

Pike County 4-H Livestock Rules

All livestock exhibitors should read the general 4-H rules and regulations found in the beginning of the 4-H Scoop, as well as the following livestock rules.

General Rules

1. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry, and rabbits. ALL 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program by May 15. This training is offered in person several times.
2. Livestock exhibitors **MUST** be enrolled in each livestock project he/she is taking by May 15. Livestock projects **CANNOT** be added after May 15. This includes identifying all livestock animals correctly in 4HOnline or on a paper form (Poultry Only) on or before May 15.
3. Pay the State 4-H Program Fee in full by May 15. If the program fee is not paid, you will not be allowed to exhibit your animal(s) at the fair.
4. **Fairgrounds Cleanup:** There will be a Fairgrounds Cleanup Day on Saturday, July 12th from 8am to 12pm. The REQUIRED Livestock Exhibitor Meeting will be held on this date at 9am in the Livestock Show Arena.
5. **Livestock Check-In:** Animals that will be staying at the 4-H Fairgrounds during the 4-H Fair are required to check-in and be cleared by a vet between **5pm to 9pm on Saturday, July 19th**. Mini 4-H members who are only bringing an animal for the mini show may bring the animal the day of the show and take it home immediately afterward. Vet check will take place along the road at the bottom of the hill to the barns. All vehicles must be parked either in Hornady Park, or at the 4-H Building during vet check.
6. **Animals Leaving Early: All animals are expected to remain on the 4-H Fairgrounds until, July 25th. Animals will be released on Friday, July 25th at 9am.** If an animal needs to leave the Fairgrounds early, please submit a Livestock Early Release Form to the Livestock Committee explaining the reason and deliver it to the Extension Office no later than two weeks prior to check-in. The Early Release Form can be found at the back of the Scoop.
7. Any obviously diseased, malnourished, or uncared for animals as deemed by either a veterinarian, the respective species superintendent, or an Extension Office staff member, will not be allowed to exhibit and will be sent home.

Weight to Age Norms Breeds are not considered in this table. For more information, contact the Extension Office or your superintendent.		
Species	Age	Weight
Barrow	6 months	180 pounds
Gilt	6 months	180 pounds
Heifer	6 months	450 pounds
Steer	6 months	500 pounds
Market Lamb	6 months	60+ pounds

8. A veterinarian of the 4-H Livestock Committee's choice may be present for random inspection and/or blood testing of livestock at check-in and/or exhibit events.
9. **No unaltered male animals may be shown.** Altered animals still showing signs of functional reproductive organs will be placed at the bottom of their class and receive no more than a white ribbon with the exception of caged animals.

10. All animals must have permanent ID with the exception of poultry. All animals must be appropriately tagged or tattooed by May 15th.
 - a. **2025 Livestock REQUIRED Tagging Days:**
 - b. March 22nd - Beef & Dairy Beef Weigh-in & Tagging. All Feeder Calves, Steers, and Heifers **MUST** be tagged at tag in day at the fairgrounds. We will also weigh steers for Rate of Gain (New in 2024)
 - c. April 12th- Livestock ID Day (Weighing & Tagging) of Cattle, Sheep, Swine, & Goats. Animals that have attended a previous ID day in Pike County and meet current identification requirements do not need to attend. All steers, dairy/meat goat wethers, and market lambs will be weighed for Rate of Gain (New in 2024).
11. An uncontrollable/unmanageable animal will be sent home on the advisability of the Extension Educator(s) and the superintendent of that species.
12. No stimulants or tranquilizers may be administered to any livestock except under approval of the livestock committee.
13. Every animal should have a halter on it when coming on and off the trailer, on the trailer, and when at the fairgrounds. This applies to all animals that use a halter/collar; Horse & Pony, Llama & Alpaca, Cattle, Sheep, and Goats.
14. Supplemental rules may be developed at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
15. No livestock will be released from the exhibit area without permission of the barn superintendent(s) and/or 4-H Livestock Committee.

Animal Possession, Care, and Ownership

All animals must be owned or owned in partnership by the 4-H member. For all leased animals, 4-H members must submit an **Animal Lease Agreement**. You must submit *the Pike County Animal Lease Agreement* with all required signatures by **May 15th** of the current year. Only Horse & Pony, Llama, and the Dairy Cattle Female projects are able to show at the county and state fair level. All other leased species can only show at the county level. These forms are available at the Extension Office or in the back of the Scoop.

All 4-H animals will be housed at the home of the 4-H member and be under his/her daily care and supervision by no later than the county weigh in date. This housing/ownership is to remain in effect until animals are housed at the local 4-H fairgrounds during the fair.

However, it is recognized that certain individuals may have a genuine interest in one or more 4-H animal projects, but do not have suitable facilities at their home to properly house or care for the animal(s). It may be possible to make suitable arrangements to keep the animal(s) at a location other than at the 4-H member's residence and for the 4-H member to care for the animal(s) on a daily (or near daily) basis.

No animal may be substituted or traded for the original animal after **May 15th** of the program year. If the animal is deemed disabled, diseased, or deceased after May 15th, the 4-H member may participate in the appropriate showmanship class with another 4-H member's enrolled animal providing there is a mutual agreement between both parties. The procedure for replacing an animal is listed below:

1. Notify livestock committee and Extension Educator within 7 days of the occurrence of death, disease diagnosis, or disablement of the animal.
2. A statement from a vet concerning the animal's disease or condition if disabled is required.

Check <https://www.in.gov/boah/boah-rules/exhibition-requirements/> for the latest Indiana State Board of Animal Health Exhibition Requirements.

Identification of Animals

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified by an acceptable method. Acceptable methods vary by species, and Pike County 4-H follows the Indiana State Fair 4-H animal identification requirements included below. **The animal ID information must be entered in 4-H Online by May 15th.** If exhibiting at the State Fair, animal ID information and DNA Hair Sample also must be entered in 4-H Online and hair sample brought to the Extension Office by **May 15th.**

Animal	Pike County Requirements	Additional State Fair Requirements
Beef Steers, Dairy Beef Steers, & Feeder Steers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	& DNA Hair Sample
Commercial Heifers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	& DNA Hair Sample
Registered Beef Heifers	840-RFID tag and tattoo	& DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Cattle Females	840-RFID tag and registered name and registration number	& DNA Hair Sample
Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	& DNA Hair Sample
Commercial Goat Does	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	& DNA Hair Sample
Registered Boer Goat Does	Breed Registry Tattoo	& DNA Hair Sample
Pygmy Goats, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or microchip with matching papers	
Pygmy Goats, Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	
Registered Dairy Goat Does	Breed Registry Tattoo with matching papers	
Unregistered Dairy Goat Does	Tattoo that is part of the scrapie program OR RFID tag	
Dairy Goat Wethers	5-digit county tag or tattoo	
Horse and Pony	Two Color Pictures	
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	
Rabbits	Tattoo (permanent and using letters A-Z and numerals 0-9)	
Market Lambs	840 RFID tag & 5-digit county tag	& DNA Hair Sample
Commercial Ewes and Ram Lambs	840 RFID tag & 5-digit county tag/or official scrapies tag	& DNA Hair Sample
Registered Ewes & Ram Lambs	840 RFID tag & tag from registration papers	& DNA Hair Sample
Swine	840 RFID tag & ear notch	& DNA Hair Sample

