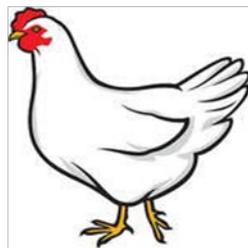
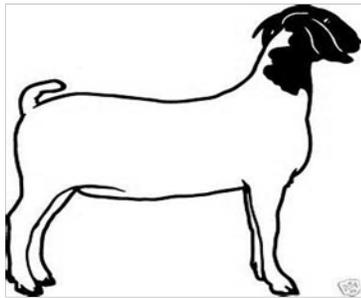
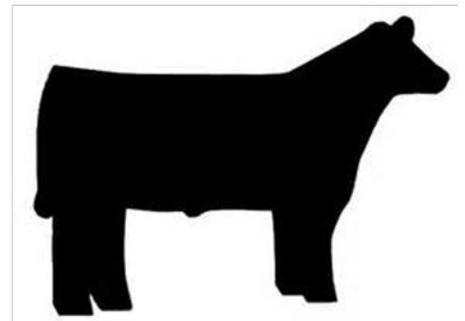
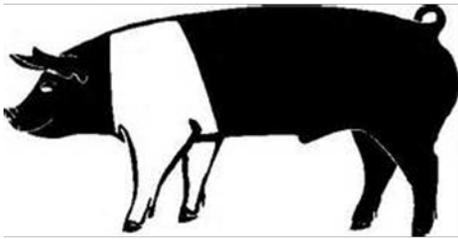
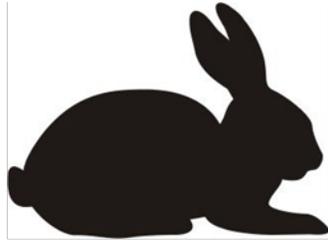


4-H LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK



2026 Edition

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Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition of Domestic Animals in Indiana 2026

This document describes the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) requirements for all animal exhibitions in the state. However, exhibition organizers may impose additional requirements as a condition of exhibition. **BOAH recommends contacting the exhibition organizer for specific information about requirements for each event.**

Please call the Indiana State Board of Animal (317) 544-2400 with questions concerning exhibition requirements in Indiana.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

1.1 LIMITATIONS ON EXHIBITION – THIS SECTION DESCRIBES LIMITATIONS ON EXHIBITING ANIMALS IN INDIANA. OTHER EXHIBITION LIMITATIONS MAY BE DESCRIBED IN THE SPECIES-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS THAT FOLLOW.

- 1.1.1 Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises.
- 1.1.2 The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:
- 1.1.3 Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
- 1.1.4 An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order.
- 1.1.5 Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect".
- 1.1.6 Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals.
- 1.1.7 Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.
- 1.1.8 Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.
- 1.1.9 The State Veterinarian is authorized to make the final determination as to an animal's eligibility for exhibition. The state veterinarian may order removal of any animal from the exhibition grounds.
- 1.1.10 Exhibition organizers may impose health requirements in addition to those prescribed by BOAH. Added requirements may not contradict requirements imposed by BOAH.
- 1.1.11 Exhibition organizers may have a licensed and accredited veterinarian review animals and animal health documentation during the exhibition.

1.2 CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTIONS

1.2.1 For animals that originate within Indiana, a certificate of veterinary inspection (commonly known as a “health paper”) is not required by BOAH for exhibition. Contact the exhibition organizer to determine if a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is necessary to meet the organizers exhibition requirements.

1.2.2 For animals that originate outside of Indiana, the exhibitor must have a properly completed CVI for all animals prior to entry. This requirement applies to all domestic animals (except fish and poultry).

1. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the animals.
2. A CVI for any animal is valid for 30 days from the date it is issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. NOTE: Animal(s) must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian no more than ten days prior to the date in which the CVI is issued.
3. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification.
4. CVIs must accompany the animal while on the exhibition premises.

1.2.3 Pre-Entry Movement Permit:

1. **For swine and cattle that originate within Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required.
2. **For swine and cattle that originate outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is **not required** when an **electronic** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
3. **For swine and cattle originating outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit **is required** when a **paper** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
 - a. The 2023 Indiana State Fair pre-entry movement permit number is “**INSF23**” and must be noted on all **paper** certificates of veterinary inspection.
4. **For farmed cervids that originate outside of Indiana**, a BOAH approved pre- entry movement permit number must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection. Permit applications are available online at: [www.in.gov/boah/species- information/cervids-deer-elk/](http://www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cervids-deer-elk/)

1.2.4 General Requirements for ALL Species:

1. The pre-entry movement permit application must be received by BOAH at least 5 business days before moving into Indiana
2. The Indiana State Board of Animal Health must authorize any proposed movement **prior** to entry into the State.
3. **Indiana State Fairgrounds**
 - a. The Federal Premises Identification Number for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: 00C6T69
 - b. The physical address for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: 1202 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205
4. **Identification**
 - a. All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified unless otherwise noted. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA that bear the US

shield. All official identification and any additional identification devices should be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

