



Dear 4-H Sheep Member,

The May 15<sup>th</sup> Livestock Identification deadline is quickly approaching. Please be sure to read this letter carefully for important requirements for the 2025 Sheep project.

#### **4-H Sheep Weigh-in/Ear Tagging**

- The 4-H Sheep Committee will be available to help ear tag and weigh sheep on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at the 4-H Fairgrounds Goat Arena in Reynolds. Sheep must be in line by 10:00 a.m. **Those interested in the Rate of Gain competition must attend weigh-in to be eligible.**
- Members will be required to pay **\$2 per county tag** and a **\$3 per RFID tag**. Those not attending the weigh-in day will still be expected to obtain and place tags in their animals. Tags are available for purchase in the Extension Office, and taggers can be borrowed.
- **All animals need to be identified on 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- Enclosed with this letter is a Sheep ID Worksheet. This is not an enrollment form. It is meant to be for your use only, to assist you with completing the online animal identification after weigh-in. Please bring with you to weigh-in.

#### **May 15<sup>th</sup> Livestock Identification Deadline**

- Youth must be enrolled in White County 4-H and the 4-H Sheep project through 4HOnline before the May 15<sup>th</sup> livestock identification deadline.
- Youth must identify their animals online using the 4HOnline system, which can be found at <https://v2.4honline.com>. **All animals must be identified by midnight on May 15<sup>th</sup>.** No late entries will be accepted. Animals that are not identified online by May 15<sup>th</sup> will not be eligible for exhibit at either the White County 4-H Fair or the Indiana State Fair. Instructions for completing the online Animal ID can be found on White County Extension webpage. If you are unable to complete your Animal ID online or need help, please contact the Extension Office for assistance. If you do not have access to internet, please bring the information for the animal(s) to the Extension Office and we can help you with the identification process. **Please don't wait until the last minute!**

#### **July 1<sup>st</sup> FairEntry, Sheep Project Activities & IQLC/YQCA Certification Deadline**

- Sheep project members must complete the online FairEntry process by **midnight July 1<sup>st</sup>** at <https://whitecountyindiana.fairentry.com>. FairEntry will be available beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Instructions for FairEntry will be included in the May/June 4-H Newsletter and will also be available on the White County Extension webpage. If you need assistance or do not have access to internet, please stop into the Extension Office and we would be happy to help!
- 4-H Sheep members have Sheep education activities to complete. These activities must be completed and turned into the White County Extension Office by **July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- To exhibit, 4-H Sheep members must be certified through the **IQLC OR YQCA no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.** IQLC trainings will be held at the White County 4-H Building in Reynolds. Remaining training dates are March 24<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and June 16<sup>th</sup>. See the March/April White County 4-H Newsletter for more information. Pre-registration is required.

#### **Premise ID – Don't Wait!**

Do you have your livestock premises registered? Indiana state law requires premise identification for all sites associated with the purchase, sale, or exhibition of livestock in the State of Indiana. This rules includes cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. To obtain a Premises ID #, please see the information listed on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at: <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm>. You may also contact BOAH at [animalid@boah.in.gov](mailto:animalid@boah.in.gov) or (317)544-2400. Be sure to leave enough time to receive your Premise ID # before the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### General 4-H Sheep Rules

- Read the 2025 White County 4-H General 4-H guidelines in the 4-H Handbook, which can be found on the White County Extension website at <https://purdue.link/wc4h> under the 4-H tab and “4-H Projects - White County.” Be sure to also carefully read through the Sheep project guidelines. 4-H Fairbook with class schedules and check-in times will be available as soon as printing is complete in June.
- **2025 Rule Changes:**
  - a. Market lamb classes:
    - i. Market lambs may be a wether or ewe lamb.
    - ii. Market lambs show by breeds with **no minimum number required**.
  - b. **All ewes will be offered slick and fitted classes per state fair rules.**
  - c. **All purebred ewes must have registration papers.**

### Mentorship Program

We’re excited to offer a mentorship program to help families learn the basics of sheep care, showmanship, and preparation for the fair. Whether you’re new to showing or just looking for extra guidance, this will help connect you with experienced 4-Hers or committee members who can help.

If you’re interested in being paired with a mentor or looking for more information, reach out to Julie Williams ([jwilliams99@hotmail.com](mailto:jwilliams99@hotmail.com)) or Campbell Pekny ([campbell.pekny@gmail.com](mailto:campbell.pekny@gmail.com)), and we’ll get you connected! We’re here to support you and ensure a great experience in the show ring!

### State Fair Exhibitors:

Please refer to the Indiana State Fair 4-H Animal Entry Procedures and the Indiana State Fair Premium Book located online at: <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/>.

- Families may consent to having their Animal ID information from 4HOnline shared with the Indiana State Fair by checking the appropriate box within each animal record in 4HOnline. By doing so, your Animal ID information will automatically appear in the Indiana State Fair Entry System, which should reduce the amount of information that you need to enter when completing state fair entry. **\*\*Please allow 24 hours for Animal ID information to become available in the Indiana State Fair System. Animals must meet Indiana State Fair and Indiana 4-H eligibility guidelines even if you consent to share this information. Declining to have your Animal ID information sent to the Indiana State Fair does not make you or your animals ineligible for the 4-H Animal Shows at the Indiana State Fair.**
- If you are planning on attending the State Fair, **you must turn in a DNA hair sample for any potential State Fair Sheep to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Collection instructions can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>
- Collection envelopes can be obtained from the Extension Office. One envelope per animal.
- Those planning to show at the Indiana State Fair must also purchase a required **RFID tag (\$3)** for each of their animals.

### Sheep Communications

- This letter has been sent to all 4-H Sheep members. Please assist us in getting this information to anyone who we may have missed. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115.
- Join the “White County Indiana 4-H Sheep” Facebook Group to stay up to date on communications from the sheep committee

Encs: Sheep ID Worksheet, 4-H Online Animal ID Info