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4-H Mini 4-H Rules & Safety Policy

A Mini 4-H member may exhibit only ONE animal per species at the Pike County 4-H Fair. This animal may be their own animal or one that is owned by another 4-H member who is also exhibiting the animal at the Pike County 4-H Fair **with the Exception of Horse & Pony.** Mini 4-H animals must follow the same project guidelines and health requirements as all other 4-H animals. **Registration and liability release forms MUST be completed and returned to the Extension Office before the deadline of May 15. If not returned, the Mini 4-H member will not be allowed to exhibit an animal.** Form can be found in the back of the Scoop. The parent or legal guardian of a Mini 4-H member MUST be present while the Mini 4-H member is showing.

NO Mini 4-H members will be eligible to participate in the Pike County 4-H Livestock Auction. Mini 4-H members will NOT be judged competitively. Instead, constructive comments will be shared with them so that they may learn from the experience. All Mini 4-H members will receive a blue ribbon. **Mini 4-H members exhibiting animals that weigh more than 300 pounds MUST have an adult assistant who is in charge of the animal AT ALL TIMES while exhibiting.** This adult may be the parent or legal guardian of the Mini 4-H member or is an approved adult volunteer.

Feeding, Stalls, Pens, Cages, Etc.

It is very important that all livestock exhibits are well cared for throughout the 4-H Fair. The Livestock Committee adopted the following rules for the 4-H Fair to help better ensure the safety and wellbeing of both animals and exhibitors:

1. Stall assignments may be made by each species superintendent on cleanup day or after. These assignments may differ based upon enrollment and other circumstances. Due to this reason, stalls may NOT be decorated prior to the Fairgrounds Cleanup Day held on Saturday, July 13th.
2. All members are responsible to sign off for checking that their assigned stall is clean and animals are fed and watered in the morning and evening of each day. The member may designate another individual to check the stall as long as the person responsible signs off on the appropriate form after checking the stall.
3. During the fair, ALL animals must have access to water at all times except immediately prior to their species show.
4. Livestock waste should be put in the designated waste bins and shoveled all the way to the back. Shovels and wheelbarrows will be provided to help with stall cleaning.
5. Livestock members that bring fans for their animals must adhere to the following requirements:
 - a. Only one fan per animal will be allowed
 - b. All fans and extension cords used must include a ground, must have safe wiring and must be in safe operating condition.
 - c. All fans must be covered by a protective screen (front and back) that is fine enough to keep out small fingers.
 - d. All fans must be securely mounted.
 - e. Remember to be courteous to your fellow livestock members and the superintendents.
6. Each exhibitor is expected to keep their exhibit area clean (including aisles and walkways). No wires or any equipment is to be left in walk aisles.
7. No washing of animals or cleaning of cages and pens when a show is in progress.
8. Watch for heat stress (excessive panting, sweating).
9. Be sure halters or lead ropes allow animals to lay down, but are not long enough to be tangled and injure animals.
10. Be sure animals are secure, with good lead ropes or pens tall enough and firmly wired shut.

11. Handle animals gently, without hitting or kicking them.
12. Ask for help if there are problems. Each superintendent will advise you or call for a veterinarian if your animal(s) need(s) medical attention. Only in the event that a veterinarian cannot be reached the respective species superintendent has discretion as to medical attention. Medicines or drugs must be given by, or under the direction of, a veterinarian or superintendent.
13. The use of profanity in the barns, livestock area, or during shows by parents or 4-H'ers will not be tolerated.
14. Due to lack of water volume and pressure, water hoses are to be used for watering of animals and washing of animals only.
15. The abuse of animals, either yours or another person's animals, will not be tolerated.
16. At the end of the fair, 4-H exhibitors are responsible for transportation of their animals back home or to market.
17. All members are responsible for removing EVERYTHING from their assigned stall after the animal leaves the Fairgrounds. Any stall that is found uncleaned on July 27th will be noted and the member who was responsible will be billed a \$50 cleanup fee. The fee will be subtracted from the auction check, if applicable.

Show Rules

1. You are required to complete Fair Entry at fairentry.com between June 1st and July 7th to facilitate planning the show bill, allotting pen space, etc. This includes specifying if you would like to participate in the Livestock Auction.
2. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to be aware of what is happening at the show and when they need to report for their class. Once the final class call is made, no additional entries will be allowed in the class and classes will not be re-judged.
3. All animals must be shown by the 4-H livestock owner except when a member has more than one animal to show in a class or there is an emergency situation and the livestock committee has given prior approval. With both exceptions, another Pike County 4-H member (with livestock committee approval) will show the animal.

Ethical Treatment & Grooming of Show Animals

The Pike County 4-H Council and 4-H Livestock Shows follow the Indiana 4-H State Fair Show Rules & Guidelines as explained in the Indiana 4-H State Fair Book. These rules include, but are not limited to the following illegal practices:

1. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation, which includes coloring of animals, attaching hair and hair substitutes, pumping (any gas or any liquid), and filling.
2. Unethical fitting of animal exhibits is defined as the administration of any foreign substances (drugs, steroids, painkillers, stimulants, depressants, chemicals, gasses, etc.), surgical and non-surgical procedures altering the animal's configuration and appearance.
3. Grooming of animals by professional and non-family fitters. The 4-H animal exhibitor may receive CLIPPING AND GROOMING ASSISTANCE only from their immediate family which is defined as a father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, legal guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, grandfather, step grandfather, grandmother, step grandmother, aunt or uncle, or from another currently Indiana 4-H exhibitor.
4. The practices of "icing", "ramping", "alcoholing", "shocking", or any procedure to induce artificial muscle tone.

The Pike County 4-H Council will allow the following:

1. The usage of paint or shoe polish on animal hooves.
2. The manipulation of the animal's own natural hair.
3. The usage of baby powder and oils on the animal's hairs.

