

2025 4-H Animal Identification Requirements

4HOnline is a statewide system in which the information transfers to the Indiana State Fair. If you plan to exhibit at the county level only, you will still see fields in 4HOnline that say "required." County-only participants may type the equivalent number of zeros in the fields that do not apply to them (ie. RFID field would need 15 zeros). **If you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, complete every field with the appropriate requirement.**

	For Steuben County 4-H Fair	For Indiana State Fair	Max # to Enroll as Potentials in 4HOnline	Animal ID Due in 4HOnline
Beef Steers and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Steers Total	May 15
Beef, Commercial Heifers and Market Heifers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Heifers Total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10	May 15
Feeder Calves	840-RFID and 5-digit County Tag	<i>Only Dairy Feeder Calves can exhibit at the Indiana State Fair; Registered heifers born 1/1-3/31 may dual-enroll as Beef Feeders for county exhibition and Registered Heifers for Indiana State Fair exhibition (see ID above)</i> 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10	May 15
Cat	n/a	Physical Description	n/a	n/a
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag	840-RFID tag and Registered Name with Registration Number (or Dam's Registration Number) and DNA Hair Sample	40	May 15
Dog	n/a	Physical Description	n/a	n/a
Dairy Goat Does, Registered Does, Unregistered Wethers	Breed Registry Tattoo Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Tattoo 5-digit County Tag (or tattoo for LaManchas)	Breed Registry Tattoo Not Eligible for Indiana State Fair 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	40 Dairy Goats Total	May 15
Meat Goat Wethers Does, Registered Does, Unregistered (Wether Dams)	5-digit County Tag Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	40 Meat Goats Total	May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered Unregistered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip 5-digit County Tag or Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	40 Pygmy Goats Total	May 15
Horse and Pony	Birthdate, Breed, Colors and Markings, Height, and 2 colored photos uploaded in 4HOnline (full body image with face and all 4 feet)	Birthdate, Breed, Colors and Markings, Height, and 2 colored photos uploaded in 4HOnline (full body image with face and all 4 feet)	20	May 15
Poultry	n/a	Breed, Variety, and Gender	n/a	n/a
Rabbit Bucks and Does Fryers, Roasters, Stewers	Tattoo Tattoo	Physical Description Physical Description	n/a	n/a
Sheep Market Lambs Commercial Ewes Registered Ewes	5-digit County Tag 5-digit County Tag or Farm Flock Tag or Official USDA Scrapie Tag Farm Flock Tag or Official USDA Scrapie Tag	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County or Official Scrapie Tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and Registration ID and DNA Hair Sample	30 Sheep Total	May 15
Swine	County Tag and at least 1 colored photo uploaded in 4HOnline in the ear notch section (with ear notches and/or ear with required ear tags)	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15