

Perry County 4-H Handbook

Perry County 4-H Fair, July 11-14, 2025

Congratulations!!

You are now part of one of our county's most educational and exciting activities.

4-H is directed through the Cooperative Extension Service, Perry County 4-H Council and Purdue University. Mini 4-H is for youth grades K-2, and 4-H is open to all youth in grades 3-12 as of January of the current calendar year.

4-H is open to all youth regardless of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or place of residence. The 4-H program is governed by the Perry County 4-H Council, which sets policies and guidelines for the local 4-H youth program within the framework of Indiana 4-H. The Perry County 4-H Fairgrounds Committee is a separate organization which governs the 4-H fairgrounds, maintenance of the fairgrounds, and sets the 4-H fair activities in conjunction with the 4-H Council.

This handbook contains information about the 4-H program and information about exhibits at the Perry County 4-H Fair. Please read this handbook carefully and refer to it throughout the year. The Perry County 4-H Council and Extension Staff are happy to answer any questions you might have.

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Gatchel

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St. Marks

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Items Needed for Exhibits

When projects are turned in at the fair, you will need to include **My Record of Achievement**: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/4-h-620-record-of-achievement.docx> and the **4-H Survey**.

A link to the survey will be emailed to members in the summer.

My Record of Achievement: This should be completed each year. Keep one for your records and turn one in at fair time. Record all activity for the year on this form. A link to download it from the Indiana 4-H website is above.

4-H Survey: This form should be completed online or turned in with your My Record of Achievement form. Do not put your name on this form as it is used for anonymous reporting purposes. The link for the survey will be sent prior to the fair.

Project Guidelines: 4-H'ers were provided with the project guidelines for the projects they enrolled in, so they are not included in the handbook. All non-animal projects except Freestyle follow the Indiana 4-H guidelines. They can be found here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html> This website includes record sheets and skills cards to be exhibited with fair projects as well as other project resources. These guidelines may be updated throughout the year, so youth are encouraged to check this website before completing their projects.

4hOnline: Located here: <https://v2.4honline.com> This is your portal to enroll in 4-H and select projects and activities that you want to participate in. The annual enrollment window is Oct. 1-Jan. 15. When selecting projects, you choose a project topic, such as photography.

Fair Entry: If you are exhibiting projects at the fair, this is the website where you enter the projects that you are bringing: <http://perrycountyindiana.fairentry.com/> At this website you list the specific type of project such as color prints or salon print. Be specific in the description so that if the tag comes off of your project, we can determine who it belongs to and the correct project tag is prepared for you. The deadline to enter projects is June 20th.

Please read this 4-H Handbook thoroughly and refer to <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/about/policies-and-procedures/index.html> for additional policies and procedures. Perry County 4-H follows Indiana 4-H policies and procedures.

Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. Good luck with your 4-H year!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Perry County 4-H follows Indiana 4-H Policies and Procedures. These are posted here:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/about/policies-and-procedures/index.html>

Indiana 4-H Program Philosophy

The Indiana 4-H program serves the youth of Indiana by providing a strong educational youth development program. This program delivers educational experiences in a variety of settings. Caring, capable and contributing adults assist in the 4-H program as models for youth. The rich heritage of the 4-H program is one to be valued and passed along to future generations.

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The Indiana 4-H Youth Policy and Procedures Book sets out certain standards and guidelines to be used to assure that 4-H is a positive youth development program. County 4-H policy is guided by the county 4-H policy making or governing board (4-H Council) as provided by the County Extension Board. Legal authority for the 4-H program rests with the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at Purdue University. No county 4-H policy may conflict with state 4-H policy or with federal guidelines and requirements.

Deadlines for county and state participation should be carefully constructed so as to encourage rather than to discourage participation. Such deadlines should be well published. Members not complying with established and published dates and deadlines for exhibition may be denied the opportunity to exhibit.

It is the policy of 4-H to be an inclusive organization. No county policy or practice should be used to arbitrarily exclude youth from either membership or participation. Youth should participate in 4-H Youth Development opportunities at levels and times that best suit the youth's development and support family involvement.

Per state and federal guidelines, volunteers and Extension Educators may not require youth to attend 4-H club meetings in order to complete 4-H or exhibit their work.

4-H Mission and Vision

4-H Mission: The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and world.

4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

4-H Eligibility

Purdue Extension is part of the College of Agriculture at Purdue University, cooperating with Indiana's 92 Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture. The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of Purdue University and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Youth may become 4-H members when they enter the third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) consecutive years.

Exceptions:

1. Youth who enroll in grade three and are advanced academically (thus graduating early) may continue for a total of 10 years ONLY if the enrollment occurs in consecutive years.
2. Those youth who are academically advanced and "skip" 3rd grade, may begin the program as a 4th grader and may continue for a total of 10 years ONLY if the enrollment occurs in consecutive years.
3. Those youth who enroll in grade three and are retained a grade in school may continue to progress through the 4-H Program by adding subsequent years of participation, but MAY NOT exceed 10 years of

participation. For example, if a member is retained one year in school (public, private, or home), their final year of 4-H membership would conclude the summer following their junior year of high school.

4. Those youth who entered the program in 3rd grade and for one reason or another leave formal education prior to the completion of 12th grade may continue for a total of 10 years ONLY if the enrollment occurs in consecutive years.

NOTE: 10 years of membership in the 4-H Youth Development Program is an opportunity --- not an entitlement. Those youth who do not enroll as 3rd grade students or meet the exceptions above, conclude their involvement with the program during the summer immediately following the completion of their senior year in high school.

An individual's 4-H grade is determined by the school grade in which he or she is classified at the time of year he or she enrolls in 4-H. A member does not advance in 4-H grade until he or she enrolls in 4-H for the subsequent year. Each member should enroll in the division of a project/subject that would best suit his/her interest and potential for personal growth and would enhance their family involvement.

Opportunities in the 4-H program are available to all Indiana youth as defined regardless of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disability. Married young men and women of 4-H age may participate in any of the 4-H projects and activities. However, married persons must participate by the same terms and conditions and/or guidelines as unmarried participants. Membership in 4-H is gained by annually enrolling through a Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service Office located in each of Indiana's 92 counties.

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development program year is October 1 to September 30 annually. Enrollment is an annual process attained by completing individual 4-H enrollment via the 4-H Online enrollment process. Statewide 4-H Online enrollment occurs annually October 1.

MINI 4-H

Mini 4-H is a program designed to encourage positive development of children, Kindergarten through second grade. Mini 4-H is available in the majority of counties in Indiana. The goal of Mini 4-H is to help young children explore friendships outside the family; explore the way in which things work; practice both small and large muscle control; and think about the ways people work together on projects.

The NON-COMPETITIVE learning environment for Mini 4-H includes:

1. Planned learning activities in which children are invited to be active and explore materials and ideas without the pressure of completing a specific product or exhibit.
2. Low adult/leader to child ratio that allows time for adults/leaders to provide individual, positive encouragement and assistance.
3. Simple, interesting activities that are fun.
4. Encouragement of children to participate in a group activity by sharing and or displaying their activity projects.
5. Rewards that are identical and/or ribbons of the same color for everyone.

DO NOT JUDGE projects, but instead discuss them with the child.

NOTE: Purdue University and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program do not support, endorse, or encourage 4-H programming for children prior to Kindergarten. 4-H Youth Development Extension staff members and 4-H Volunteers may not offer, or encourage others to offer, programming for children prior to Kindergarten.

Youth Needing Special Assistance

4-H programs should be designed to consider the needs of participants to create a sense of belonging and feeling of inclusion among all youth. Accommodations may include youth with special needs (e.g., cognitive, learning, physical differences), or there may be other accommodations requested. The 4-H Health Form asks for this information. For accommodations or requests, please contact the Purdue Extension 4-H Youth Educator for any actions which may be necessary or appropriate.

A series of **Inclusive 4-H resources** are available on the Indiana 4-H Website to help staff, volunteers, and families provide the best opportunities possible for all youth regardless of their level of abilities.

Residence

Indiana youth typically enroll in 4-H Youth Development programs in the county or state in which they reside. However, individuals living in one county may join 4-H in another county. There must be educational or social reasons for an individual joining 4-H in a different county than that of their primary residence. During a single program year, a 4-H member enrolled in a given project may enroll and exhibit that project only in one county of enrollment.

In the event that a project is not offered in the county of primary 4-H enrollment, a 4-H member may enroll in that specific project in a different county. Approval of this special exception rests with the 4-H Extension Educator in consultation with the State 4-H Office. Participation in 4-H related activities and events (i.e., judging, performing arts, auction) must be in the county of primary 4-H enrollment.

The above policy is not intended to provide an escape mechanism for 4-H members and families who are unwilling to follow the terms and/or conditions in their current county of 4-H membership. Decisions regarding 4-H membership in a non-resident county (a county you do not live in), rest with the 4-H Extension Educator in the receiving county in consultation with the State 4-H Office.

Perry County 4-H Enrollment

Youth are enrolled in 4-H when they have completed the current year's enrollment and paid all fees. Members in grades 3-12 pay \$20 with a maximum of \$60 per family household address. K-2nd grade members pay \$5 each. If a family has already paid \$60 fee, the Mini 4-H fee will be waived. Again, no family will pay more than \$60 total per household address.

All youth must complete an enrollment form (online or paper) with permissions indicated and pay the fee to be officially enrolled in 4-H.

Projects may be added or dropped until May 15 for livestock projects and June 1 for all other projects. Contact the Extension office or complete the add/drop process via the 4H Online system.

Members may enroll using the 4H Online system. Early enrollment is encouraged to ensure the full benefits of 4-H. Paper enrollment forms may be obtained from the Extension office, if online enrollment is not possible.