Livestock Auction

1. Members wishing to participate in the livestock auction will need to enroll within the FairEntry system no later than July 7th.
2. Auction member must have a photo taken with their animal on their show day. If you do not get your photo taken, you will NOT be able to sell the animal in the auction. Horse and Pony members will take their auction photos One hour BEFORE the Pleasure Horse show on Sunday. All other livestock will take their Auction photos after their livestock show.
3. The Pike County 4-H Livestock Auction is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th at 6pm/EST.
4. Complimentary meal tickets will be provided to auction buyers.
5. An animal purchaser pays a premium for the animal.
6. Auction will be randomly assigned outside of Grand and Reserve Grand Champions. See rule #14.
7. All 4-H members are expected to show their own animals during the Livestock Auction. Substitutions must be pre-approved. If a substitution is requested, a letter explaining the reason for the substitution must be filed with the Extension office by Friday, July 12th.
8. **Each 4-H Livestock member may sell a maximum of one animal.**
9. Dress Code is strictly enforced during the Auction. See "Pike County 4-H Livestock Dress Code".
10. An animal may go through auction only once; that same animal may never go through auction again. Horse & Pony and Llamas/Alpacas project animals are the only exception to this rule. Other exceptions may be considered by means of a written request to the Livestock Committee prior to July 12th.
11. Animals entered in the Indiana State Fair MAY NOT sell in the auction nor may a ribbon or token be sold in place of the animal.
12. Animals do not have to be entered into the auction at the conclusion of the Fair.
13. Livestock Auction Species Sales Order:

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
2025	Rabbit	Horse	Swine	Poultry	Beef & Dairy	Alpaca & Llama	Goat	Sheep
2026	Horse	Swine	Poultry	Beef & Dairy	Alpaca & Llama	Goat	Sheep	Rabbit
2027	Swine	Poultry	Beef & Dairy	Alpaca & Llama	Goat	Sheep	Rabbit	Horse
2028	Poultry	Beef & Dairy	Alpaca & Llama	Goat	Sheep	Rabbit	Horse	Swine

14. Further, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion winners will be given precedence in each species drive. GC & RGC winners must let the Extension Office staff know their chosen precedence within 24 hours after conclusion of each species show in question, otherwise they will be placed first within the auction order.
15. If a 4-H Member does not participate in their species show, they will not be permitted to sell that species in the 4-H Livestock Auction. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Livestock Committee prior to 24 hours before the beginning time of the Livestock Auction.
16. Thank You Cards from livestock auction exhibitors to buyers are REQUIRED in order to receive their auction checks.
 - a. In 4-H, we have many unique opportunities to express our thanks to donors, volunteers, livestock auction buyers and others. A lot of respect can be earned or lost by our ability to say thanks. Thank You notes help our sponsors realize that their donations and sponsorships really mean something to you. It helps them feel appreciated and become more interested in sponsoring next year.
 - b. The Extension Office will provide exhibitors with their buyer(s) name(s), Thank You cards and envelopes, along with ink pens as no typewritten notes will be accepted. A table with supplies will be set up during the livestock auction for exhibitors to complete their cards.
 - c. If an exhibitor sells one animal and multiple buyers get together to purchase an animal, a Thank You note is required for each buyer.

- d. Each completed Thank You card(s) must be submitted to the Extension Office UNSEALED no later than two weeks after the conclusion of the Livestock Auction.
 - e. Dirty or smudged Thank You cards will NOT be accepted.
17. If a 4-H member is not in the auction order line or in the show ring when called for auction, he/she forfeits his/her right to sell that species.
 18. Deductions from livestock auction checks will be 5% of the total auction price for Pike County 4-H Livestock Committee, and \$5.00 per animal for livestock buyer appreciation dinner.
 19. Livestock Auction checks will be given to auctioning members at the annual Achievement Banquet program provided that their completed UNSEALED Thank You cards to their livestock buyer(s) have been submitted to the Extension Office no later than two weeks after the conclusion of the Livestock Auction.

Indiana State Fair Livestock Exhibitors

If you plan to show livestock at the State Fair, you are responsible for meeting the exhibition deadlines and requirements. Be sure to contact the Extension Office to let us know you are planning to exhibit at the State Fair. You must specify in 4HOnline by May 15th if you are planning to show at the state fair. Most animals exhibiting at the State Fair need to collect a DNA hair sample that must be turned into the Extension office by 4pm on May 15th (No exceptions). Families must collect their own samples.

Detailed information can be found at www.indianastatefair.com. Each species has its own entry book that can be found on the state fair's website. Enrollment in the state fair for livestock species is completed through Exhibitor's Corner, which can be accessed on the state fair's website. All members should take copies of their official state fair entry with them to the state fairgrounds.

Livestock Premiums

Premiums are given only once to an animal. No premium will be given in group classes or for champions. All premiums will be capped at \$20.00 per species per exhibitor. Premiums are as follows:

Species	Blue Ribbon	Red Ribbon	White Ribbon	Participation
Beef & Dairy Cattle	\$10.00	No Premium	No Premium	No Premium
Goats, Sheep & Swine	\$5.00	No Premium	No Premium	No Premium
Horse & Pony	\$10.00	No Premium	No Premium	No Premium
Caged Animals (Poultry & Rabbit)	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	No Premium

Pike County 4-H Livestock Dress Code

Appropriate dress must be worn by all 4-H Livestock exhibitors during shows, the livestock auction, and livestock photographs. Clothing allowed will be polo/golf shirts or cotton button-up shirts (tucked in with no midriff showing), good clean jeans or Dockers, and clean tennis shoes, boots, or work shoes. Clean ball caps may be worn, if desired. The only tee shirts allowed will be 4-H tee shirts.

Attire **NOT** allowed: **no** halter/tube tops, **no** shorts (shorts are defined as any trousers that do not touch the top of shoes), **no** tee shirts, **no** see-through material, **no** open toed shoes, **no** sandals, **no** "sling back" shoes, and **no** "mules".

It is recommended that dairy cow and dairy goat exhibitors wear white blouse or shirt (polo or button down) and white or black pants.

This dress code affects all Pike County 4-H Livestock exhibitors except horse exhibitors, because they have their own dress code. Pike County 4-H Livestock exhibitors not having appropriate attire will not be allowed into the show area.

Showmanship

Regarding Beef/Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, & Swine showmanship, the following rules will govern eligibility for the classes and the procedures that will be followed in judging these classes.

- All livestock members should be encouraged to compete in their species showmanship class.
- Showmanship divisions are based on the exhibitor's grade in school as of January 1st of the current year. Divisions are:
 - Junior Showmanship: All 4-H exhibitors in grades 3 through 5 are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall Junior Showmanship winner for a species, the 4-H member is eligible to compete in Intermediate Showmanship for that species the FOLLOWING YEAR.
 - Intermediate Showmanship: All 4-H exhibitors in grades 6 through 8, as well as the previous Junior Showmanship winner, are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall Intermediate Showmanship winner in a species, the 4-H member is eligible to compete in Senior Showmanship for the species the FOLLOWING YEAR.
 - Senior Showmanship: All 4-H exhibitors in grades 9 through 12, as well as the previous Intermediate Showmanship winner, are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall Senior Showmanship winner in a species, the 4-H member will move up and compete in the Master Showmanship class for that species the CURRENT YEAR.
 - Master Showmanship: All past Senior Showmanship winners are eligible to compete for the Master Showmanship winner. Once an exhibitor is the overall Master Showmanship winner, they will compete in the Supreme Showmanship contest. When an exhibitor has won overall Master Showmanship in a species, they can recompile in Master Showmanship every year.
- Each member entering a showmanship class must show an animal that has been entered and shown in his/her name, though the member may not have shown that particular animal due to multiple entries in a class.

