H Dairy members can show leased heifers in the 4-H Dairy show at the Indiana State Fair. The dairy lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy cows and/or heifers. Only dairy heifers that will be less than two years-of-age at the time of the Indiana State Fair 4-H Dairy Show may be leased. Just like the 4-H Horse and Pony lease program, leasing a dairy heifer will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the heifer, regardless of where the heifer is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15 until the 4-H Dairy Show at the Indiana State Fair.

- Leased 4-H dairy heifers must be registered (to be shown at the Indiana State Fair 4-H Dairy show, although it is not necessary to have the registration paper transferred to the 4-H member's name) by May 15th and their registration paper and a lease agreement signed by them and the person they are leasing the heifer from. The lease agreement must be placed in the country office by May 15. The 4-H member must bring the original copy with them to the State Fair check-in if going to the State Fair.

10. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the animal enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair, shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.
11. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal deadline (May 15th for all animals) at any show by anyone other than the 4-H member that enrolled the animal will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Montgomery County Fair and/or Indiana State Fair. 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 State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. **Horse and Pony members need to refer to Horse and Pony ownership rules for County and State Fair eligibility.** For animal projects without statewide enrollment requirements, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animal.
12. 4-H animals are expected to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them (unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the county 4-H Inc.) from the animal enrollment deadline until the conclusion of the county and/or State Fair.