5. Testing

- a. All tests required for exhibition must be conducted at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University, a laboratory approved by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, or a state or federal-approved laboratory.
- b. All animals, including Indiana animals, that are to be offered for sale to out of state buyers should have the necessary testing completed prior to the sale date. The destination state should be contacted to ensure all pre-entry movement requirements are met prior to the planned movement.
www.in.gov/boah/movements-out-of-indiana/

1.2.5 Species Specific Require (we will insert IN State Fair ID requirements when updated for 2026)

1. Lost or Missing Tags Prior to Fair

- a. If an animal loses its identification tag before the fair, the exhibitor must contact the Barn Superintendent as soon as the loss is discovered. The Superintendent (or a designated official) must verify the animal's identity and re-tag it before the fair begins.

2. Tag and ID Verification at Check-In

- a. Any animal arriving at the Scott County 4-H Fair without a proper, current-year ID tag or with an incorrect or mismatched tag number will not be permitted to show that year. No exceptions will be made.

1.3 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

- 1.3.1 Animal Identification must be completed for exhibition at the county fair. There are ID days scheduled for beef, goats, rabbit, sheep and swine. ID dates can be found in monthly newsletters. If you cannot make it to an ID Day you are responsible for finding someone to bring your animals for you. Exceptions will be reviewed by Livestock committee on case by case basis. There will be no farm calls for tagging animals.
- 1.3.2 All animals must be owned by the 4-H'er or in a family partnership with the 4-H'er. Animals must be owned by 4- H exhibitor and under their continuous care from the date of enrollment through the fair. The exception to this rule is rabbit and poultry meat pens. Rabbit and poultry meat pen need to be owned by the family at the point of Rabbit ID and poultry testing day.
- 1.3.3 Exhibitor must obtain an Indiana BOAH Premises Identification Number before spring ID day; this can be obtained by calling 317-544-2400 or 877-544-2400 or visiting their website at www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm. This number stays with the location of your farm so keep it for future years.
- 1.3.4 All livestock projects must be entered into 4-HOnline by May 15th and Fairentry by announced date to be eligible to show at county fair.
- 1.3.5 All Livestock exhibitors are responsible for becoming IQLC (Indiana Quality Livestock Care) which is the in-person training or YQCA- the online option certified by announced date to be eligible to show at the fair. If you are not certified, you are ineligible to exhibit or sell your animal.
- 1.3.6 There are different requirements that must be met if you want to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. Beef, sheep, goats and swine need DNA samples that will be turned into the Extension Office before May 15th and everything that goes to the state fair needs an RFID tag. Please speak to your barn superintendent and/or Educator if you want to plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair on your species ID day to ensure all requirements are met.
- 1.3.7 No tags will be sold from the office prior to ID day. Tag pricing will be published prior to ID day.
- 1.3.8 Should your tag become compromised anytime before fair, contact the 4-H educator and they will work with the barn superintendent to get your animal retagged.
- 1.3.9 A \$10 fee per livestock project is due by announced date. An additional \$50 late fee will be charged on any late.
- 1.3.10 **Beef**
 1. The following all need to be into 4Honline by May 15th deadline.
 - a. All market steers and Non registered/commercial heifers should be entered
 - b. All registered heifer's registration and ID worksheet due to the Extension Office and entered in by May 15th
 - c. All other beef entries (cow calf and feeder calf) must be enrolled
 2. ALL BEEF ENTRIES (what you will actually be bringing to the fair) must be entered into Fairentry by announced date.

3. **All beef** except registered heifers, cow calf and feeder calves are required to attend ID day.
4. All beef entries must arrive to the fairgrounds by Noon on Sunday before the fair.
5. Market beef will be weighed between noon and 1:00 pm Sunday before the fair.
6. Feeder calves will be shown by weight only, not by breed. They will not be part of the grand drive.
7. All beef cattle must be dehorned and healed and have no more than 3-inch scurs.
8. Mini beef breeds hip height for heifers not to exceed 45" and for steers not to exceed 48".

1.3.11 Dairy

1. Dairy cattle are to be enrolled into 4Honline by May 15th.
2. All entries (what you will actually be bringing to the fair) must be entered into Fairentry by announced date.
3. All Dairy entries must arrive to the fairgrounds by Noon on Sunday before the fair.

1.3.12 POTENTIAL BEEF CLASSES

Animals will be shown by breeds.