Regarding Horse & Pony showmanship, the following rules will govern eligibility for the classes and procedures that will be following in judging this class.

- All livestock members should be encouraged to compete in their species showmanship class.
- Showmanship divisions are based on the exhibitor's grade in school as of January 1st of the current year. Horse & Pony Showmanship Divisions are:
 - Junior Showmanship: Grades 3 through 7
 - Senior Showmanship: Grades 8 through 12

Beef/Dairy- Showmanship classes will follow selection of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steers and Rate of Gain classes. *Order: Mini, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, then Master.*

Goat- Showmanship classes will follow selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Pygmy Goat and Rate of Gain classes. *Order: Mini, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, then Master.*

Horse & Pony- Showmanship will follow Halter Classes. *Order: Junior, Senior, then Mini.*

Poultry- Showmanship classes will start the Poultry show. *Order: Mini, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, then Master.*

Rabbit- Showmanship classes will start the Rabbit Show. *Order: Mini, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, then Master.*

Sheep- Showmanship classes will follow selection of Pair of Lambs and Rate of Gain classes. *Order: Mini, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, then Master.*

Swine- Showmanship classes will follow selection of Pen of Four class. *Order: Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Master, then Mini.*

Large/Small Supreme Showmanship

- The Supreme Showmanship contest should be fun and something to strive for as a Master Showman. There will be two Supreme Showmanship Winners; one for large livestock (Horse, Beef/Dairy, Sheep, and Swine) and one for smaller livestock (Rabbits, Poultry, and Goats).
- All Supreme Showman finalists will be responsible for contacting other species superintendents or livestock members to learn proper techniques in other species.
- Contestants will be judged on their ability to handle, show, and present each of the different species. Animals should be clean.
- 4-H Members winning showmanship in more than one species in large animal or small animal will be asked to select which species he/she desired to represent. 4-H members may participate in both large animal AND small animal contests. The species that is not selected, the second place showmen will move on to represent that species.
- Supreme Showmanship will be held on Thursday, July 24th at 4:15pm/EST.
- **Winners will be announced at the conclusion of Supreme Showmanship.**

Who participates in Supreme Showmanship?

Master Showmanship winners of livestock classes. If there is not a Master Showman, then there will not be a representative from that species. Master Showmen are eligible to participate in Supreme Showmanship more than once if they continue to be the winner of the livestock species. Supreme Showmanship winners are ineligible to participate the next year, but may participate the following year.

Livestock used for show:

- Animals should be gentle
- The owner(s) of selected animals are to bring the animals and equipment necessary for showing to show arena at time of show (halters, brush, show stick, etc.)
- Animals should be clean, but not extensively groomed. Owners of animals used will stay in ensure safety of the animal, equipment, and spectators, and to return their animal to stall after the contest. Owner is not to assist contestants.
- Animal selection for showmanship participants:
 - Participants will be allowed to show their own animal
 - It is the participant's responsibility to secure the use of any animals used during the Supreme Showmanship Contests.
 - If showman qualifies in more than one livestock area, showman will choose which species to represent.
- Ties: Judge will place each contestant in each livestock species and assign point values for placing. High point wins. In the event of a tie, the judge will determine the winner at his or her discretion.

Top Herdsman Contest

- All 4-H livestock members in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to compete, but must notify the Extension office of interest. Participants must compete in classes for all species (Beef/Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine).
- Participants will dress according to each species dress code.
- Follow showmanship rules pertaining to equipment. Showmanship books are available in the Extension Office upon request.
- Points will be tallied after the last show and the winner will be announced at the Livestock Auction on Thursday, July 24th at 6pm/EST.

What to Bring Into the Show Ring

Large Animals

- Horse & Pony- Show halter
- Beef- Show halter, show stick, brush/scotch comb
- Dairy- Show halter
- Dairy Goat- Choke chain
- Sheep- No halter while showing
- Swine- Brush and cane/stick/whip

Small Animals

- Pygmy Goats- Collar and short lead
- Rabbits- Long sleeve shirt or lab coat
- Poultry- Nothing required

Livestock Exhibit Rules by Species

Beef & Dairy Beef

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H Members may self-enter Beef and Dairy Beef in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.



All Beef and Dairy Beef exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:


- Feed with clean feed pan(s)
- Hay
- Clean water bucket kept full of fresh water
- Nylon rope halter
- Leather (Show) Halter
- Brush for scrubbing when washing animal(s)
- Shampoo
- Manure fork
- Optional- Blower for Beef cattle
- Show Stick for show (Dairy Beef optional)

General Rules:





1. To exhibit beef or dairy beef, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
2. Beef and Dairy Beef animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the beef and/or dairy project.
3. All beef and dairy beef animals are required to have both a halter and a neck rope to tie up the animals. This should reduce the risk for loose calves at the fair.
4. A total of 6 head of cattle may be shown per exhibitor. Exhibitors are limited to 2 steers. Only 2 breeding heifers may be in the same class.
5. All animals must be shown under leather halter.
6. All beef and dairy cattle must be dehorned by May 15th.
7. Rate of Gain Class for 4-H Beef and Dairy Steers in a Market division. Each steer weighed in at the spring tag day will be eligible for consideration in the "Rate of Gain" contest. Calculations will be made from the Tag Day weight and show weight for determining the best rate of gain on the steers.

Cow/Calf Division


Cow Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cow must be identified via 4HOnline by May 15th. All cows must be owned, and under the care prior to January 1 of the current year.	
Calf Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Born after January 1st of the current fair year• Can also be shown in the market beef feeder calf class or heifer calf class• Tagged at spring weigh-in• Calves must be born by May 1st	



Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pairs of all breeds will show in one or two classes depending on how many pairings. There will be a Grand Champion Cow-Calf Pair selected. 	
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Beef Heifer Division




Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born on or after September 1 of two years previous 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial heifers: 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag Registered heifers: 840-RFID tag and tattoo Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	 
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divided by age Junior heifer calves: January 1-March 31 of current year Winter heifer calves: November 1-December 31 of previous year Senior heifer calves: September 1-October 31 of previous year Late summer yearling heifers: July 1-August 31 of previous year Early summer yearling heifers: May 1-June 30 of previous year Spring yearling heifers: March 1- April 30 of previous year Junior yearling heifers: January 1-February 29 of previous year Senior yearling heifers: September 1-December 31 of two years previous 	

Beef Feeder Calves Division


Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born on or after January 1 of the current fair year 300-750 pounds Weaned and broke to lead unless part of the cow-calf division Castrated, dehorned, and healed before fair Can be shown the following year as a steer Eligible for Livestock Auction. If they go through the Auction as a feeder calf, they 	
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	are NOT eligible for the Auction if they come back to the Fair as a Steer.	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes divided by weight 	

Beef Progressive Steer Division



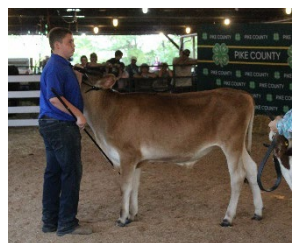
Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 751-999 pounds Castrated and dehorned by or on May 15th 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes divided by weight 	

Beef Market Steer Division

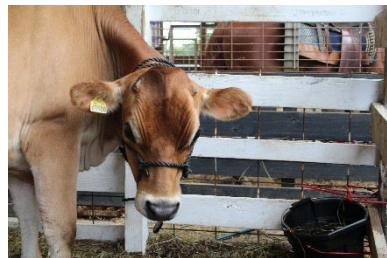


Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000 pounds & up Castrated and dehorned by or on May 15th Born between January 1 and September 1 of the prior year 	
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Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes divided by weight Rate of Gain Beef Steer will be announced at the conclusion of Grand Champion Steer Class and before showmanship. 	