Perry County 4-H Fair Rules

1. The exhibit guidelines are posted on the Indiana 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>
2. For safety purposes any exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or look like a weapon will be judged but will not be displayed.
3. Exhibit tags must be attached to projects.
4. Blue, red, or white ribbons will be given to all exhibitors on the basis of quality of completed exhibit at the fair. The judge will be asked to comment on quality (blue, red, white) verbally or on the scorecard. Mini's projects are not competitively judged and receive participation ribbons. Ribbons will be awarded only to members who exhibit at the 4-H fair.
5. Posters must be displayed horizontally (**except for salon prints**), mounted on firm backing, (cardboard or foam board)

- and covered with clear plastic. See Poster Pointers for more information.
6. One copy of the Record of Achievement Card must be brought up to date each year. The second copy must be left at the Fair Office in the basement of the 4-H Building or when exhibits are entered during project check in. This is your complete 4-H Record. Be sure to fill out both sides.
 7. 4-H members receiving champion, reserve champion, grand champion, and reserve grand champion ribbons are eligible to participate in the Parade of Champions.
 8. 4-H'ers are expected to do their own work.
 9. If only one project is in a division, and that exhibit displays a championship quality, a champion ribbon may be given.
 10. **No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the Fairgrounds.**
 11. No one other than authorized 4-H volunteers may operate fairgrounds equipment including ATV's, tractors, and mowers. Youth must wear an approved helmet when riding on an ATV.
 12. Lights and night watchperson are provided each night during the fair.
 13. No horseplay is allowed in barns including, but not limited to, use of water balloons, noisemakers, water guns, pop guns or any other object that shoots a projectile of any type.
 14. Please follow all 4-H Handbook policies. Fair check-in volunteers are not responsible to make sure policies have been followed. If there is a question about a requirement when projects are checked in, consult an Extension Educator.
 15. **Policy Regarding Overnight Stay at 4-H Fairgrounds:** The Perry County Fairgrounds and 4-H Council Committee have adopted the policy and ask that all 4-H families abide by the policy as follows:

There is no liability coverage provided to 4-H volunteers and staff during overnight stays at fairs unless each 4-H'er is accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian at all times. The time normally associated with overnight is that time when the fair shuts down for the evening or by midnight and until early morning feeding of animals (early morning is normally construed as morning light in our summer season). Adults/volunteers officially assigned to watch 4-H projects overnight at county/state fairs are still covered by Purdue University liability insurance. However, this is not to be confused with aforementioned policy regarding 4-H youth. County 4-H councils and Extension Boards and /or fair boards not abiding by this policy do so at their own risk and should seek their own liability insurance.

The safety and well-being of 4-H youth is our primary concern. The mission of 4-H is education. Overnight stays at fairgrounds do nothing to further that mission.

In staying in line with the above policy and to ensure the safety and well-being of all involved, the following policy for Perry County 4-H has been enacted. **Any child wishing to stay overnight must complete an Overnight Stay application and must have it approved. No one will be allowed to stay overnight without undergoing this process.** Return the application to the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. June 15. No late forms will be accepted. See the following for more information.

Rules for Staying Overnight

at the Perry County 4-H Fairgrounds

For animal exhibitors only: Beef, Swine, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Horse & Pony, Rabbits, Poultry, Pigeons.

1. The 4-H Council, 4-H Fairgrounds Committee and 4-H Livestock Committee want no part in making rules which will hinder or enhance the judging of animals, but the following are set to bring order and safety for those who are in the barns throughout the 4-H Fair.
2. A **parent** or **legal guardian** must accompany 4-H'er(s) overnight from midnight to daylight each day. **NOTE:** A legal guardian is defined as an adult who has been appointed by a judge to take care of a minor child. **4-H'er must have an animal on exhibit in order to stay overnight.** Non-4-H members are not allowed to stay overnight unless it is a child of the adult in charge of an animal exhibitor 4-H member.
3. If 4-H'ers abuse any animal or do not properly care for their animal(s), the 4-H'er and animal(s) **will be sent home.**
4. All parties, showers, etc. must be over by 12 midnight.
5. Lights out will be 12 midnight. All 4-H members and adults must be in their campers at this time.
6. There will be no leaving the campers (except for restroom use) after lights out. Parents must accompany youth to restrooms.
7. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed on 4-H property. Any person in the possession of alcohol or illegal drugs will be sent home immediately and will not be allowed to return to the 4-H fairgrounds.
8. No horseplay is allowed in any barns.
9. In order to stay overnight, the 4-H'er and parent(s) must be approved by 4-H Council to stay prior to the fair. The deadline each year shall be set and advertised in the handbook. After 4-H Council meets, each application to stay overnight will be reviewed. If overnight stay is approved, a permit will be issued that must be displayed in a visible spot in the vehicle windshield the entire stay at the fairgrounds. It will be issued at animal check in.
10. The Perry County 4-H Council, 4-H Fairgrounds Committee, 4-H Livestock Committee or any of its representatives cannot be held responsible for actions taken by 4-H'ers, and/or parents/legal guardians which result in injury to body and/or property.
11. The 4-H Council, 4-H Fairgrounds Committee, 4-H Livestock Committee and any Extension staff reserves the right to dismiss individuals from the 4-H Fairgrounds for failure to abide by rules.
12. A list of overnight campers will be provided to security personnel during 4-H Fair.
13. Overnight campers must be self-sufficient, and are not to tap into water or electricity of the 4-H Fairgrounds, as it is not set up as a camping facility.
14. Everyone staying overnight must adhere to all handbook rules, including but not limited to rules on parking and all behavioral criteria.

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Perry County 4-H Livestock Member 4-H Fair

Overnight Stay Application 2025

(Adopted December 7, 2010)

You must obtain permission to stay on the Perry County 4-H Fairgrounds overnight. To obtain permission, this form must be filled out and must be signed by the 4-H member and by the parent/legal guardian who will be staying with the member. **This form must be submitted to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. June 15. No late forms will be accepted.** Make a copy for your file.

I give permission for my child to stay overnight at the 4-H Fair. **I understand that the child's parent/legal guardian must accompany the 4-H'er(s) at all times from midnight to daylight.** **NOTE:** A legal guardian is defined as an adult who has been appointed by a judge to take care of a minor child.

Signature of this permit designates that the "signed" has read the "rules for staying overnight", consents to all provisions, and also agrees to abide by rules. **This is your warning. When the rules are broken, involved persons will be sent home immediately.**

When signing for your child to stay, you agree that you as a parent/legal guardian will chaperone your child/children from midnight to daylight each night your child/children stay at the 4-H Fair. **ANY 4-H'ER WITHOUT PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN PRESENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY OVERNIGHT. IF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST LEAVE FOR ANY REASON 4-H'ERS MUST ALSO LEAVE.**

(All info below is required to be filled out)

4-H Member Signature _____

Date _____

Animal Project(s) Exhibited _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Emergency Phone Number(s): _____

Make and Model of camper and vehicle that will be used during fair for overnight stay:

Trailer/camper width (not counting awning) : _____

Trailer/camper Length _____

Approval of turning in this form by Extension Educator:

_____ Date: _____

The 4-H Council hereby APPROVES DENIES this overnight request.

Date: _____

Poster Pointers

(Does not apply to Minis. See Mini's section for information.)

1. Fasten foam board or **heavy** cardboard to your poster to add stiffening for exhibiting. **Cardboard and Foam Board are sold in the Extension Office while supplies last.**
2. Your poster **must** be covered with plastic or other transparent materials. Exceptions: Some project exhibits should have a slot cut in the plastic covering or be left loose at sides or put on after the project is judged. (For example: Geology. Check your exhibit guidelines. **Plastic sleeve covering is sold in the Extension Office while supplies last.**
3. Your poster exhibit **must be 22 inches by 28 inches**, unless specified differently in the project manual, **and displayed horizontally, except for salon prints.**
4. Put small tag in bottom right-hand corner with name, grade, and club.
5. When exhibits are checked in at the fair, exhibitors are given a printed tag that is 5.5" x 3" and will be displayed vertically. Leave this space blank on your poster. The exhibit tag is placed in the **lower right-hand corner of all posters.** Place the exhibit tag on outside of the plastic.
6. Colored poster board is acceptable. Look in the specific project guidelines for exceptions.

Educational Displays

An educational display consists of a display board and/or an actual experiment exhibited within a 2 x 3 feet area. The exhibit should include a short narrative containing a description of what the experiment shows and a statement telling why the concept exhibited is important and how it will be used.

General Information

All posters, notebooks, and display boards: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit.** This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the **manner** in which references are listed.

Leaders, Junior Leaders and 4-H Council are expected to help check in the 4-H exhibits and help at judging. A listing of assignments will be sent. Please call the Extension Office if you cannot work.

If your club did a community project and you wish to do a display on it, bring it in when you check in. Leave it at the Fair Office in the basement.

Be sure that all **Mini 4-H projects (except animals) are entered at the designed time for building project entries** in the main building in the Mini category. Write "Mini" on exhibit tag where it has a space for division. Mini 4-H'ers do not compete for the State Fair.

Note – There are grade divisions in some projects. Be sure you are entered in correct group. The 4-H'er should be entered in the grade group according to their grade in January of the current year. For instance, if they are in the 5th grade in January, then at the time of the 4-H Fair, they should be entered in the 5th grade group. **If you wish to exhibit in a division other than what is recommended for your grade level, contact the Extension office.**

Ribbons will be placed on the projects at the Fair.

Project score cards will be available for pick up in the Fair Office.

Project manuals are provided as a reference and to assist youth in learning about the project. They contain valuable, grade-appropriate, reliable information. While completion of activities is voluntary and will not be checked, completing them is recommended.

If a member loses a project manual, *they may purchase a replacement manual at the current cost.* **At the time each 4-H member receives their project manuals from their leader, it is the member's responsibility to make sure they have all their manuals.** The Extension office maintains a record of manuals each member received in previous years. If a member will need the project manual in following years, it is the member's responsibility to keep it. If you

do not use your manual and have not written in it, please turn it in to the Extension office or to the fair office with a sticky note with your name on it so we know who turned it in so you will receive credit for its return.
Minis need to keep their project manuals, or they will be charged to replace it the following year.

Fair Awards

Blue ribbon: Meets all project requirements and excellence in project work was achieved.

Red ribbon: Failed to meet project requirements and/or needs some improvement.