1. Breeding Heifers – no more than 2 animals may be entered and shown in the same heifer age group by any one exhibitor.
 - a. Senior Yearling – Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024
 - b. Junior Yearling – Jan. 1 – April 30, 2025
 - c. Summer Yearling – May 1 – Aug. 31, 2025
 - d. Senior Calf – Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025
 - e. Junior Calf – Jan. 1 – Fair Time, 2026
2. Cow/Calf
3. Feeder Calf –calf born Jan. 1 – Fair time 2026
4. Market Animals(eligible for auction)– Born after January 1st of the previous year.
 - a. Steers – shown by weights and breeds.
 - b. Market Heifer – shown by weight.
5. Bred and Owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)
6. Rate of Gain

1.3.13 Goats

1. Goats will be shown by type: Dairy Doe, Meat Breeding Doe, Meat Market Doe (Wether Dam), Meat Market Wether
2. No bucks allowed at the fair.
3. ID Day:
 - a. Breeding doe goats DO NOT have to attend the spring ID day if:
 - i. Goat has a permanent form of identification from a breed registry and a copy of the registration MUST be turned in with the spring ID form on ID day. (Registrations must be in 4- H'er, sibling, or family farm name to be eligible to show.)
 - ii. Goat has been previously identified with a Scott County 4H tag and has been shown in a previous Scott County 4H show.
 - b. All other goats MUST attend spring ID day.
4. Blankets MUST be removed for animal inspection upon check in at the fair.
5. It is the 4-H'ers responsibility to keep their goat contained in its pen.
6. All Goats are to be entered in to 4Honline by May 15th.

7. All Goat exhibits (what you are actually bringing to the fair) must be entered into fairentry by announced date.
8. All Goat entries must arrive to the fairgrounds by Noon on Sunday before the fair.

1.3.14 Dairy Breeding Does

(Breeding does can only show in the breeding goat show)

1. Dairy breeding doe goats CANNOT have horns. Scurs cannot be longer than 1 inch. (Per Breed Standards)
2. Dairy goats will be full body clipped to a uniform length of 1/8 in or less.

1.3.15 Meat Breeding Does

(Breeding does can only show in the breeding goat show)

1.3.16 Market Goats

(Market doe goats and wethers can only be shown in the market goat show)

1. Market doe goats or market wethers can show.
2. Market goats must be under 1 year old on the day of the show and have milk teeth in place.
3. Underweight goats (45 lbs or under) are NOT eligible to show for Overall or Reserve Grand Champion.
4. Market goats (wether dams and wethers) will be body clipped to a uniform length of 1/8 in or less between hock/knee and ears.
5. Wethers MUST be free of testicular tissue or castration scar tissue at check in for the fair.
6. Market goats will be weighed in between 10am-Noon during Sunday check in at fair.
7. Barn Super reserves the right to examine any wether. If questionable tissue is noted, a vet will be called to verify status. If testicular tissue is found, the goat will be sent home.

1.3.17 POTENTIAL GOAT CLASSES

1. Dairy Breeding Does

(Breeding does can only show in the breeding goat show)

- a. Classes divided by: Breed & Age
 - Potential age classes per breed calculated from the day of the show:
 - Jr Doe Kid: April 1 - Show Day
 - Sr Doe Kid: March 31 - under 1 year old
 - Yearling Doe: 1 - 2 years old
 - Aged Doe: over 2 years old
- b. Milk Production (Milk out is 24 hours prior to judging)
- c. Mother/Daughter (All Breeds)
- d. Produce of Dam (2 does, any age both from the same Dam, Dairy breed)
- e. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by 4-Her on their farm)

2. Meat Breeding Does

(Breeding does can only show in the breeding goat show)

- a. Classes divided by: Breed & Age
 - Potential age classes per breed calculated from the day of the show:
 - Jr Doe Kid: April 1 - Show Day
 - Sr Doe Kid: March 31 - under 1 year old
 - Yearling Doe: 1 - 2 years old
 - Aged Doe: over 2 years old

- b. Breed registration papers will be checked by Barn Super/Educator upon arrival at the fair
- c. Mother/Daughter (All Breeds)
- d. Produce of Dam (2 does, any age both from the same Dam, meat breed)
- e. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by 4-H'er on their farm)

3. Market Goats

(Market doe goats and wethers can only be shown in the market goat show)

- a. Classes divided by weight. (Market goats will NOT show by breed)
 - Potential weight classes:
 - Underweight (under 50lb)
 - Lightweight
 - Middleweight
 - Heavyweight
 - Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by 4-H'er on their farm)

1.3.18 Poultry

1. All exhibitors should be enrolled in the Poultry project in 4-H online by May 15th.
2. All Poultry entries (what you are actually bringing to the fair) must be entered into Fairentry by announced date.
3. All poultry must have a copy of the hatchery NPIP certification (valid for 1 year from hatching only) NPIP test certificate, or they must be tested. Before arrival day to be determined.
4. The cost for testing will be \$2.00 per bird.
5. All animals are due on the fairgrounds between 8 am and 10:00 am on Sunday, the first day of the fair.
6. Exhibitors will be required to provide cages for guineas, waterfowl, turkeys and peafowl.
7. Maximum cage size allowed is:
 - a. 3' x4" for guineas and ducks
 - b. 4' x'6' for turkeys and geese
 - c. 6' x 8' for peafowl

1.3.19 Potential Poultry Classes

Animals are limited to being shown in only one class (not including bred and owned). All ages are "as of the day of the show". Each 4-H'er may exhibit no more than 16 animals' total, meat pen count as one animal. Each 4-H'er may exhibit no more than 2 meat pens (4 birds). One extra bird per meat pen may be entered in the meat pen class. The extra meat bird will not be eligible to be shown in another class.