Dairy Beef Feeder Calves Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born on or after January 1st of the current fair year Dairy Breeds include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn 300-750 pounds Castrated and dehorned by or on May 15th Can be shown the following year as a steer Eligible for Livestock Auction. If they go through the Auction as a feeder calf, they are NOT eligible for the Auction if they come back to the Fair as a Steer. Use of a show stick during the show is optional 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes divided by weight 	

Dairy Beef Steer Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born between January 1 and September 1 of the prior year Dairy Breeds include: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn Over 750 pounds Castrated and dehorned by or on May 15th Use of a show stick during the show is optional 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes divided by weight Rate of Gain Dairy Beef Steer will be announced at the conclusion of Grand Champion Steer Class and before showmanship. 	

Cat

State Fair Project





Note: All Members may self-enter Cat in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.

General Rules:

- All 4-H cats must have a valid Certification of Vaccination (4-H 777) signed by a veterinarian within six months of the show date and presented to the Extension Office before your cat comes to the fairgrounds.
- Entry in the cat show classes will take place via FairEntry.
- Each member may exhibit his/her own or the family cat. Each cat may be shown by only one 4-H member.
- All cats must be in carriers or cages; cages will be provided on the show day. Cats on leashes without carrying cases will not be accepted. Please do not use paper/cardboard boxes as carriers.
- 4-H members must stay with and present their cats for judging.
- Cats must be clean and free of fleas, ear mites, and any other communicable diseases and may not be exhibited if they test positive for or show any signs of communicable disease. See the State Fair health guidelines for details.
- Cats may have harnesses, leashes, or collars.
- Cats must have their claws trimmed for the safety of the handler and judge.
- 4-H members may show up to 2 cats in the show.
- Pregnant, lactating, or in-season cats will not be allowed to show.
- It is recommended that all 4-H cats, other than purebred breeding stock, be neutered or spayed.
- Substitutions of 4-H cats will not be permitted on show day.
- A standardized scoring system/record will be used by the judge for each cat and/or exhibitor. Cats will be judged on health, cleanliness, personality, and, if necessary, "star quality" to break a tie.

14. Fun classes include best cage decoration, and best costume.

Cat Divisions

Kitten	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be 4 months to 8 months old and have their first vaccinations.	
Household Pet-Short Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short Haired Cat over 8 months old	
Household Pet-Long Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long Haired Cat over 8 months old	
Purebred	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For registered animals. In judging confirmation, the structure and form of the cat is evaluated as defined by the breed standard	

Dairy Females

State Fair Project

Note: All Members may self-enter Dairy in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.




All Dairy exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:

- Feed with clean feed pan(s)
- Hay
- Clean water bucket kept full of fresh water
- Nylon rope halter
- Leather (Show) Halter
- Brush for scrubbing when washing animal(s)
- Shampoo
- Manure fork

General Rules:

1. To exhibit dairy, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
2. Dairy animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the dairy project.
3. All dairy animals are required to have both a halter and neck rope to tie up the animals. This should reduce the risk for loose calves at the fair.
4. 4-H members may enroll 2 animals per class.
5. All animals must be shown under leather halter.
6. All dairy cattle must be dehorned by May 15th.
7. 4-H members are recommended to wear white blouse or shirt (polo or button down) and white or black pants.

Dairy Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a dairy breed: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered: 840-RFID Tag and registered name and registered number/papers Unregistered: 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shown by breed (if applicable) and divided by age Heifer calves: born September 1 of previous year to May 15 of current year Yearling heifers: born September 1 of two years previous to June 1 of previous 2 years old or more cows 	

Goats: Dairy Goat

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter goats in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.

All goat exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:





- Hay
- Bedding- straw, cedar chips, etc.
- Feed pans- use pans that can be attached to the fence; or pick up pans after feeding your animals
- Water buckets- minimum two-gallon capacity
- Collars and leads; choke collars for the show ring
- Grooming supplies- clippers, hoof trimmers, brushes, shampoos and towels for cleaning animals before showing
- Snap rings for securing pens

General Rules:




- To exhibit dairy goats, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
- All Dairy Goat animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the dairy goat project.
- All dairy goats (does and wethers) must be free from horns. Horns, scars, and numbs must be less than .5" to be accepted onto the fairgrounds and shown.
- Every dairy goat must have a choker chain available if needed.
- No goats may be exhibited that are showing signs of being infected with ringworm.
- Goats that have given birth or will give birth within 4 weeks of the fair will not be allowed to exhibit.
- An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 2 entries per class, a total of 6 goats. A maximum of 2 breeds may be shown by an exhibitor.
- 4-H members are recommended to wear white blouse or shirt (polo or button down) and white or black pants.


9. Rate of Gain Class for 4-H Dairy Wethers in a Market division. Each wether weighed in at the spring tag day will be eligible for consideration in the “Rate of Gain” contest. Calculations will be made from the Tag Day weight and show weight for determining the best rate of gain on the dairy wethers.

Dairy Goat Does Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a dairy goat breed or less than 50% meat breed cross 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo with matching papers Unregistered: Tattoo that is part of the scrapie program or RFID tag Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	 
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divided by breed and divided by age Kid: born in current year prior to May 15th Yearling: born between September 1 and December 31 of the prior year Producing Doe: born before September 1 of the prior year Dry Producing Doe: born before September 1 of the prior year. 	

Dairy Goat Wethers Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a dairy goat breed or less than 50% meat breed cross Must be castrated prior to unloading at the county fair. Must be less than a year old at the day of the show and still possess its milk teeth 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 digit county tag or tattoo 	 

Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divided by weight Rate of Gain Dairy Wether will be announced at the conclusion of Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Class and before showmanship. 	
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Goats: Meat Goat

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter goats in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.