White ribbon: Failed to meet project requirements and needs significant improvement.

Honor ribbon: Was not selected for champion or reserve champion, but work was excellent and went beyond what was required of the project.

Champion ribbon: Best blue-ribbon project in this division.

Reserve Champion ribbon: Second-best blue-ribbon project in this division.

Grand Champion ribbon: best project of all divisions of this project.

Reserve Grand Champion ribbon: Second best project of all divisions of this project.

Grand Champions, Reserve Grand Champions, Champions and Reserve Champions as well as honor ribbon placings may be picked from blue ribbon winners. There will be only one grand champion and one reserve grand champion selected in each project area. Champions and reserve champions are selected in each division/age group where projects were awarded blue ribbons. Red and white ribbon projects are not eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion awards.

State Fair: "Selected for State Fair" stickers may be awarded in each of the non-animal projects, provided classes are available at the State Fair. Those chosen to exhibit at the state fair will receive information from the Extension office after the fair on exhibiting at the state fair.

Minis will receive a special Mini 4-H participation ribbon for their projects. The above award explanations do not apply to Minis.

4-H Ambassadors

What is a 4-H Ambassador?

4-H Ambassadors are 4-H members who represent Perry County 4-H as they promote the 4-H program to local residents. Audiences can include school groups, civic organizations, government officials, senior citizens, donors, business people, or any other group or individual interested in learning about 4-H. They are role models for other youth.

What are the benefits of being a 4-H Ambassador?

Increase your knowledge of 4-H.

Improve your self-confidence.

Improve your communication skills.

Gain new leadership skills.

Gain more awareness of your own strengths and capabilities.

Enjoy getting others excited about 4-H.

Will receive an ambassador's shirt.

What do Ambassadors do?

The following is a list of some of the activities that 4-H Ambassadors may do.

Emcee county 4-H events such as Performing Arts Contest, Opening Ceremonies at the fair, Parade of Champions, and other 4-H events.

Assist judges at the county fair.

Distribute ribbons at the county fair.

Assist with planning and conducting Fun Day events at the fair.

Set up 4-H displays and/or booths at county events.

Appear in community parades, festivals, and events.

Give presentations to groups of youth and adults.

Promote 4-H on the radio and television.

Write 4-H promotions for the newspaper.
Take photos and/or videos at 4-H events.
Work with other Ambassadors to complete a 4-H promotion activity, project, or event.

Examples of Presentations

Make presentations to 4-H clubs.
Make presentations at Back-to-School events to promote 4-H.
Assist with 4-H recruitment activities in schools and at community events.
Give speeches to civic groups like Kiwanis to explain and promote 4-H.

What are the qualifications to become a 4-H Ambassador?

Perry County 4-H member.
In grades 6-12 in January of the current year.
Willing to learn about the 4-H program.
Be comfortable speaking in front of large and small groups of adults and youth.
Desire to promote the 4-H program.
Make a commitment of time and energy to attend speaking engagements, 4-H functions, and promotional events.
Commitment to serve one year as a 4-H Ambassador.

What is the application and selection process?

1. Complete application by posted deadline. This includes a letter of recommendation from your club leader.
2. Complete the interview process.
3. Give a 3–5-minute speech to a public audience at the Ambassador Contest. The speech topic is **4-H: The Leaders of Tomorrow**.

Up to four youth will be selected to serve: two from grades 6-8 and two from grades 9-12.

Times for the 2025 Perry County 4-H Fair Project check-in and check-out (dates/times)

Due in Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. **June 20.** Consumer Clothing Notebook, Creative Writing and Genealogy

Judging Date: TBA Consumer Clothing, and Ambassador and Jr. Leader Interviews, Fashion Revue, Ambassador Speeches, and Creative and Expressive Arts

Community Judged Projects:

Projects checked in: **Monday, July 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** (5:00pm-5:30 will be check in for those whose parents are helping with project check-in)

Project check out: **Monday, July 14, 4:00--7:00 p.m.**

Aerospace	Arts and Crafts	Construction Toys	Cake Decorating
Electric	Foods	Model Crafts	Photography
Sewing	Shooting Sports	Woodworking	

Note: Community judged projects mean the member will talk to a judge during judging of the project. **Parents are not to converse with the judge. All questions must be answered by the 4-H member.**

Non-Community Judged Projects:

Projects checked in: **Monday, July 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** (5:00pm-5:30 will be check in for those whose parents are helping with project check-in)

Project check out: **Monday, July 14, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Animal Education	Architectural Replicas (inc. Farm Scenes)	ATV Safety
Beekeeping	Bicycle	Child Development
Computer	Entomology	Floriculture
Forestry	Garden	Geology
Health	Home Environment	Leadership
Small Engine	Soil and Water Science	Sportfishing
Tractor and Mower Safety	Veterinary Science	Weather
Wildlife		

Live Animals

Beef, Boer Goat, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Horse and Pony, Pigeons, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine

Entered: Thursday, July 10 from 4-8:00 p.m.

Eggs will be checked in on Sunday, July 13 from Noon to 12:30 pm in the Poultry cage area. Eggs will be released to be taken home at the conclusion of the Poultry show.

Check-out for Horse and Pony, Rabbit, Poultry, and Pigeons: Monday, July 14 immediately after the conclusion of the livestock auction.

Check-out for all other livestock: Monday, July 14, one hour after the conclusion of the livestock auction.

All pens must be cleaned by Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: See livestock section for information on release times outside of these times.

Cat Judging: TBA

Grand Champion Photos

If you receive a Grand Champion in any project and want your photo in the newspaper, you must turn it in to the Extension Office no later than Friday, July 18.

Photos should be a headshot only. Put your name on the back of the photograph.

Photos may be turned in to the fair office during the fair. Photos submitted after this deadline may not appear in the newspaper. **DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS TO THE NEWS OFFICE.**

Parade of Champions and Fair Awards

Anyone who receives the following awards is encouraged to participate in the Parade of Champions: champion, reserve champion, grand champion, or reserve grand champion.

Other awards and recognitions will be presented at this time, including recognition of seniors and Skill-a-thon winners, so everyone is encouraged to attend.

The event will be held on Monday, July 14 at 3:00 p.m. at the outdoor stage area.

Project Guidelines

Guidelines and resources for all State Fair eligible projects are posted here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>

County Only Projects

4-H Junior Leaders

Any 4-H member in Perry County who is in grades 7-12 is invited to join the Jr. Leaders Club and complete the project.

To complete the project, Junior Leaders must help with Jr. Leader fundraisers, 4-H Project Check-in, and participate in at least four community service projects during the year. Example: Nursing Home Visit, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Angel Store Shopping, River Sweep, and others throughout the year. At least one community service project must be a Jr. Leader Community Service project. These projects must be listed in the Jr. Leader resume.

Junior Leaders must submit a 4-H Resume and cover letter *and* participate in an interview each year to complete.

Creative and Expressive Arts: Live Demonstration

Level 1 - Grades 3-5

Level 2 - Grades 6-8

Level 3 - Grades 9-12

Live Judging of all Creative and Expressive Arts projects except Creative Writing will be during the Fashion Revue Contest. You must be present to participate in this project.

The purpose of this project is to have fun singing or playing music or performing dance. Dance activities include guard and drill team as well as tap, clogging, line, square, ballet, ballroom, and similar activities. All music activities and church music as well as others are included. Other ideas include but not limited to: clean comedy, instrumental, cheer, dance, color guard, and gymnastics.

This project does not involve a required talent contest or public performance other than the contest judging.

Judging will be on presentation, originality and creativity.

Performances to be no more than five minutes long. Participants must bring their own instruments and props and clean up the area after the performance. No live animals may be used.

Freestyle

The 4-H General Record Sheet must be turned in with your exhibit.

This project is for youth who want to create an item that doesn't fit any other project category, and they don't want their project judged against a set criterion. Exhibitors will receive feedback from a judge during community judging. Participation ribbons only will be awarded.

Exhibit Guidelines:

This project cannot fit into any other category or division of 4-H projects. If it is determined that it fits into another project area, you will not be allowed to exhibit in the Freestyle Project but may exhibit in the other project category.

Exhibit options for Freestyle include: Binder, Display, Flash Drive, Notebook, or Created Item. Completed record sheet must be included with the project. When entering the project in Fair Entry, a complete description of the project is required.

Created Items:

Create an item no larger than 36"x 36" for display. Items larger than this must be approved in advance by the 4-H Council. For oversized projects, a written project proposal must be turned in to the Extension Office by June 6.

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

Register as: Level 1: Grades 3, 4 & 5
 Level 2: Grades 6, 7 & 8
 Level 3: Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Project Suggestions Include: Abraham Lincoln, ATV Safety, Astronomy, Dance, Explore a Career, Hobbies, In-Depth Study of a Subject, Music, Sports, State or County Heritage, Theater, Train Set, Videos, Yard Improvement, etc. If you exhibit a video, you must have it saved to a flash drive.

You may not exhibit a live animal.

Interactive Demonstration

Interactive Demonstrations are a fun way to share what you have learned with others. The key is getting your audience involved in doing what you are doing, not just showing them. Interactive Demonstrations can be given anywhere there are a lot of people, such as a county or state fair, a store, or any community event. A 4-H meeting is also a great place to give a demonstration.

Any 4-H member may participate in the Interactive Demonstration.

This is designed for the novice person, and the topic can be related to any 4-H project. The 4-H member will provide a short demonstration of no more than 3 minutes that will actively engage members of the audience in a how-to-do skill development.

Examples include, but are not limited to, how to use a measuring cup, how to use a ruler, how to knead dough, how to clean grooming clippers, how to crop a photo, etc.

Props are permitted.

Live animals and computer-generated displays are not permitted.

Although participants will not be judged, an adult will watch the 4-H member's interactive demonstration and will provide feedback to the member.

It is recommended you select a topic that centers around a 4-H project in one of your project manuals.

Contact the Extension office to schedule a time for your demonstration at the county fair.