1. Exhibition Fowl

1. Chickens
2. Standard Pullet (female under 1 year of age).
3. Standard Hen (female 1 year or older).
4. Standard Cockerel (male under 1 year of age).
5. Standard Cock (male 1 year or older).
6. Bantam Pullet (female under 1 year of age).
7. Bantam Hen (female 1 year or older).
8. Bantam Cockerel (male under 1 year of age).
9. Bantam Cock (male 1 year or older).

10. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)
2. **Waterfowl**
 1. Ducks (male or female any age).
 2. Goose (male or female any age).
 3. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)
3. **Turkeys**
 - a. Turkey (male or female any age).
 - b. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)
4. **Guineas**
 - a. Guinea (male or female any age).
 - b. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)
5. **Peafowl**
 - a. Peafowl (male or female any age).
 - b. Bred and Owned (animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm)
6. **Meat Pen**
 - a. Chicken - Includes 2 birds of the same sex, 6-8 weeks old and not over 5 ½ lbs. on the day of the show (eligible for auction).
 - b. Duck – Includes 2 birds of the same sex under 12 months old.
 - c. Turkey – includes 2 birds of the same sex under 12 months old.
 - d. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)
7. **Eggs** (6 displayed in a carton).

1.3.20 Pigeons

1. All exhibitors should be enrolled in the County Project: Pigeon project in 4-H online by May 15th.
2. All Pigeon entries (what you are actually bringing to the fair) must be entered into Fairentry by announced date.
3. All Pigeons are to be identified by a numbered leg band. All young birds must have a seamless leg band marked with the current year in addition to a unique identification number.
4. Cages will be provided.
5. All animals are due on the fairgrounds between 8 am and 10:00 am on Sunday, the first day of the fair.

1.3.21 Potential Pigeon Classes

Animals are limited to being shown in only one class (not including county born). Each 4-H'er may exhibit no more than 6 pigeons, and a meat pen will count as 1.

1. Fancy
2. Sporting
3. Utility
4. Ring-Neck Dove
5. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)
6. Meat Pen – includes 2 birds (eligible for auction). Meat pen pigeons are to be young birds (born in the current year) and weigh as close to but not over 21 ounces.

1.3.22 Rabbits

1. All exhibitors should be enrolled in the Rabbit project in 4-H online by May 15th.

2. All rabbits must be tattooed prior to arrival at the fair. All meat pen rabbits must attend the ID Day approximately 2 weeks prior to the fair. Other rabbits needing a tattoo may also attend this ID Day.
3. All rabbit entries (what you are actually bringing to the fair) must be entered into Fairentry by announced date.
4. All animals are due on the fairgrounds between 8 am and 10:00 on Sunday, the first day of the fair.
5. Cages will be provided.
6. Only meat pen animals are eligible for auction.

1.3.23 Potential Rabbit Classes

An animal is limited to being shown in only one class, not including bred and owned. Each 4-H'er may exhibit no more than 10 rabbits total, meat pen count as one animal. Each 4-H'er may exhibit no more than 2 meat pens and bring no more than 4 rabbits in each meat pen. Extra rabbits entered in the meat pen class will not be eligible to be shown as a junior. Once rabbits are entered, they cannot be switched between meat pens.

1. Six Class:

- a. Senior Buck (male 8 months and older)
- b. Senior Doe (female 8 months and older)
- c. Intermediate Buck (male 6-8 months old)
- d. Intermediate Doe (female 6-8 months old)
- e. Junior Buck (male under 6 months old)
- f. Junior Doe (female under 6 months old)
- g. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)

2. Four Class:

- a. Senior Buck (male 6 months and older)
- b. Senior Doe (female 6 months and older)
- c. Junior Buck (male under 6 months old)
- d. Junior Doe (female under 6 months old)
- e. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)

3. Meat Pen (eligible for auction)

- a. Includes 3 rabbits of the same breed and variety; each rabbit weighing no more than 5.5 lbs. and is not over 6 months old on the day of the show.
- b. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)

4. Six Class Rabbit Breeds

American	Checkered Giant	Lop, English
American Chinchilla	Cinnamon	Lop, French
Argente Brun	Crème D'Argent	New Zealand
Beveren	Flemish Giant	Palomino
Blanc de Hotot	Giant Angora	Satin
Californian	Giant Chinchilla	Silver Fox
Champagne D'Argent		

5. Four Class Rabbit Breeds

American Fuzzy Lop	Harlequin	Mini Satin
American Sable	Havana	Polish
Belgian Hare	Himalayan	Rex
Britannia Petite	Holland Lop	Rhineland

Dutch	Jersey Woolly	Satin Angora
Dwarf Hotot	Lilac	Silver
English Angora	Lionhead	Silver Marten
English Spot	Lop, Mini	Standard Chinchilla
Florida White	Mini Rex	Thrianta
French Angora	Netherland Dwarf	Tan
Dwarf Papillion		