All goat exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:


- Hay
- Bedding- straw, cedar chips, etc.
- Feed pans- use pans that can be attached to the fence; or pick up pans after feeding your animals
- Water buckets- minimum two-gallon capacity
- Collars and leads; choke collars for the show ring
- Grooming supplies- clippers, hoof trimmers, brushes, shampoos and towels for cleaning animals before showing
- Snap rings for securing pens

General Rules:




- To exhibit meat goats, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
- All Meat Goat animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the meat goat project.
- Every meat goat must have a collar on during the fair with no exceptions.
- No goats may be exhibited that are showing signs of being infected with ringworm.
- Meat goats are allowed to have horns.
- An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 2 entries per class, a total of 6 goats. A maximum of 2 breeds may be shown by an exhibitor.
- Rate of Gain Class for 4-H Meat Goat Wethers in a Market division. Each wether weighed in at the spring tag day will be eligible for consideration in the "Rate of Gain" contest. Calculations will be made from the Tag Day weight and show weight for determining the best rate of gain on the meat goat wethers.

Meat Goat Does Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a meat breed or 50% or more meat breed cross 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Boer Goat Does: Breed Registry Tattoo Commercial Goat Does: 840-RFID tag and 5 digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirements: DNA Hair Sample 	 

Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divided by birthdate (classes may be combined if there are less than 4 in an age group at the time of the show) Kid: born in current year prior to May 15th Yearling: born between September 1 and December 31 of the prior year Producing Doe: born before September 1 of the prior year Dry Producing Doe: born before September 1 of the prior year. 	
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Meat Goat Wethers Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be a meat breed or 50% or more meat breed cross Must be castrated prior to unloading at the county fair Must be less than a year old at the day of the show and still possess its milk teeth 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirements: DNA Hair Sample 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shown by weight Rate of Gain Meat Goat Wether will be announced at the conclusion of Grand Champion Pygmy Goat Class and before showmanship. 	

Goats: Pygmy Goat

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter goats in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.

All goat exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:





- Hay
- Bedding- straw, cedar chips, etc.
- Feed pans- use pans that can be attached to the fence; or pick up pans after feeding your animals
- Water buckets- minimum two-gallon capacity
- Collars and leads; choke collars for the show ring
- Grooming supplies- clippers, hoof trimmers, brushes, shampoos and towels for cleaning animals before showing
- Snap rings for securing pens

General Rules:




- To exhibit pygmy goats, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.


2. All Pygmy Goat animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the pygmy goat project.
3. Every pygmy goat must have a collar on during the fair with no exceptions.
4. No goats may be exhibited that are showing signs of being infected with ringworm.
5. Pygmy goats may be shown with or without horns.
6. An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 2 entries per class, a total of 6 goats. A maximum of 2 breeds may be shown by an exhibitor.

Pygmy Does Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female Pygmy 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pygmy Goats, Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo or microchip with matching papers Pygmy Goats, Unregistered: USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo 	 
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divided by birthdate (classes may be combined if there are less than 4 in an age group at the time of the show) Kid: born in current year prior to May 15th Yearling: born between September 1 and December 31 of the prior year Producing Doe: born before September 1 of the prior year Dry Producing Doe: born before September 1 of the prior year. 	

Pygmy Wethers Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be castrated prior to unloading at the county fair 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pygmy Goats, Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo or microchip with matching papers Pygmy Goats, Unregistered: USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo 	 

Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divided by weight 	
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Horse and Pony

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter Horse & Pony in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.

All horse & pony exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:

- Two (2) water buckets
- One (1) food bucket
- Feed
- Hay
- Cleaning fork
- One (1) hard brush
- One (1) soft brush
- Mane & Tail Comb
- Hoof polish
- Hoof pick
- Saddle
- Bridle/Bit
- Saddle pad
- Halter & chain lead
- Helmet

General Rules:

- The Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook can be accessed by using this link - <https://bit.ly/2020HorseHandbook> - or contacting your 4-H Extension Office.
- All Horse & Pony animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the Horse & Pony project.
 - All Horses require digital copies of color photographs showing the face and all four legs of the horse. Additionally, lease forms will need to be completed, scanned and uploaded to complete the horse enrollment (not required if you own the horse). Completed lease forms can also be sent to the Extension Office. This needs to be completed by May 15th. Lease forms can be found in the back of the scoop.
- All exhibitors must complete and turn in the Horse & Pony Vaccination Form by May 15th. This form is available in the extension office or in the back of the scoop. Copies can be turned into the Extension Office or to the Horse and Pony Superintendents. You may not bring your animal to riding meetings until it is vaccinated.
 - Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 and 4, Equine Influenza, Tetanus, and Rabies are required vaccinations that must be documented on this form.
- If two youth are sharing one horse or pony on the county level, each member must complete and submit 4-H Online animal ID for each child.
 - The animal(s) may be shown only once per class at the county level.
 - Only one member may exhibit the animal at the state level.
- Exhibitors are responsible to keep their tack and stall neat and clean. Stalls must be cleaned daily and dry bedding added as needed. Tack must be kept in designated areas.



6. **If there are not enough stalls for all exhibitors who have more than one horse to show at the fair, then no one may bring an extra horse to be stalled at the fairgrounds.** The second horse will be admitted to the grounds the day of the show and taken home after the show.
7. No more than one horse or pony will be allowed in a stall.
8. Before exiting the fairgrounds with your horse at the end of fair week, each exhibitor's stall, tack area, and the area in front of the stall should be checked that it has been cleaned properly. The member should help with general clean-up in the Horse & Pony barn the day of check-out unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time.
9. 4-H member grade definitions:
 - a. Juniors- 3rd to 7th Grade
 - b. Seniors- 8th to 12th Grade

Health Rules:

1. In order to provide for the well-being of all horses in Pike County, it is required that all enrolled horses be vaccinated by May 15th. Any questionable animal will be subject to inspection by the Horse & Pony Superintendents or certified veterinarian and may be dismissed from the competition or event.
2. All animals participating in 4-H activities must be sound, humanely treated and healthy. Animals are subject to inspection by the Judge, Horse & Pony Superintendents, or a licensed veterinarian. Questionable animals may be dismissed from the competition or event.
3. All animal exhibit must be free of drug, steroids, and chemical or foreign substance residue (unless written approval from a vet specifying the drug(s), their intended purpose, and the fact that they are not inhibiting/enhancing the animal's performance).



Safety Rules:

1. Any animal deemed unmanageable at any 4-H Horse & Pony event by the Horse & Pony Superintendents may be excused from participation and/or competition.
2. All 4-H members **and adult volunteers** are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmet whenever mounted 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 and 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, activities.
3. Proper attire must be worn by all participating 4-H Horse & Pony members and families, at all events involving horses. Boots with a heel and long pants must be worn. 4-H dress code will be observed at all 4-H functions.
4. Only 4-H members enrolled in Horse & Pony in grades 3-12 are allowed to ride 4-H animals on the fairgrounds property in the designated area. No horse may be ridden in the barn, around the midway, or in the park. No mini members (except on show day), no parents, no siblings etc. should ride the horse.
5. You may only ride horses at a walk when outside the show arena.
6. No animals will be lunged in the arena while others are riding.