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4-H

Guidelines for Mini 4-H'ers

1. Children in grades K-2 may enroll. Grade is determined on January 1 of current year.
2. Each child may exhibit *no more than five* completed projects at the Perry County 4-H Fair (*three of which may be live animals, but only one of the three may be owned by the Mini 4-H member. They may exhibit up to two other animals that are enrolled by Perry County 4-H members and exhibited at the fair. They must obtain permission of the animals' owners to show their animals*) at the 4-H Fair.
3. Bring all exhibits on *Monday, July 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.*, except for animals. They will be checked in on Thursday, July 10 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
4. Exhibits entered by Mini 4-H'ers should be indicated with a Mini 4-H label so that the exhibit may be displayed in the proper area. Labels are provided at the check-in table under the shelter across from the 4-H Building.
5. Mini 4-H'ers are limited to *one animal owned by them, and up to two other animals, owned and enrolled by current Perry County 4-H members*, and they will be shown in a separate Mini 4-H class. *Animals owned by Mini 4-H members will not be sold at auction but can be sold to the market or returned home.*
6. Mini 4-H members must have the approval of the Livestock Committee to bring an animal to the Perry County 4-H Fair. Members must adhere to the following Safety Guidelines.
7. Mini 4-H animal projects exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet the same health requirements as animals exhibited by youth in grades 3-12.
8. *Mini 4-H'ers' exhibiting swine must have an immediate family member that has completed Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training, YQCA training or is PQA+ Certified.*
9. Each Mini 4-H'er will receive a Mini 4-H ribbon for each completed project.
10. All projects will be exhibited as a group in the Exhibit Building, except livestock which will be housed with the other livestock.
11. Mini 4-H'ers are not eligible for a completion pin.

Safety Policy for Mini 4-H Members

The safety and well-being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. Although kindergarten is specified as the time when a child may begin participation in some 4-H events and activities, parents are encouraged to take into consideration their child's physical and mental development before agreeing to let the child begin to show, work with, or care for animals. Each child matures at a different rate, and children in grades K-2 may still be too young to begin showing, working with, or caring for animals.

The State 4-H Youth Program at Purdue University has agreed to allow Mini 4-H members in grades K-2, to participate in some animal projects subject to certain conditions. These conditions are specified below.

Each county may determine its own NON-COMPETITIVE programs, classes, and participation requirements subject to the following safety guidelines:

"Mini 4-H members, in grades K through 2, will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animal projects after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini 4-H members may independently show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less. Mini 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian." (The word assisted means that the adult has control of the animal at all times.) Mini 4-H members

are not required to own the animals they participate with in Mini 4-H. All animals on exhibit should meet the regulations of the Indiana Board of Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Domestic Animals in Indiana and meet the vaccination requirements set by Indiana 4-H.

Mini 4-H members exhibiting horses must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever mounted. The parent/guardian is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a rider is mounted.

If the guidelines stated in this policy are not followed for a particular event or activity, then such event or activity shall not be considered to be a 4-H event or activity and shall not be under the auspices of Extension 4-H Educators or covered by Purdue University.

NOTE: Purdue University and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program do not support, endorse, or encourage 4-H programming for children prior to Kindergarten. 4-H Youth Development Extension staff members and 4-H Volunteers may not offer, or encourage others to offer, programming for children prior to Kindergarten.

Mini 4-H Liability Release Form

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I understand that participating in 4-H activities can involve certain risks to my child. Those risks may include injury or harm, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, disability, exposure to COVID-19 and other viruses and or illnesses, and death. During virtual 4-H activities, I understand that program staff are not providing supervision for my child during the online program, and the Released Parties do not have control over the information available through the internet or other electronic data sources beyond that which is a part of the 4-H activity. On behalf of my child, I fully assume the inherent risks associated with my child participating in 4-H activities and assert that my child has chosen to participate in this program with my express approval. I hereby release and discharge Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, the Perry County Commissioners, the Perry County Cooperative Extension Service, and each of their trustees, officers, appointees, agents, employees, and volunteers ("Released Parties") from all claims which my child or I might have for any injury or harm to my child, arising out of my child's participation in any activity related to the 4-H program, even if such injury or harm is caused by the negligence or fault of any of the Released Parties. I do not, however, release these individuals and entities from liability for intentional, willful or wanton acts and this release shall not be construed to include such acts.

Mini 4-H member's name

Other Adult Designee - Print Name

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Mini 4-H Projects

NOTE: *Mini 4-H'ers will be limited to exhibiting 5 projects including no more than 3 live animals. Only one of the three live animals may belong to the Mini 4-H member. The other two animals must be owned and enrolled to a current Perry County 4-H member who is exhibiting the animals at the fair and grant permission for the Mini 4-H member to show the animals.* Project manuals have suggested exhibits, but children have the freedom to be creative in making their exhibit. Projects manuals are not to be signed by club leaders or exhibited at the fair.

NOTE: It is preferred that posters be 22" x 28" and displayed horizontally with stiff cardboard or foam board backing. This size of posters can best be displayed on the poster racks. Other sizes will be accepted, but they may not be exhibited as prominently due to facility limitations.

Abraham Lincoln: Anything Lincoln- This category allows members to explore Lincoln related topics that interest them. Ideas include toy construction using pennies, Lincoln coin collection, etc. You may do posters, models, anything you want as long as it relates to Abraham Lincoln.

Bicycle: Bicycle riding is the outdoor activity most popular with children. Learn about choosing a bike, bicycle maintenance, traffic rules, hazards of the road, safety and helmets. Exhibit one of the following: a poster based on one of the activities covered in the manual (i.e., topics above.)

Bugs: Almost anywhere you look you can find a bug. In this project you will find out what makes bugs different, where bugs go in the winter, how they protect themselves from their enemies. You may choose one of the activities listed in the back of your manual to exhibit at the fair.

More Bugs: There are many different kinds of bugs. You will discover which bugs live in groups and which ones live alone. You will find out how bugs eat and how they find their food. Have you ever wondered if bugs talk to each other? Do all bugs grow up the same way? These are a few things you will be exploring. You may choose one of the activities listed in the back of your manual to exhibit at the fair.

Collections: Everyone loves to collect things. Collecting is as easy as finding a group of your favorite rocks to putting together a group of pencils. Learn more about collecting and why people collect things. You may choose one of the activities listed in the back of your manual to exhibit at the fair.

Crafts: Let's be creative and make a neat craft. Use your imagination as you design your craft. Crafts can be used for decorations and they make great gifts, too. Exhibit one of the following: splatter painting, drawing, craft kits, design your own craft, and more.

Dinosaurs: Dinosaurs no longer walk on the Earth, but they are still very popular. Learn about fossils, different kinds of dinosaurs, where dinosaurs lived, and how they may have become extinct. Exhibit one of the following: a fossil cast, a dinosaur scrapbook, a dinosaur model, a poster showing how big dinosaurs were, and many more.

Farm Animals: There are all kinds of farm animals. Explore the world of farm animals, from the little ones like rabbits and poultry, to the big ones like cows and sheep. Exhibit one of the following: a story about your favorite farm animal or about a farmer, posters showing what farm animals make for us or the different kinds of farm animals, rewrite a fairy tale using farm animals, or make a model of your favorite animal, and more! For those planning on exhibiting a live animal at the fair, you may show another 4-H'er's animal instead of bringing another animal. You may only bring 1 of your own animals to the 4-H fair. *Mini 4-H'ers' exhibiting swine must have an immediate family member that has*

completed Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training, YQCA training or is PQA+ Certified.

Foods: Everyone can have fun in the kitchen. Learn about measuring, nutrition, making easy recipes and kitchen safety. **Exhibit one of the following:** peanut butter sandwich, popcorn snack, no bake cookies, kitchen safety poster, MyPlate poster, or marshmallow treats.

Forestry: Trees are all around us. They grow big and strong for all to enjoy. Learn about trees, the wood they make, and the animals that live in trees. **You may choose one of the activities listed in the back of your manual to exhibit at the fair.**

Gardening: Learn how plants grow. Plant seeds or small plants in a garden or in a pot, inside or outside, and watch them grow and make vegetables or flowers. **Exhibit one of the following:** a plate of three vegetables, a plant in a pot, a plant scrapbook, or a Chia Pet.

Me & My Pet: Do you enjoy animals? If an animal has four legs, crawls, flies, swims, or hops, you can bet someone has one for a pet. Caring for animals can be fun. In this project, you get to share your pet with pictures, drawing, and stories in a notebook you put together. Let us read about your special pet! **Exhibit includes:** a notebook about your pet.

Models: Models is a great way to build things! Learn about models and different ways of making models. **Exhibit one of the following:** a snap together model, a model made from clay or Popsicle sticks, a model made out of different things (ex. Legos and clay), a model with a background, or a report on models that you saw in a museum.

Plants & Flowers: Learn about plants and their special needs. Do great experiments with plants. You will also learn about different kinds of flowers. **Exhibit one of the following:** 3 cut flowers in a vase, a flowering plant, a house plant, a cactus, a colored flower, a poster of the different parts of a plant, a scrapbook of flowers or a plant maze.

Sewing: Learn the basic skills needed for sewing. Begin putting together the equipment needed for doing easy home sewing and repair work. **A SEWING MACHINE IS NOT NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT.** **Exhibit one of the following:** sewing kit, pin cushion, Cool Cat and Honey Bear, machine practice pages or throw pillow.

Space: Who doesn't like to learn about the sun, the planets, and space? Learn more about the planets in our solar system, the sun, Constellations, and exploring space. **Exhibit one of the following:** a planet mobile, a model of a planet or moon hit by asteroids, a model of a comet.

Sportfishing: There's more than one fish in the sea! Explore the *Fishing ABC's* book and color your way from Aquatic life to Zones in a river. **You may exhibit one of the following:** poster including a page from *Fishing ABC's* book, a poster showing parts of a fish, a model of a fish made from modeling clay, or pictures of you fishing.