1.3.24 Sheep

1. Sheep are to be enrolled into 4Honline by May 15th.
2. All sheep exhibits (what you are actually bringing to the fair) must be entered into Fairentry by announced date.
3. Proper identification of exhibit animals is required to have a county tag.
 - a. Mandatory ID Day Participation
 - i. All sheep must be brought to the official Sheep ID Day as scheduled by the Scott County 4-H program. Every animal intended for exhibition at the Scott County 4-H Fair must be present for identification on that day.
 - b. Tagging for the Current Year
 - i. Each sheep will be officially tagged with a Scott County 4-H identification tag for the current program year. Tags are applied by approved volunteers or officials at the time of ID.
4. All Sheep entries must arrive on the fairgrounds between 8- Noon on Sunday before the fair.
5. No animal will be allowed off the trailer until it is inspected with blankets off.
6. All market lambs and Shropshire, Southdown and Commercial ewes must be slick shorn within 3 days of check- in.

1.3.25 Potential Sheep Classes

1. Breeding ewes
 - a. Junior Ewe Lamb – Born after January 1st of current year.
 - b. Senior Ewe Lamb – Born between born between September 1 and December 31 of previous year.
 - c. Yearling Ewe – Born before September 1st of the previous year.
 - d. Shown by breed and age
2. Market Wether or Ewe Lamb (eligible for auction)
 - a. Lightweight
 - b. Middleweight
 - c. Heavyweight
 - d. Shown by breed and weight
3. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)

1.3.26 Swine

1. All swine must be entered into 4Honline by May 15th.
2. All swine exhibits (what you are actually bringing to the fair) must be entered into Fairentry by announced date.
3. Proper identification of exhibit animals must be accomplished, by swine ear notches and tags.

4. All hogs must be farrowed Dec 1 or later.
5. It is strongly recommended that you vaccinate your pigs for the swine flu prior to the fair.
6. All Swine entries must arrive to the fairgrounds and be penned by 10 am on Sunday before the fair.
7. Market animals (and crossbred breeding) will be weighed and penned by 10 am.

1.3.27 Potential Swine Classes

1. Market Hogs

1. Market Barrows --Shown by breed including a crossbred class shown by weight.
2. Market Gilts-Shown by breed including a crossbred class shown by weight.
2. Breeding Gilts – Shown by breed including a crossbred class that is shown by weight.
3. Bred and owned (Animals raised from birth by the 4-H'er on their farm.)

1.3.28 Bred & Owned definition: Animals raised from birth by 4-H'er on their farm.

1. A class for 4-H animals which were born on the 4-H'ers family farm and raised by the same 4-H'er on the same family farm.
2. Enrollment into the Bred & Owned class will be done at time of online ID for livestock. Appropriate entry must be made at the time of online ID. No entries will be accepted after this deadline.
3. Animal must be designated in fairentry for their specie specific bred and owned class.

1.3.29 Show Attire

1. Commercial advertisement names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing, for auction pictures, or during auction are prohibited.
2. No exposed midriiffs, sandals or hats.
3. Clothes should be clean and neat.
4. All exhibitors should wear solid shoes (no open toe or backless shoes) and preferably leather boots when in the show arena.
5. **BEEF, MEAT GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE** - Exhibitors should wear dark slacks or nice jeans (no holes or rips) with a nice shirt tucked in and a belt for the show.
6. **DAIRY COWS & GOATS** - Exhibitors should wear dairy whites (white pants and white collared shirt tucked in and a belt for the show.
7. **RABBITS, POULTRY, PIGEON** - Exhibitors should wear dark jeans (no holes) and a white long sleeve shirt or white lab coat.

1.4 AT THE COUNTY FAIR

1. Loose straw may be used as bedding; however, no bales or bundles will be permitted in the barns.
2. Fans only allowed per fire Marshall recommendations, check with your barn superintendent.
3. Household extension cords are prohibited in the barns. Extension cords must be three wire and three prong construction, industrial rated and UL approved. Extension cords should not be excessively long. Power strips are acceptable, but other multiple outlet adapters are not permitted. Electrical cords are not to be laid across aisles.