Show Rules:

1. All classes shall be conducted and judged according to the current Indiana 4-H Horse & Pony Handbook (4-H 661).
2. Each class shall be judged and placed according to the judge's discretion and all judge's decisions are final.
3. The Horse & Pony Superintendents and Extension Educators will determine the classes offered on the show bill.
4. An exhibitor may only show one horse per class.
5. Parents and guardians shall be responsible for the conduct of their children at all 4-H functions. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide transportation for their children and animal(s) to all functions.

Llamas & Alpacas

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter Llama & Alpacas in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.




All llama & alpaca exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:

- Two (2) water buckets
- One (1) food bucket
- Feed
- Hay
- Cleaning fork
- Halters
- Black Lead

General Rules:

1. All Llama and Alpaca animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the Llama or Alpaca project.
2. Llamas/Alpacas must be owned by May 15th or lease agreement document must be uploaded (or dropped off at the Extension office) in 4-H Online by May 15th. Questions about lease agreements can be directed to the Extension office. Each animal can only be shown by one 4-H member (Except Mini 4-H).
3. All exhibitors will be expected to help set-up, clean-up and take down.
4. No intact males over 24 months will be allowed to show. All males over two years of age must be gelded and shown as non-breeding males.
5. Nursing mothers may not be accompanied in the ring with their babies.
6. No llama/alpacas under the age of six months may be shown.
7. Suggested dress attire for exhibitors: attire should be neat, conservative and appropriate for the class. Dark pants or skirts and white shorts or blouses are recommended. No opened toed or high-heeled footwear will be allowed.

Llama/Alpaca Halter Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animals are judged on their appearance and conformation (head, neck, body, straightness of top line, legs, jaw alignment and way the animal moves).• Both animal and exhibitor will be judged on handling and preparation of the animal	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 color pictures	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Male and Female Llamas/Miniature Llamas<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 6 months to 2 years of age○ Over 2 years of age (Males must be non-breeding)• Male and Female Alpacas<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 6 months to 2 years of age○ Over 2 years of age (Males must be non-breeding)	

Poultry

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter poultry in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.



All poultry exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:


- Feed (water & food dishes provided)
- Deep water bowl for waterfowl (deep enough for them to wash their bill)

General Rules:



1. To exhibit Poultry, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
2. All poultry must be identified on a paper form by May 15th and turned into the Extension Office.
 - a. All exhibitors wishing to claim their poultry entries have originated from an officially NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid Clean Flock MUST complete the Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form and submitted to the Extension Office on or before May 15th.
 - b. Exhibitors who do not submit all of the appropriate forms and/or entries prior to May 15th will not be permitted to exhibit animals at the fair.
 - c. Testing must be done within 90 days prior to show and will be provided by the Poultry Superintendent.
3. All poultry will be given leg bands for the fair. After the fair, please remove leg bands on younger birds. If you fail to remove bands, the animal may be injured as it grows.
4. All poultry must be cared for by the exhibitor.
5. During fair, no cages will be locked.
6. At the close of fair, each member will be responsible for cleaning up the soiled sawdust in and under their cage.
7. Sick birds will be removed from fairgrounds at the discretion of the Poultry Superintendent, Livestock Committee, Veterinarian, and/or Extension Educator.
8. Exhibitors may show 13 poultry entries total, excluding egg exhibits.
9. Judges will award blue, red, and/or white ribbons in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be selected from the blue ribbon entries in each class.
10. 4-H members will present their birds in displayed cages to the Judge and remain with the bird for judging and critiques.

Commercial Chicken Division



Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any commercial type chicken (purebred or cross) are eligible	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2025 Poultry Enrollment Form and Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form by May 15th to the Extension Office. Forms located in the back of the Scoop.	


Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The judge will be looking at the bird's health, cleanliness, and state of care. Classes include Hen class (females over 1 year old), Rooster class (males over 1 year old), Pullet class (females under 1 year old), and Cockerel class (males under 1 year old) 	
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Bantam Division




Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibition bantams- purebred bantams will be judged by the APA Standard of Perfection 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Poultry Enrollment Form and Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form by May 15th to the Extension Office. Forms located in the back of the Scoop. 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes include Game Bantams, Single Comb Clean Leg, Rose Comb Clean Leg, All Other Comb Clean Leg, Feather Leg, and Call Ducks 	

Large Fowl Division




Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibition large fowl- purebred large fowl chickens will be judged by the APA Standard of Perfection 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Poultry Enrollment Form and Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form by May 15th to the Extension Office. Forms located in the back of the Scoop. 	

Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes include Asiatic, American, English, Continental, Mediterranean, and All Other Standard Breeds 	
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Waterfowl Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibition waterfowl- Ducks and Geese 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Poultry Enrollment Form and Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form by May 15th to the Extension Office. Forms located in the back of the Scoop. 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waterfowl Ducks and Waterfowl Geese will be broken up in Light weight, Medium weight, and Heavy weight classes. 	

All Other Fowl Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other exhibition fowl- pigeon, turkey and guinea 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Poultry Enrollment Form and Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form by May 15th to the Extension Office. Forms located in the back of the Scoop 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibition Pigeon will be judged by APA Standard of Perfection Turkeys will compete in one class Guineas will compete in one class 	

Egg Exhibit Division

Item Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown, White, or other colors • Limit of ½ dozen eggs per member • Eggs will be checked in during livestock check-in on Sunday, July 21st. 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judged on sized, uniformity, and interior quality. • Dirty eggs will not be displayed or judged. 	

Breeds Recognized by the American Poultry Association

- *Large Fowl*
 - American Class: Plymouth Rocks, Dominique's, Wyandotte's, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshire's, Hollands, and Delaware's.
 - Asiatic Class: Cochins, Langshans, Brahmas
 - English Class: Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps
 - Mediterranean Class: Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andalusians, Ancona, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalanans
 - Continental Class: Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Polish, Houdans, Crevecoeurs, La Fleche, Favorelles, Welsummers, Barnevelder
 - All Other Standard Breeds: Modern Game, Old English Game, Sumatras, Malays, Cubalayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Shamos, Sultans, Frizzles, Naked Necks, Arucanas, Ameraucanas
- *Bantams*
 - Game Class: Modern Game, American Game, and Old English Game
 - Single Comb Clean Legged: Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Campines, Catalanans, Delaware, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish, Sussex
 - Rosecomb Clean Legged: Anconas, Antwerp Belgians (D'anvers), Dominques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes
 - All Other Clean Legged: Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Chateclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas
 - Feather Legged: Botted, Brahmas, Cochins, d'Uccle Favorelles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, Sultans
- *Waterfowl- Ducks*
 - Heavy: Pekin, Aylesburg, Rouen, Muscovy, Appleyard, Saxony
 - Medium: Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff
 - Light: Runner, Campbell, Magpie, Welsh Harlequins
- *Waterfowl- Geese*
 - Heavy: Toulouse, Embden, African
 - Medium: Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian
 - Light: Chinese, Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian

Rabbit

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter Rabbits in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.