Sports: Do you enjoy playing or watching sports? Then this project is for you! Learn about the health benefits of sports and why learning about rules in sports teaches us those rules are important in our lives. **Exhibit one of the following:** A poster showing you dressed for your favorite sport or playing (write the name of the sport and the team you played for), list or draw the rules for your favorite sport or draw the dimensions of a field, court, alley, pool, etc. for any sport you wish. (No project manual)

Trees: Can you name the tree a leaf came from just from the shape of the leaf? Do you know how to tell how old a tree is? Have you ever wondered how trees get their food and water? If you would like to know the answers to these questions and many more, give this a try. **You may choose one of the activities listed in the back of your manual to exhibit at the fair.**

Whales & Dolphins: Whales and dolphins are fun to learn about. They explore our oceans ...so let's explore them! Learn about popular types of whales and dolphins, the parts of the whale, whales songs and the learning dolphin.

Exhibit one of the following: a whale or dolphin scrapbook, a whale or dolphin model, a poster showing the different parts of a whale, a whalarama, and others!

Wildlife Adventure: Do you ever wonder about the animals that live in the woods and open areas around your home or city? The world of wildlife beckons you! Learn about wild animals and birds that live around you. **Exhibit one of the following:** birds of Indiana poster, a bird feeder, bird watching chart, collecting insects, and others!

Create Your Own Project: Have you learned about something really interesting this year and want to bring an exhibit to the fair that doesn't fit in the other project area? Maybe you took a picture, decorated a cake, created a mini farm scene or did a science experiment. Contact your leader or the Extension office to check on exhibit possibilities. Our main concern is space.

Mini 4-H Activities

Mini 4-H is a non-competitive 4-H experience. Members are encouraged to experience all that 4-H has to offer! These exciting activities are being offered to Minis for them to get a taste of what 4-H will be like when they are older.

Please contact the Extension office to participate in these activities.

Minis can do *five* projects AND as many activities as they would like! These opportunities do not count towards the *five* projects.

Fashion Revue: Do you want to learn about modeling? Pick out an outfit to model at the Fashion Revue. Be sure to wear accessories and matching shoes! You will model in front of a group and learn simple modeling routines.

Interactive Demonstrations: Pick a topic and demonstrate how to do something. You will interact with the public and the judge, teaching them about whatever topic you pick. It is suggested it be less than three minutes. Watch your newsletter for a date for this activity. You may also do this in your local club! Just ask your leader.

Public Speaking: Pick a topic and speak about your topic. It is suggested it be less than three minutes. You may do this in your local club. Just ask your leader. You can also contact the Extension office and present to one of the Educators.

Livestock Skillathon: This is an activity where 4-H'ers show how much they know about livestock. The contest will include questions on beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, meat goats, and dairy goats. The questions will test knowledge of breeds, equipment, parts, meat cut identification and feedstuffs. This event will be held during the fair, in the livestock area. See the fair schedule for date and time.

LIVE ANIMALS

Guidelines for Animal Exhibits

Each 4-H member shall own 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 and continuously until after the 4-H show at the county and/or state fair.

General Terms and Conditions

For 4-H breeding animals:

1. Family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians are acceptable.
2. For 4-H dairy cattle: family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
3. Dairy heifers, horses, ponies, alpacas and llamas may be leased subject to approval of both the county 4-H dairy, horse and pony, or llama committee and the respective County Extension Educator. 4-H animals (horse and pony, dairy, alpacas and llamas are only eligible to be leased by a single 4-H member in a 4-H program year.
4. 4-H animals are expected to be in the 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 Extension Educator) from the animal ID deadline until the conclusion of the county and/or state fair.
5. 4-H market animals and commercial animals must be individually identified and verified under the supervision of the county 4-H program at county identification events by May 15th. These species include market lambs and commercial ewes, dairy wethers, dairy feeder steers, dairy beef steers, beef steers, market and commercial heifers, meat goat wethers, and market wether dams.
6. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the ID deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal, are considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction."
7. 4-H animals exhibited after the May 15 4-H animal ID deadline at any show by anyone other than the individual whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4-HOnline will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. 4-H animals that are selected by 4-H Extension Staff or 4-H Adult Volunteers for use in supreme showmanship contests (Master Showmanship, Round Robin, etc.) may be used in those county events without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without state ID deadlines, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the owner of the animals.
8. Temporary guardianships established for the intent of animal exhibition or grooming purposes are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. See State Fair Terms and Conditions section of this handbook for the Indiana State Fair species ownership guidelines.

COMPANION ANIMAL RULES AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Companion Animal

General Rules & Regulations

These apply to Cats, Horses, Llamas and Alpacas

1. All 4-H'ers must have completed livestock identification (enrollment), if applicable for their species, in 4hOnline by May 15. Classes for all livestock must be selected in Fair Entry by the date specified. If there is a delay in completing the process, please contact the Extension Office for assistance before the deadline. If a 4-H'er does not complete the

animal enrollment process by the deadline and has not received special permission from the Extension Office, he/she will not be eligible to exhibit the live animal project at the Perry County 4-H Fair. Those who wait until the deadline to complete this process are likely to encounter problems, including a slowed online system due to the volume. Therefore, it is highly encouraged that this be completed several days in advance, as the Extension office is unable to extend state deadlines.

2. Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by the animal enrollment deadline and must be under continuous care, responsibility, and ownership through the date of the show.
3. Vaccination forms must be completed (if applicable) and copies submitted to the Extension Office by the specified date.
4. Horses, ponies, llamas, and alpacas are subject to the arrival and release times published in the Food Animal section of this handbook.
5. Companion animals are not eligible for the Livestock Auction.

Cat

State Fair Exhibit – Both Live Show and Poster

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or both as Fair Exhibits:
Live Show
Poster (See Animal Posters)

Register as: Level 1: Grades 3, 4 & 5
Level 2: Grades 6, 7 & 8
Level 3: Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Live Show: Exhibit your own cat or your family's cat.

1. A cat must be shown by only one 4-H master who cared for the cat.
2. Your cat must be brought to the fair in a cage or carrying case for security reasons. A cardboard box is discouraged since cats can get out of cardboard.
3. **Each cat must wear a collar with an attached rabies tag and be attached to a leash.**
4. The cat must be at least **six months of age** and must have a certificate from a veterinary showing cat has received the immunizations as required on the current year's Certificate of Completion of Indiana Board of Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Cats (4-H-777-W). This form is available at the Extension Office.
5. All cats are judged as one class.
6. The judge considers how 4-H member carries, holds, controls, and displays his/her cat.
7. The judge evaluates the grooming, cleanliness, and general condition of the cat.

Horse & Pony

**Project Superintendent—Amy Klueh
812-719-3007**

In order to exhibit a horse or pony, the animal must be enrolled through 4H Online with a photo showing all four feet and the horse's face no later than May 15.

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.
No State Fair Poster Exhibits

State Fair Exhibit (Contact the Extension office for more information.)

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or two as Fair Exhibits: Animal or Poster
Topics for posters should be in manuals.

Register as: Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
Level 1 - Grades 3, 4, 5
Level 2 - Grades 6, 7, 8
Level 3 - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
Level 4 - (Grades 3-7) Beginning Riding
Level 5 - (Grades 8-12) Advanced Riding

Only exhibitor may ride horses.

No trailers or horses are allowed on 4-H Fairgrounds property prior to scheduled check in

Fire Marshall Rule: The fire marshal has determined that no more than one day's worth of hay and straw including straw currently being used as bedding or hay being fed can be within or near the barns. This also applies to bagged bedding products.

Exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering animals, and cleaning stalls throughout the fair.

Approved Protective Attire: HEADGEAR

All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted, or driving, at a 4-H horse and pony event, show, or activity. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy applies to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities.

Proper attire for halter and showmanship includes cowboy hat, jeans, long sleeve button down shirt and cowboy boots. (County rule)

COMPLETION REQUIREMENT: In order to complete the project by exhibiting a horse rather than a poster, all 4-H members MUST participate in showmanship.

Mini 4-H:

Each county may determine its own **NON-COMPETITIVE** programs, classes, and participation requirements subject to the following safety guidelines: Mini/Exploring 4-H members, in grades K through 2, will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animal projects after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini/Exploring 4-H members may independently show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less. Mini/Exploring 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian." (The word assisted means that the adult has control of the animal at all times.)

Mini/Exploring 4-H members exhibiting horses must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever mounted. The parent/guardian is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a rider is mounted.

Mini 4-H Classes:

Walk Trot
Halter
Games

4-H Classes: 4-H'ers must exhibit in Halter classes in order to exhibit in Performance classes.

Halter Classes:

56" & Under Mares & Geldings	
56" & Over Mares & Geldings	Ages 4 & under
56" & Over Mares & Geldings	Ages 5-14
56" & Over Mares & Geldings	Ages 15 & up
Showmanship	Jr./Sr.

Grand Champion:

One Halter Horse

Performance Classes:

Walk Trot 4-H			
In-Hand Trail	Jr./Sr.	Novice Hunter Under Saddle*	
Trail	Jr./Sr.	Hunter Under Saddle	Jr./Sr.
Novice Western Pleasure*		Hunt Seat Equitation	Jr./Sr.
Western Pleasure	Jr./Sr.	Hunter Hack	Jr./Sr.
Western Horsemanship	Jr./Sr.	Hunter Over Fences	Jr./Sr.
Versatility	Jr./Sr.		

*Novice classes are limited to riders in their first two years of showing or horses in their first year of showing.

Grand Champion:

Western High Point Senior
 Western High Point Junior
 English High Point Senior
 English High Point Junior
 Versatility Senior
 Versatility Junior

Versatility **will not** be run as a separate event. 4-H members wishing to compete in Versatility **must compete on the same horse in all of the following events:** Barrel Racing, Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, and Hunter Under Saddle. Versatility placings will be determined based on the contestants' combined placings in the four events. Lowest score wins. In the case of a tie, the individual placing highest in Western Horsemanship will be the winner. If two tied contestants received the same Western Horsemanship placing (due to being in separate divisions in Western Horsemanship competition), the Hunter Under Saddle placing will be used as a tie breaker.