4. Tarps hung on any animal barn must be properly vented, made of materials such as mesh or screen, so as not to affect airflow.
5. Only one 4-H'er per animal will be allowed in the show ring; an exception can be made for someone with physical disabilities, illness or injury.
6. A 4-H member is expected to show his/her animal; exceptions will only be made in extreme unforeseen circumstances such as death, illness or injury of the 4-H'er or conflicts of showing other 4-H animals at that same time. Other situations should be brought to the committee as soon reasonably possible and at least before our meeting before the fair.
7. All judges' decisions are final.
8. Educators have the right to revoke the privilege of showing and/or selling to any member whose livestock entry is considered dangerous or unsafe.
9. If a 4-H member's only 4-H animal dies prior to the county fair, another animal may be obtained, providing the animal was identified and enrolled at the proper time.
10. Animals are expected to remain in the barns and in their pens from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. each evening, and are expected back in the barns by 9 a.m.
11. All animals must be gone by 10:00 am the Saturday of fair.
12. Practice in the show arena is prohibited during shows and show preparation. A practice schedule will be released the week of fair.
13. TAMPERING, ALTERING, AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION relative to any exhibit is prohibited. This prohibited activity includes but is not limited to the breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, attaching hair/hair substitutes, or filling).
14. All exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves as young ladies and gentlemen. Impolite behavior, poor sportsmanship or inhumane treatment of the animals on the grounds may cause disqualification. Parents will be expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to set a good example for the 4-H exhibitors and other spectators at the show and in the barns. Ring courtesy dictates that exhibitors maintain a safe distance between animals in all classes.
15. Any livestock question unclear or unanswered by these rules will be decided on by the Livestock Committee.

1.5 ANIMAL CARE

(These guidelines are enforced at the discretion of the appropriate barn superintendent and the Educator)

1. All animals enrolled in 4-H must be fed, watered and cared for from the time of arrival until they leave the fairgrounds. Animals must receive humane treatment throughout the fair. Failure to comply with these general guidelines which help to ensure the ethical treatment and proper representation of show animals will result in one warning from the livestock superintendent. If proper action is not taken in respect to the care of the animals, the animal(s) will be dismissed from the fairgrounds.
2. Any exhibitor neglecting exhibit animals will be warned once by a barn superintendent and/or an Educator on site, and upon a second incident they will be dismissed from the

- fairgrounds. Any exhibitor abusing their animal will be dismissed from the grounds on the first offense.
3. Any animal that is ill, injured, or develops an illness or injury may be sent home at the discretion of the barn superintendents and the Extension Educator. If the 4-H'er disputes this decision a veterinarian may be called at the 4-H'ers expense and the animal quarantined prior to veterinary inspection. The decision of the veterinarian will be final.
 4. No animals may be exhibited that show signs of being infected with ringworm, sore mouth, open wounds, injury, or any other signs of disease. All animals being shown as a neutered animal must be fully castrated and healed completely before arriving at the county fair.
 5. Drugs and medication administered in any way to any 4-H livestock must be administered directly by a designated, licensed veterinarian at the 4-Her's expense. If medication has been administered and if withdrawal period extends beyond start time and date of auction, animal may not be sold at the auction.

1.6 SHOWMANSHIP

1. Showmanship classes will be offered in all 4-H livestock shows, with the following classes and grades being observed Class will be determined by the grade as of January 1st of the current year.
 - a. Beginner – grades 3-5
 - b. Intermediate – grades 6-8
 - c. Advanced – grades 9-12
 - d. Master – Current year's Advanced Champion and all past Advanced and Master Champions.
2. Round Robin – Master Division Champions (Beef, sheep, goat, swine, rabbits and poultry) for the current year. Any 4-H'er who is a Master Division Champion for multiple species must decide which one species they will represent in the Round Robin.

1.7 HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS

1. A good herdsman takes thorough, timely care of their animals from the first thing in the morning, through the day and into the evening in terms of the animal's health, feeding, watering, and cleanliness. Stalls, pens, and cages are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed pans and buckets are clean and in place. All manure is cleaned out and deposited in designated areas.
2. A good herdsman does their best to minimize the stress on their livestock from before they leave home, until after the fair is over.
3. It does not cost a great deal of money to be a good herdsman. It does mean that the member is actively involved with the care of their animals and presents their animals, pens, stalls in a way that promotes agriculture and shows the best of 4-H to the public. That means not only the pens and stalls themselves but also tack, feed, equipment, aisles and the other areas in and around each member's barn area.
4. A good herdsman is ready to show and on time.
5. A good herdsman observes all rules and regulations and exhibits an attitude of good sportsmanship.

6. A good herdsman is helpful to other exhibitors, the public, superintendents, and others that are making the show possible and to the public viewing the exhibits.
7. A good herdsman is encouraged to work closely with others and may rely upon their help from time to time. However, responsibility, work, and effort as it relates to caring for, feeding and managing animals while at stock show must be that of the exhibitor. This award is meant to reward exhibitors for their own efforts.

1.8 OTHER

1. Anyone failing to honor the above rules and regulations shall forfeit all awards and potentially the privilege of exhibiting and/or selling their animal. Barn superintendents are in charge of their specific species area. If you have a disagreement with the barn superintendent that cannot be resolved, see the Educator. If the issue cannot be resolved after speaking to the Educator you have the right to file a grievance. (See below)

1.9 GRIEVANCE/APEAL GUIDELINES FOR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM ISSUES (ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS)

The grievance procedures outlined in this document are utilized as part of an internal process of the Indiana 4-H Youth Development program when grievances of 4-H members, their parents/guardians, or 4-H volunteers cannot be resolved via reasonable conversation. This policy affords the opportunity in those unique situations to allow voice or opinion to be heard when there is a dispute regarding 4-H participation, activities or programs. This is not a mechanism for complaints against individual 4-H members (or their families), 4-H volunteers, judging officials for competitive events, or Purdue Extension staff. All resulting decisions will be made in accordance with the Indiana 4-H Program's stated mission to be an inclusive organization designed to encourage and maximize youth participation. The rights of the individual filing the grievance are limited to those provided by Indiana 4-H Program policy.