All rabbit exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:

- Feed (water & food dishes provided)
- Frozen water bottle or way to keep rabbit cool




General Rules:

1. To exhibit rabbits, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
2. Rabbit animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the rabbit project.
3. All rabbits entered in the Fair must be tattooed. Arrangements will be made to have at least one county wide session to tattoo rabbits.
4. Each member will be responsible for caring for their rabbits at the Fair.
5. Any rabbit showing signs of illness will be sent home with the discretion of the Rabbit Superintendent, Livestock Committee, and Extension Educator.
6. Participants can show 13 rabbits total; 3 rabbits in a meat pen class and 10 rabbits in individual classes.
7. All rabbits shown in the Commercial or Fancy categories must be purebred, no mixed or crossbreeds. Grade rabbits may be mixed stock of any breeds.
8. Exhibitors should follow the following dress code for showing their rabbits: Wear long pants, wear either a lab coat or long-sleeved shirt, shoes should not be open toed or have open heels, have longer hair pulled back, and no gum chewing.
9. 4-H member **MUST** be present for judging. Each member is responsible for carrying in a cage his or her rabbit to the show table when the class is called to the table. If 4-H member does not have a rabbit in the class being judged, he or she should stay outside the judging area. **No parents allowed in judging area.**
10. Judges will award blue, red, and/or white ribbons in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be selected from the blue ribbon entries in each class.




Commercial (6-Class) Rabbit Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purebred classes broken down by the American Rabbit Breeders Association-recognized breeds and varieties • Breeds include: American, Giant Angora, Beveren, Californian, Champagne D 'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème D 'Argent, Blanc de Hotot, English Lop, French Lop, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox, Flemish Giant 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tattoo (Permanent and using letters A-Z and numerals 0-9) 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes will be broken down by variety (breed) then by age/weight. • Senior Buck (Over 8 months of age or minimum senior weight) • Senior Doe (Over 8 months of age or minimum senior weight) • Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months of age) • Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months of age) • Junior Buck (Under 6 months of age) • Junior Doe (Under 6 months of age) 	




Fancy (4 Class) Rabbit Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purebred classes broken down by the American Rabbit Breeders Association-recognized breeds and varieties Breeds include: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Mini Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tattoo (Permanent and using letters A-Z and numerals 0-9) 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes will be broken down by variety (breed) then by age/weight. Senior Buck (6 months or Older of age or minimum senior weight) Senior Doe (6 months or Older of age or minimum senior weight) Junior Buck (Under 6 months of age) Junior Doe (Under 6 months of age) 	

Grade Rabbit Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed breed rabbits 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tattoo (Permanent and using letters A-Z and numerals 0-9) 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rabbits will be shown in 1 doe class and 1 buck class 	

Meat Rabbit Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made up of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and same variety; each rabbit weighing 3 ½ minimum pounds to 5 ½ maximum pounds; and not over ten weeks of age on the day of the show 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tattoo (Permanent and using letters A-Z and numerals 0-9) 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shown in one meat pen class 	

Sheep

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter Sheep in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.






All sheep exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:

- Clean feed pan
- Feed
- Hay
- Clean water bucket or container for fresh water
- Nylon rope halter
- Shampoo
- Brush for scrubbing when washing sheep
- Optional- Blankets or show tubes
- Optional- Blower
- Optional- Exhibitor harness

General Rules:

- To exhibit sheep, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
- All sheep animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the sheep project.
- All animals must be dehorned except Horned Dorset Sheep and Jacob Sheep breeds.
- No sheep may be exhibited that are showing signs of being infected with ringworm!
- Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 3 market and 5 breeding ewes. Only 2 animals may be exhibited in any one class, the additional animals to be used in the pair of lambs class.
- All sheep **MUST** be docked and conform to current management practices.
- Rate of Gain Class for 4-H Market Lambs in a Market division. Each lamb weighed in at the spring tag day will be eligible for consideration in the "Rate of Gain" contest. Calculations will be made from the Tag Day weight and show weight for determining the best rate of gain on the lambs.



Market Lamb Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ewe or Wether Ewe lamb is restricted to this class when shown as a market animal Market lambs are expected to be “slick horn” All market lambs must have less than ¼” of wall at entry time. Born after January 1st, but prior to May 15th of the current year 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirements: DNA Hair Sample 	  
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shown by weight Rate of Gain Market Lamb will be announced at the conclusion of Pair of Lambs class and before showmanship. 	

Breeding Ewes Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market or wool breeds 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeding & Commercial Ewes: 840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag Registered Ewes: 840 RFID tag and tag from registered papers Additional State Fair Requirements: DNA Hair Sample 	  
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeding/Registered Ewes: Shown by birth date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Ewe Lamb (born on or after April 1 of the current year) Fall Ewe Lamb (born between September 1st and December 31st of the previous year) Yearling Ewe (born after September 1st of two years previous) Commercial Ewes shown by weight 	

Pair of Lambs Division

Item Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two of any sex, born after September 1 of the prior year. 	
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shown in all in one class. 	

Swine

State Fair Project

Note: 4-H members may self-enter Swine in the Indiana State Fair. It is the member's responsibility to know and meet all State Fair entry deadlines and expectations.





All swine exhibitors are required to furnish the following items during fair week:

- Feed with clean feed pan
- Shampoo
- Show tube, cane or short whip
- Stiff bristled brush for cleaning animal(s)




General Rules:

1. To exhibit swine, all 4-H members in Indiana must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality of Care program.
2. All swine animals must be identified through 4HOnline by May 15th. This also includes members being enrolled in the swine project.
3. All 4-H Swine exhibitors are strongly encouraged to purchase pigs that have already been given the flu vaccine.
4. All exhibitors are limited to 2 entries in the market class and 4 entries in the gilt class. However, in identifying the animals on the farm, the owner will have the option of tagging as many as 15 pigs (barrows only) from which to select the 2 market animals and up to 10 gilts from which to choose the 4 gift entries. Families may identify the same animal on other immediate/or household family member's livestock enrollment forms.
5. A pen of 4 class will be offered. The animals may belong to different members, but have to be from the same family.
6. Please note that during the fair:
 - a. Swine will be observed daily. If any pigs show signs of being ill (going off-feed, coughing, have discharge, etc.) temperatures will be checked and they will be sent home if they are running a fever.
 - b. If one pig is diagnosed with flu, all other pigs in the swine barn will go home within 24 hours.

Breeding Gilts Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born on or after December 1st of previous year 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840 RFID Tag & legible ear notch & 5 digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	 
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shown by birthdate 	

Market Barrows Division

Animal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Born on or after December 1st of previous year. Gilts can be shown as market or breeding, but not both and must be declared at the fair weigh-in 	
Animal Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 840 RFID Tag & legible ear notch & 5 digit county tag Additional State Fair Requirement: DNA Hair Sample 	 
Show Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shown by weight 	