Games: (Ribbons only)

Costume Class	Jr./Sr.	Sack Race	Jr./Sr.
Egg & Spoon Race	Jr./Sr.	Arena Race	Jr./Sr.
Trifecta Race (Panty – Catalog – Boot)	Jr./Sr.		

Contesting: (State Fair Classes)

Speed & Action 56" & Under	Jr./Sr.	Pole Bending 56" and Over	Jr./Sr.
Speed & Action 56" & Over	Jr./Sr.	Flag Race 56" and Under	Jr./Sr.
Barrel Race 56" and Under	Jr./Sr.	Flag Race 56" and Over	Jr./Sr.
Barrel Race 56" and Over	Jr./Sr.	Keyhole Race 56" and Under	Jr./Sr.
Pole Bending 56" and Under	Jr./Sr.	Keyhole Race 56" and Over	Jr./Sr.

Grand Champion:

Contesting High Point Senior Over 56"

Contesting High Point Junior Over 56"
Contesting High Point Senior Under 56"
Contesting High Point Junior Under 56"

Judges' decisions are final.

The 4-H Fairgrounds Committee will organize the livestock trailer parking in the lot by the horse barn. Instructions on where to park will be given at livestock check-in. Please follow these instructions so that the parking is done in an organized manner and everyone gets a spot.

No trailers or animals (NO EXCEPTIONS) are to be on the fairgrounds prior to Livestock Check In. This is an animal health issue and must be followed!!!

Llama and Alpaca

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

State Fair Exhibit

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits.

- Poster
- Educational video about your llama/alpaca
- Live animal educational display (space permitting).

Llamas and alpacas will be permitted on display only if space permits. There will be no judged llama/alpaca live show.

Llamas and alpacas are not eligible for auction.

FOOD ANIMAL RULES AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Livestock

General Rules & Regulations

These apply to Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Hair Sheep, Wool Sheep, and Swine

1. All 4-H'ers must have completed livestock identification (enrollment), if applicable for their species, in 4hOnline by May 15. Classes for all livestock must be selected in Fair Entry by the date specified. If there is a delay in completing the process, please contact the Extension Office for assistance before the deadline. If a 4-H'er does not complete the livestock enrollment process by the deadline, and has not received special permission from the Extension Office, he/she will not be eligible to exhibit the livestock project at the Perry County 4-H Fair. Those who wait until the deadline to complete this process are likely to encounter problems, including a slowed online system due to the volume. Therefore, it is highly encouraged that this be completed several days in advance, as the Extension office is unable to extend state deadlines.
2. Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by the animal enrollment deadline and must be under continuous care, responsibility, and ownership through the date of the show.
All livestock exhibitors (excluding Mini's) must complete either the annual Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care OR Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training prior to livestock being exhibited at the Fair. Perry County 4-H recommends completion by the Livestock Enrollment Deadline.
3. Identification of 4-H livestock: All livestock must have a form of identification that meets the requirements of the Indiana Board of Animal Health. See Appendix I for details. See Appendix II for Information on Premises IDs. Poultry and Rabbits have county-only requirements. See species section for details. Notify the livestock committee and the Extension Office if you intend to exhibit your livestock at State Fair. Please note that State Fair has more stringent ID requirements than the County Fair See Appendix III. Mini 4-H'ers' animals must meet the same ID requirements as County-Only regular 4-H animals. All livestock (except for dairy goats) that might go to State Fair must have a hair sample for DNA testing provided to the Extension Office by the 4-H Online enrollment deadline. Sample envelopes are available at the Extension Office.
4. Unregistered sheep, goats, and cattle must be tagged by the Livestock Committee at the scheduled tagging day. Contact the Extension Office for reasonable accommodation requests. If an animal was tagged at a previous year's tagging day, and has not lost their tag, they do not need to return.
5. If an enrolled animal loses a tag, the tag loss must be reported to the Extension Office as soon as possible after discovery. The Extension Office will issue a new tag, which must be placed in the animal's ear as soon as possible. If a sheep or goat identified by a Scrapie Tag loses that tag, the 4-H member should replace the tag immediately upon discovery and notify the Extension Office of the new tag number.

Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine

1. 4-H members may exhibit no more than 2 breeding animals per class or 3 market animals per class. Additional restrictions may be imposed species by species if there is limited exhibit space.
2. You must complete the Indiana State Fair registration by June 1 to be exempt from late fees for Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine. You must complete the Indiana State Fair Registration for all Dairy, Dairy Goats, Poultry and Rabbits by July 1 to be exempt from late fees. If you are planning to exhibit animals at the State Fair, please contact the Extension office prior to these dates for the information you will need. Livestock to be exhibited at State Fair may not be shown by any individual other than the exhibitor or the exhibitor's siblings and parents between the enrollment of that animal as a 4-H project and the State Fair. Livestock to be exhibited at the State Fair may not go through the Perry County 4-H Livestock Auction.

3. The 4-H member is responsible for grooming his or her own animal(s). Only family members may assist the 4-H member in preparation of the animal. No professional groomers or others outside the family will be allowed to assist in getting the animal ready for show. The rule applies to all species of livestock.
4. Exhibitor is responsible for feeding and watering animals until the animals leave the fairgrounds.
5. If quality is sufficient and the judge warrants, a Grand Champion may be presented when there is only one class represented. This will apply to all livestock species.
6. No animal may be presented to the judge more than once. Animals exhibited in a group class may not also be exhibited in an individual class.
7. All pens/stalls utilized by all species should be cleaned before the animal leaves the premises, however cleaning may not begin until the auction is complete. Exhibitors must have the project superintendent or a Livestock Committee member check their pen(s) or stall(s) prior to leaving the fairgrounds. There will be a \$10 fee charged per pen/stall if pen is not cleaned properly prior to the exhibitor leaving. The only exceptions will be for any animals that are being held for loading to be processed or going to market.
8. All livestock will be checked-in on from 4-8 p.m. on the scheduled day, unless human or animal health conditions necessitate show-and-go. In the case of show and go, check-in will begin three hours before the scheduled show, and end one hour before the scheduled show. **Note: Swine check in will be 4-7:30 with official weigh in at 7:30.**
9. The 4-H Fairgrounds Committee will organize the livestock trailer parking in the lot by the horse barn. Instructions on where to park will be given at livestock check-in. Please follow these instructions so that the parking is done in an organized manner and everyone gets a spot.
10. Horses, rabbits, and poultry may participate in early release on the last day of Fair from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Any horses, rabbits or poultry not participating in early release will be released immediately following the Livestock Auction. All other livestock will be released one hour after the conclusion of the auction. 4-H'ers are encouraged to check out animals during scheduled release times. All livestock being hauled by the exhibitor is to be loaded by midnight that night. If there is a need to remove your animals from the fairgrounds at any other time than scheduled, a form must be completed and given to Hannah Lasher or Sara Dzimianski by the end of livestock check-in. The livestock committee will then meet to determine if the animals will be released at a different time. If livestock shows are changed to a show-and-go format, release time is hour after the conclusion of the show.
11. Dehorning of 4-H beef and dairy cattle is required. Dehorning of other animals is recommended for safety.
12. All male animals must be castrated animals, except rabbits, poultry, and nursing (bucket) calves.
13. Appropriate clothing must be worn by all 4-H Livestock members during show, auction, and livestock pictures. This will include no open toe shoes, no halter tops, no shorts, and no shirts with inappropriate language. Shirts should have tails, and shirttails should be tucked in.
14. All pens will be assigned by the Livestock Committee.
15. Registration papers are not required for livestock showing in purebred classes.
16. Any questions or concerns about livestock projects should be addressed to Hannah Lasher, Hlasher@purdue.edu or Sara Dzimianski, sdzimian@purdue.edu, by e-mail or by calling the Extension Office at 812-547-7084. Any concerns or questions will be taken under advisement of the 4-H Livestock Committee at their next scheduled meeting. Those recommendations from 4-H Livestock Committee will then be sent to the 4-H Council for final decisions.

Fire Safety

The fire marshal has determined that no more than one day's worth of hay and straw, including straw currently being used as bedding or hay being fed, can be within or in close proximity to the barns. This also applies to bagged bedding products.

Auction

Superintendent: Sara Hubert (812) 719-1368

1. The Perry County 4-H Livestock Auction is a premium only auction.
2. Animals included in the livestock auction: Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine.
3. The 4-H auction will have a ceiling price. For example, if the Grand Champion Steer brings \$500, the Reserve Grand Champion Steer cannot bring more than \$499. This continues on through all the placings.
4. In the auction, each 4-H member is limited to one animal unit.
5. Any market animal sold or offered for sale in the 4-H Auction is ineligible to show at any other 4-H Fair, including the Indiana State Fair. This includes animals and animal products (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) sold at a premium only auction.
6. A \$15 fee per exhibitor will be deducted from the auction check to help cover expenses incurred by the Livestock Committee for the auction. A market fee of \$15 will also be collected for all animals sent to market by the Livestock Committee.
7. Mini 4-H'ers are not eligible to participate in the livestock auction.
8. All 4-H'ers must participate in showmanship for all species exhibited to complete the project and to be eligible for the Livestock Auction.
9. A 4-H member must be present and exhibit the 4-H animal in the livestock show, and the individual 4-H member must be present and accompany the animal into the ring for 4-H auction. Day of show and day of auction emergencies are excluded without approval of the 4-H Livestock Committee.

Animal Health

1. County and state health regulations apply to all livestock exhibited at the Perry County 4-H Fair. County and state health regulations may change at any time. In the best interest of the animals, the Perry County 4-H Livestock Committee will have each animal examined by the species superintendent or assistant during or following livestock check-in.
2. If a livestock superintendent has questions about the health of an animal, a veterinarian will be called to examine the animals. If it is determined by the veterinarian that the animal is unhealthy, it will be sent home. If the animal has been judged, the exhibitor will receive their ribbon. If it has not been judged, exhibit will be counted complete, and a determination will be made regarding the ribbon.
3. If the veterinarian or superintendent discovers that the animal has an unhealed ear notch or tagging site, and the Extension Office has not been notified of a tag replacement, the animal will be sent home and the exhibit will not be counted complete.