Purdue University, as the Land Grant University in Indiana, is charged (by the United States Department of Agriculture) with implementing the 4-H Program in communities across the State of Indiana. Purdue Extension Educators in each Indiana county represent the university in local communities and have the responsibility of assuring all 4-H volunteers meet basic university criteria as they serve as representatives of the university. Purdue Extension Educators additionally provide oversight to 4-H volunteers including the assurance that Indiana 4-H Policies and Procedures are appropriately implemented in 4-H Program delivery.

Individual county 4-H policies and procedures should be created and reviewed to assure they do not contradict established statewide 4-H policies and procedures. If a contradiction is discovered during the grievance process, Indiana 4-H Program policy shall be followed in determining the grievance outcome. Grievances are made by completing the Indiana 4-H Grievance/Appeal form with the burden of proof being the responsibility of the individual filing the grievance. The completed grievance/appeal form and supporting documentation shall be presented to the president of the 4-H policy-making body (e.g., 4-H Council) or the Purdue Extension Educator who works with the 4-H Program. (NOTE: concerns regarding staff, volunteers, members, or other individuals are not issues for which a grievance may be filed. 4-H volunteers are assigned by the 4-H Extension Educator. Concerns regarding 4-H volunteers, members, or other individuals should be addressed directly with the Purdue 4-H Extension Educator.)

Grievances pertaining to 4-H activities, programs or projects shall be filed within 14 days of an incident or occurrence. Grievances pertaining to county fair related issues are often time-sensitive and must be filed within 24 hours of the incident.

The grievance process occurs in the county where the issue or concern arises and offers two opportunities for a concern to be heard and reviewed.

The grievance is initially heard by an unbiased, representative grievance sub-committee of approved 4-H Volunteers. It is the Purdue Extension Educator assigned to 4-H Programming who shall annually work with the chair of the county 4-H Council to determine this committee's membership to include a combination of 3-6 of the following individuals: one representative of the 4-H Council; two 4-H volunteers serving as a 4-H club organizational leader; one member of the County Extension Board; one 4-H volunteer knowledgeable in the subject matter (project) of concern (this individual will vary dependent on the issue raised with the grievance); one youth representative; and up to three community leaders. The Purdue Extension Educator assigned to 4-H shall convene the group.

The person filing a grievance may appeal a decision of the 4-H Grievance Committee to the State 4-H Program Leader or designee. The Program Leader or designee will review the facts in evidence and render a decision. This is the second and final level in the appeal process. The intent of a two-level process is to assure different individuals have the opportunity to hear and act on the grievance. ALL individuals involved at any level of the grievance procedure are reminded of the importance of keeping discussions regarding grievances confidential.

To maintain the confidentiality of the parties involved, the grievance hearings at each level will be closed to the public. Only the individuals who have filed the grievance, the members of the grievance committee, and the Purdue Extension Educators will be present during each level of the grievance process, ***The grievance process is internal to the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program and meetings of the grievance committees are not subject to Indiana's Open-Door Policy.

The Purdue Extension Educator assigned to work with the 4-H Program has the obligation to inform all parties that there is a grievance procedure if there are disagreements with policies.

The practice of charging fees from those filing grievances shall be eliminated and all counties will utilize the Indiana 4-H Grievance/Appeal Form as part of the grievance process.

1.10 INDIANA 4-H GRIEVANCE/APPEAL FORM

WARNING: You must read and initial this section before proceeding to complete this document.

1. I understand and agree that filing a grievance that alleges
 - a. Facts that are not true, or
 - b. Facts that I know are not true,
 - c. Facts I should know are not true: will be considered a violation of the 4-H behavioral expectations.
2. I understand and agree that all statements made herein by me are subject to the pains and penalties of perjury and I hereby affirm that my statements herein are true.
3. I understand that perjury is a crime in Indiana.

I, the undersigned, allege that the following term(s) and condition(s) have been violated:
The facts which support this allegation are set out as follows: (If needed, additional sheets may be attached.)

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury (1) (2) that I have read, understand, and accept the above statements to be true, accurate, and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Time Submitted: _____

Print your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Oath (3)

Before me, _____ A Notary Public in and for _____ County, State of Indiana, personally appeared _____ and he/she being first duly sworn by me upon his/her oath, says that the facts alleged in the foregoing instrument are true.