NOTE: No trailers or animals are allowed on 4-H Fairgrounds property prior to the 4:00 p.m. check-in on the Thursday before Fair Opening Ceremonies.

Showmanship

Showmanship competition will be held for 4-H'ers showing each species of livestock. Class breakdown will be Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5; Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8; Senior - Grades 9-12. Classes are based on grades completed. Participation in showmanship for all species exhibited is required for 4-H'ers who wish to complete the project and participate in the auction. 4-H members are strongly encouraged to show their own animal in showmanship. If a member cannot show his or her own animal (due to injury, etc.), he or she should notify the species superintendent.

Supreme Showmanship

Show – 15 minutes after conclusion of the last livestock show

The winners of swine, beef, dairy goats, meat goats, dairy, and sheep senior showmanship may compete for the supreme showmanship. Each winner will show three of the above species while demonstrating their knowledge of how the animal is to be presented. They will also be asked questions to test their knowledge about the individual species. In case of a tie, other round(s) would be added to the contest consisting of questions that would then break the tie. Once a Senior has won Senior Showmanship, he/she can compete for Supreme Showmanship in one or more species. Once a Senior has won the title of Supreme Showmanship, he/she can continue to compete for Senior Showmanship, but he/she is no longer eligible to compete for the title of Supreme Showmanship. If the winner of Senior Showmanship of a species has already won the title of Supreme Showmanship, then the second-place senior in showmanship has the option to compete for Supreme Showmanship. Should an exhibitor win Senior Showmanship in one or more species, they may represent those species in Supreme Showmanship as an individual. This will serve to reduce the number of participants for Supreme Showmanship in that year.

Showmanship Clinic

There will be a clinic for any interested 4-H'er on showmanship techniques. It will take place in the show arena. Leaders will work with the individuals in being more comfortable in the ring and what they may expect from the judge during the show.

Skill-a-thon Contest

The livestock skill-a-thon contest is an activity to see how much the 4-H'er knows about livestock. This is a team competition including questions on beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, horses, poultry, and rabbits. The questions will test knowledge of breeds, equipment, parts, meat cut identification, feed, health, and general management of livestock. Each team will consist of three or four members. The group will be classified as Junior, Intermediate, or Senior based on the grade of the oldest member. Junior teams consist of members who have completed grades 3-5. Intermediate teams contain at least one member who has completed 6-8 grade. Senior teams contain at least one member who has completed 9-12 grade. Awards for the contest will be presented during the Parade of Champions.

Beef

Superintendent: Olivia Tempel - 812-719-9387

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

No State Fair Poster Exhibits

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits.

- Live Show
- Virtual Show
- Poster

Register as:

- Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Beef Market Animal:

1. Exhibit: One or more steers or heifers finished and ready for market.
2. Should be 16-20 months old for finished steer or heifer. Minimum weight is 950 pounds.
3. Market beef will be shown by weight classes.

Breeding Female:

1. Exhibit: one or more cows or heifers fed and cared for by the member, shown by breed and age.
2. Breed Divisions: exhibits may be entered under the following breed divisions: Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Santa Gertrudis, Simmental, Sim-Angus, All Other Breed (includes any breed with its own registry not previously listed), and Crossbred. Breeds with fewer than two individuals entered will be combined into All Other Breed. There will be one champion and one reserve champion awarded in All Other Breed. No champion ribbon will be awarded to classes with fewer than 2 entries. Age classes with fewer than 2 entries may be combined.
3. Age Classes:
 - a. Heifer Calf under 12 months
 - b. Junior Yearling Heifer (12-18 months)
 - c. Senior Yearling Heifer (18-24 months)
 - d. Cow over 24 months
 - e. Cow and Calf Class (both animals considered together as one exhibit and one animal unit) - calf must be nursing.

Beef Feeder Calf:

1. Must be steers or heifers. May be crossbred or purebred animals.
2. Beef Feeder calves will be shown by weight. Weight classes will be broken after weigh-in. Overweight calves will be moved to Market Beef Division.
 - a. Lightweight Feeder Calf: under 500 pounds
 - b. Midweight Feeder Calf: 500 lbs. – 700 lbs.
 - c. Heavyweight Feeder Calf: 700-950 lbs.

Beef Show Grand Champions:

- Grand Champion Market Beef
- Grand Champion Beef Breeding Female
- Grand Champion Beef Feeder Calf

Dairy

Superintendent:

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

No State Fair Poster Exhibits

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or both as Fair Exhibits.

- Live Show
- Virtual Show
- Poster

Register as:

- Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Classes: Dairy Female age groups are offered in the following breed divisions: Holstein, Jersey, All Other Breed, and Crossbred.

There will be one champion and one reserve champion awarded in All Other Breed. No champion ribbon will be awarded to classes with fewer than 2 entries. Age classes with fewer than 2 entries may be combined.

1. **Heifer Calf:** Use one or more purebred or crossbred female calves under 12 months of age.
2. **Yearling Heifer:** Continue work with heifer calf in previous year, select a purebred or grade yearling heifer, or both, between 12 and 24 months of age.
3. **Cows in Production:** Continue work with heifers of previous year, this includes any cow in production no matter age of animal.
4. **Dairy Steer**—Classes sorted after weigh-in
 - a. Suggested to be between 18 and 24 months of age.
 - b. Minimum weight is 950 lbs
 - c. Classes will be sorted after weigh in
 - d. May be crossbred or purebred. Crossbred must exhibit dairy characteristics.
5. **Dairy Feeder & Bucket Calf**—Classes sorted after weigh-in
 - a. May be steers or heifers. May be crossbred or purebred animals. Crossbred must exhibit dairy characteristics
 - b. Dairy Feeder & Bucket calves will be shown by weight.
 - c. Lightweight Feeder Calf: under 500 pounds
 - d. Midweight Feeder Calf: 500 lbs. – 700 lbs.
 - e. Heavyweight Feeder Calf: 700-950 lbs.

Grand Champions in Dairy Show:

- Grand Champion Dairy Female
- Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Calf
- Grand Champion Dairy Steer

Notes:

1. Heifer and Cow classes will be shown by breed and age. Feeder calves and steers will be shown by weight only.
2. Dairy projects may be entered in the livestock auction as an animal unit.

Dairy Goat

Superintendent: Amber Tempel 812-639-8441

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

No State Fair Poster Exhibits

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits.

Live Show

Virtual Show

Poster.

Register as:

- Mini-Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior– Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate-Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior-Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Rules:

1. Every goat should wear a collar and have a tie chain available.
2. Age should be computed according to the date the goats are actually judged.
3. Goats competing for championship honors that are in milk may be required by the judge to be milked before the final awards are made.
4. Any Dairy Goat project may be entered in the Livestock Auction as an animal unit.
5. Dairy goat females will be shown by breed and age. The following breed divisions are available: Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf, Saanen, Toggenburg, All Other Breed, and Crossbred.
6. Breeds with fewer than 2 representatives will be combined into All Other Breed. There will be one champion and one reserve champion awarded in All Other Breed. No champion ribbon will be awarded to classes with fewer than 2 entries. Age classes with fewer than 2 entries may be combined.
7. No un-castrated male goats allowed.

Classes:

1. Junior Kids - Born after April 1, current year.
2. Senior Kids - Born January 1 - March 31, current year.
3. Junior Yearlings (Under 1 year and born before Jan. 1 of current year.)
4. Senior Yearlings (1 year and under 2, dry)
5. Doe - 1 year and under 2
6. Doe - 2 and under 3
7. Doe - 3 and under 5
8. Doe - 5 and over
9. Dairy Goat Wethers
 - a. Dairy Goat Wethers will include dairy breeds and crosses exhibiting dairy characteristics
 - b. Dairy Goat Wethers must be under 1 year of age.
 - c. Dairy Goat Wethers will be shown by weight with classes sorted after weigh-in

Grand Champion in Dairy Goat Show:

- Grand Champion Dairy Goat Female
- Grand Champion Dairy Goat Wether

Note: Due to limited space, Sheep and Goat Exhibitors will be allotted no more than 2 pens.

Meat Goat

Superintendent: Amber Tempel 812-639-8441

No State Fair Poster Exhibits

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits.

- Live Show
- Virtual Show
- Poster

Register as:

- Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Meat goats will be allowed to go through the Livestock Auction.

Classes:

1. **Market class**-single market female or castrated male (wether) shown by weight. All market animals must be under 1 year of age.
2. **Breeding Classes** will be available for the following divisions: Purebred Boer, Percentage Boer, Pygmy, All Other Breed (includes Angora, Kiko, Myatonic, Savanna, and Spanish), and Crossbred with no Boer breeding. No champion ribbon will be awarded to classes with fewer than 2 entries. Age classes with fewer than 2 entries may be combined.
 - a. Junior Does
 - i. 0-6 months
 - ii. 7-12 months
 - b. Yearling Does
 - i. 12 -18 months
 - ii. 19 - 24 months
 - c. Senior Does **Must have kidded at least once
 - i. 24 - 36 months
 - ii. 37 months +

Grand Champions in Meat Goat Show:

Grand Champion Market Goat

Grand Champion Meat Goat Female

Note: Due to limited space, Sheep and Goat Exhibitors will be allotted no more than 2 pens.

Poultry

Superintendent: Kiffani Michel 812-608-0433

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

State Fair Exhibit

ID Requirements:

Poultry must have a numbered leg band.

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits. Eggs are an add-on project and must be combined with either a poster, live or virtual exhibit. Exhibition of eggs alone does not qualify as completion of the Poultry Project.

- Live Show and Showmanship
- Virtual Show
- Egg Show
- Poster

Register as:

- Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Birds entered at the Fair must be owned, raised and cared for by the 4-H'er.