(signed) _____ My commission expires: _____

(SEAL)

1. Perjury –making a false, material statement under oath or affirmation, knowing the statement to be false or not believing it to be true. In Indiana, a person who commits perjury commits a Level 6 felony,(4)which may be punishable by imprisonment, fine, or restitution (Indiana Code 35-44.1-2-1 and 35-50-2-1)
2. Prosecution for violations of Indiana law will be referred to the proper authorities.
3. Oath –An affirmation of truth of a statement before an authorized person.
4. Felony –A crime of graver or more serious nature than those designated as misdemeanors.

1.11 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES

1. All 4-H animals to be sold must have been previously judged at this year's county fair. Any animal disqualified from a show due to health reasons may not sell at the auction.
2. Auction will be Friday of fair week at 6:00 p.m. in the Livestock Show Arena.
3. 2026 sale order of animals will be poultry, goats, swine, rabbits, sheep, and beef. This sale order will be rotated each year whereby the species selling first one year will be the last to sell the next year, and so on. 2027 order: goats, swine, rabbits sheep, beef, and poultry.
4. No minimum weight to sell in the auction but there are minimum weights required by the base bidder. Current base bidder is not accepting rabbits and poultry.
5. The maximum number of animals a 4-H member may sell is two (2), one per exhibited project. Note: The Poultry project includes chickens, waterfowl, peafowl, guinea, & turkey.
6. The overall Grand Champion will sell first, then Reserve Grand Champion animals well sell second (unless otherwise requested), naturally during their respective species sale.
7. If the Overall Grand Champion chooses not to sell, the Reserve Grand Champion cannot move up and sell with its designation.
8. Order of members auction order will be at random order through farientry.
9. With exception of 4-H'er who have more than two sale eligible species to pick from, 4-H'er must tell the 4-H Auction Committee which animal entry they are selling within two (2) hours of the completion of each show.
10. There will be a premium only auction. A market animal will be eligible for auction if it was designated as a market animal in a market class for the species.
11. Market Any livestock animal that is shown can be sold in the auction. Animals that are sold in the auction cannot be shown at the Indiana State Fair or at the Scott County fair in subsequent years.
12. You are required to have the area in and around your cages and stalls cleaned each day prior to 6 p.m. and by noon on Friday. Failure to abide by this rule can result in a loss of auction privileges for the current or following year.
13. To help defray costs of the 4-H livestock program, a charge of \$10 per animal entry will be required to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction. This is due to the Auction Committee and is NON-REFUNDABLE. An additional \$50 late fee will be charged on any late dues. Late entry only allowed if all other requirements for the auction have been met.
14. Rabbit meat pen, poultry meat pen, and pigeon meat pen is a single animal entry.
15. All 4-H Auction participants are STRONGLY ENCOURGED to contact potential livestock buyers.
16. In appreciation of buyers' participation in the 4-H Livestock Auction, it is mandatory that all 4-H exhibitors have their picture taken with their sale animal(s) by the designated auction photographer for presentation to their animal's buyer(s) on auction night. No business advertisements will be allowed in the auction buyer picture. All 4- H'ers must have photos taken with their auction animal immediately following the completion of their shows. Failure to do so will prohibit you from selling your animal. Ribbons and banners only can be displayed during auction if won by that animal.
17. No painting or decorating of any auction animal is allowed. Only show approved grooming.
18. Livestock sold in this auction cannot go on for 4-H competition in the Indiana State Fair.
19. 4-H auction participants should be appropriately dressed, as they would for their livestock show. See 4-H Livestock Exhibits "Dress Code". No commercial advertisement allowed in the sale ring.

20. There will be a window of time for non-auction animals to leave the fair between 10 pm Thursday night and noon on Friday. Animals going to being transported by 4H Livestock Committee will be released and loaded out first following the conclusion of the auction. All other animals and tack will be released after they receive permission from their species-specific barn superintendent. No animals shall leave the fairgrounds after noon on Friday before they are dismissed. All animals must be gone by 10 am on the Saturday of fair.
21. Any auction question unclear or unanswered by these rules will be decided on by the Auction Committee. Further disputes can be settled by the grievance process.
22. Auction money will be mailed within 30 days of the auction. You have thirty days to cash your auction check. After thirty days the check will be voided with a stop payment. You have 90 days from the date the check is mailed to request a second check. If a second check is requested the stop payment fee will be deducted from your second check. It is expected that each buyer receives a thank you note.
23. Haulers of auction animals must turn in an invoice within 15 days of the auction and including mileage.
24. See Auction Committee for non-auction animal options (sending to a base bidder). You must have a form filled out for this by Wednesday evening of fair week.
25. All 4-Hers selling their animals at the auction must hand out the auction picture and slip to the buyer if at all possible.
26. Any observed mistreatment of animals could result in removal from the show and loss of auction privileges.
27. All youth must attend an educational program in order to be eligible to sell animals in the auction.



2026 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2026 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll in 4-H Online	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered Wethers	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Meat Goat Wethers (Including Myotonics)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered Myotonic Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15

Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered Unregistered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	40 total	May 15
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs and Wether Dams Commercial Ewes Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official Scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15