Commercial Classes (judged for market qualities):

1. Meat Producers
2. Egg Producers
3. Dual Purpose: Exhibit either: 2 egg layers, (pullets or hens), 2 meat birds (pullets, hens, cockerels or cocks) or 1 pullet or hen and 1 cockerel or cock. **NOTE: both birds must be the same breed and variety.**

Large Fowl (judged against breed standards. Breed must be listed in American Standard of Perfection):

1. American Division: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 cock.
2. Asiatic Division: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 cock.
3. Continental Division: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 cock.
4. English Division: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 cock.
5. Mediterranean Division: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 cock.
6. All Other Breeds: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 cock.

Bantam (judged against breed standards. Breed must be listed in American Standard of Perfection):

1. Feather Leg: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 rooster.
2. Clean Leg Single Comb: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 rooster.
3. Clean Leg Rose Comb: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 rooster.
4. Modern Game: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 rooster.
5. Game: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 rooster.
6. All Other Comb Clean-Legged: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 rooster.
7. Bantam Duck: Exhibit 1 pullet, 1 hen, 1 cockerel or 1 rooster.

Waterfowl:

1. Commercial Class: (judged on market qualities) Exhibit 1 male or female duck or goose
2. Exhibition Class: (judged to breed standard) Exhibit 1 male or female duck or goose.

Turkey (judged for market qualities):

Exhibit 1 male or female turkey.

Game Birds (judged against breed standards):

Exhibit 1 male or female Guinea fowl, Peafowl, Pheasant, or Quail.

Pigeon (Must be a recognized breed of the National Pigeon Association.)

Exhibit one pigeon, or one pair (cock and hen) of the same breed.

Eggs: (judged for shape, shell quality, and uniformity)

Exhibit 6 eggs of the same color and size displayed in a carton.

Eggs will be taken home following judging and are not eligible for auction.

Definitions:

- Pullet: Female bird less than one year of age day of show
- Hen: Female bird one year old or more the day of show
- Roaster: Two birds of the same gender, 8-12 weeks of age (over 5 ½ pounds to 10 pounds on show day.)

Note: Each exhibitor is allotted 3 pens. Poultry must be penned individually unless the birds are being judged as a group (e.g., 2 Commercial Egg Producer pullets). **We do recommend that exhibitors identify and enter extra poultry in case of accidental losses.** Exhibitors of large turkeys, geese, or peafowl must provide their own cages. Exhibitor-provided cages must be approved by the Extension Office prior to the fair. If wanting to exhibit more than 3 birds and we have the cage space, call Kiffani, first come first serve basis for extra birds.

Grand Champions in Poultry Show:

- Grand Champion Poultry
- Grand Champion Eggs (Ribbons only)

Poultry Showmanship

Superintendent: Kiffani Michel 812-608-0433

4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present birds that are clean, healthy, trained and manageable, along with techniques of proper display. This activity provides an opportunity to competitively demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, conditioning, evaluating and handling poultry.

Categories: Junior (Grades 3-5); Intermediate (Grades 6-8) and Senior (Grades 9-12)

Rabbits

Superintendent: Nikki Lewis (812) 619-6437

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

State Fair Exhibit

ID Requirements: Rabbits must have a name.

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits.

- Live Show and Showmanship
- Virtual Show
- Poster

Register as:

- Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Classes:

Pet Rabbit

1. Any crossbred rabbit
2. Rabbit not identifiable as a specific breed
3. Any breed not listed under the small breed and large breed divisions.

Small Breed Rabbits (Four Class Rabbits)

1. Any of the following breeds, or additional breeds recognized as Four Class rabbits by the American Rabbit Breeders Association: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillion, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey, Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead (recognized color varieties only), Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan, and Thrianta.

Large Breed Rabbits (Six Class Rabbits)

1. Any of the following breeds, or additional breeds recognized as Six Class rabbits by the American Rabbit Breeders Association: American, Giant Angora, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Argente Brun, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, French Lop, Flemish Giant, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, and Silver Fox.
2. Meat Pen: all animals of a meat pen (3 animals total) must not be over 100 days of age and must weigh 3 to 5 pounds.

Note: Each exhibitor is allotted no more than three pens. **We recommend that exhibitors identify and enter extra rabbits in case of accidental losses.** Rabbits must be penned individually except when being judged as a group (e.g., meat pens).

Note: 4-H'ers must be present for judging and participate in showmanship.

Note: At the 4-H Fair every 4-H member is responsible for providing a non-tip water and feed bowl for each rabbit.

The member must feed, water and care for their rabbits daily.

Grand Champions in Rabbit Show:

Grand Champion Rabbit

Rabbits are eligible for the livestock auction.

Rabbit Showmanship

Superintendent: Nikki Lewis

4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present rabbits that are clean, healthy, trained and manageable, along with techniques of proper display. This activity provides an opportunity to competitively demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, conditioning, evaluating and handling rabbits.

Categories:

Junior (Grades 3-5); Intermediate (Grades 6-8) and Senior (Grades 9-12)

Rabbit Ambassador Contest

Superintendent: Nikki Lewis

The rabbit ambassador project is a comprehensive evaluation of a 4-H'ers knowledge and skill. Rabbit Ambassador consists of four parts: written test, resume, showmanship and breed identification. The scores from each area are combined for a total score which determines placing with the most points being placed first. The written test and breed identification portions of the competition will be held during livestock check-in. Exhibitors participating in this event will receive their tests when they check in their rabbit, and must complete the test prior to the end of livestock check-in.

Participants will complete showmanship at the scheduled showmanship competition on Friday.

Age Categories for Registration:

- Novice- grade 3-4 on January 1st of current year
- Junior- grade 5-6 on January 1st of current year
- Intermediate- grade 7-8 on January 1st of current year
- Senior- grade 9-10 on January 1st of current year
- Master- grade 11-12 on January 1st of current year

Each county may nominate only five contestants for State Fair, one in each of the five categories. Category winners are not eligible to compete in the same category again. Winners are eligible to compete in the next higher category the following year.

Hair Sheep

Superintendent: Amber Tempel 812-639-8441

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

No State Fair Poster Exhibits

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits.

- Live Show
- Virtual Show
- Poster

Check-out: one hour after conclusion of livestock auction.

Register as:

Mini– Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2

Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5

Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8

Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Classes:

1. Market Classes: Shown by weight only
 - a. Single market ewe or wether lamb.
 - b. Pen of two market ewe or wether lambs.
2. Breeding Classes: (Shown by breed and age). Breeds include: Katahdin, Dorper, Barbadoe, All Other Breed, and Crossbred. Breeds with fewer than 2 representatives present will be combined into All Other Breed. There will be one champion and one reserve champion awarded in All Other Breed. No champion ribbon will be awarded to classes with fewer than 2 entries. Age classes with fewer than two entries may be combined.
 - a. Ewe under 1 year.
 - b. Ewe over 1 year.

Grand Champions in Hair Sheep Show:

- Grand Champion Market Lamb-Hair Breeds
- Grand Champion Breeding Ewe- Hair Breeds

Note: Due to limited space, Sheep and Goat Exhibitors will be allotted no more than 2 pens.

Wool Sheep

Superintendent: Amber Tempel 812-639-8441

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

No State Fair Poster Exhibits

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one or more as Fair Exhibits.

- Live Show
- Virtual Show

- Poster

Register as:

- Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Classes:

1. Market Classes: Shown by weight only.
 - a. Single market ewe or wether lamb.
 - b. Pen of two market ewe or wether lambs.
 - c. Market lambs must be shorn prior to check-in at the Perry County 4-H Fair.
2. Breeding Classes: (Shown by breed and age). Breeds include: Dorset, Hampshire, Suffolk, All Other Breed, and Crossbred. Breeds with fewer than 2 representatives present will be combined into All Other Breed. There will be one champion and one reserve champion awarded in All Other Breed. No champion ribbon will be awarded to classes with fewer than 2 entries. Age classes with fewer than two entries may be combined.
 - a. Ewe under 1 year.
 - b. Ewe over 1 year.

Grand Champions in Wool Sheep Show:

- Grand Champion Market Lamb-Wool Breeds
- Grand Champion Breeding Ewe-Wool Breeds

Swine

Superintendent: Chris Tempel—812-549-6360

Refer to Poster Pointers & Display information in this handbook.

4-H members exhibiting swine at the 4-H fair must show proof of the animal being vaccinated for influenza. Swine are required to receive two doses of the vaccine at least two weeks apart. The second dose of the vaccine must be administered at least 21 days prior to check in. Mini 4-H'ers' exhibiting swine must have an immediate family member that has completed Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training, YQCA training or is PQA+ Certified. Proof of vaccinations need to be submitted before hog is on site send to hlasher@purdue.edu or rhaunst@purdue.edu or drop it off at the extension office.

No State Fair Poster Exhibits

Exhibit Entry: You may choose one more as Fair Exhibits.

- Live Show
- Virtual Show
- Poster

Register as:

- Mini – Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2
- Junior - Grades 3, 4, 5
- Intermediate - Grades 6, 7, 8
- Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Exhibit: Show barrows or gilts (market hogs). Maximum 3 hogs.

Classes: Swine will be shown by weight, regardless of breed. Barrows and gilts will be shown in the same class. Show classes will be sorted after weigh-in.

Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected in each class in the weight range of 230-300 lbs. Hogs under 230 lbs. and over 300 lbs. are not eligible for grand and reserve grand champion, however, they are eligible to show in weight class and the exhibitor is eligible to participate in auction.

Grand Champion in Swine Show:

Grand Champion Market Hog

Substitute Showperson Form

4-H'er Name: _____

Project: _____

Substitute Showperson Name: _____

Please Circle which you are requesting a substitute showperson for:

Show

Auction

Reason Requesting Substitute Showperson: _____

Signature of 4-H'er: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Approved by Livestock Committee: _____

Declined by Livestock Committee: _____

Extension Educator Signature: _____ Date: _____

Form Must be Turned In Prior to Show/Auction Needing Substitute Showperson.

Appendix I: Board of Animal Health Livestock Exhibition Requirements

Source: <https://www.in.gov/boah/boah-rules/exhibition-requirements/>

Appendix II: Premise ID Information

Source: https://www.in.gov/boah/files/4H_FAQs_3-2015.pdf

Appendix III: Indiana State Fair Livestock ID Requirements

Source: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf>