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Dear 4-H Families,

As you know, the difficult decision was made to host a virtual fair this year. While a virtual fair is imperfect in many ways it still gives us an opportunity to celebrate and compete together in the 4-H program. I hope you will all join us in this effort and I thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward. Read more about the virtual fair in the following pages. You can read the full statement from our leadership boards and myself on [here](#).

There is a lot going on in the world today that affects all of our communities. Young people’s voices need to be heard in order to create a better tomorrow for everyone. 4-H is meant to empower our youth through four essential elements: belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. As a 4-H community it is our responsibility to maintain an open, positive and welcoming environment to everyone. I encourage you to read a statement on current events from the President & CEO of the National 4-H Council here: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/the-voices-we-need-to-hear-right-now/>

The Purdue Extension-Brown County office is open. We ask that you call ahead (812-988-5495) if you are planning to stop by so we can prepare your items ahead of time. We do have a drop box system in place for no contact pick-ups of 4-H project books, activity packets, and livestock tags.

Purdue University Event restrictions are still in place until June 30, 2020 meaning there are no face-to-face 4-H/Extension events until that date. Club leaders will receive communications about making COVID safety plans for small group meetings in July meetings in the following days. Contact the extension office before planning for any meetings for July.

Even though we cannot meet in person there are lots of 4-H activities still happening! The Virtual Southeastern Indiana 4-H Camp is live all week on the [@SoutheasternIndiana4HCamp](#) Facebook page. Daily missions, videos, Campfires with Dave, singing “the weenie man” and more fun is still to be had.

Staying positive can be a challenge right now. I hope through current and future programming Brown County 4-H can continue making a positive impact in our community with your help.

Sincerely,



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2020 Virtual Brown County 4-H Fair Timeline



A lot has changed in a short time frame but we are still committed to having a 4-H Fair Experience this year! This timeline outlines how we will accomplish this together in a virtual format.

June 15

- **4HOnline Target Deadline for Adding/Dropping 4-H Projects**

Please finalize your 4-H project selections by this date. I have to import your projects from 4HOnline into FairEntry which means you need to finalize your projects on 4HOnline before entering them on FairEntry. The office is ready to help you with project book pick ups, poster boards and any help you may need.

- **FairEntry Opens**

The FairEntry website that we have used for several years will be the collection point for the virtual fair. Each specific project is being modified to include questions asking you to upload the appropriate photos/videos with your entry. You will log in with your 4HOnline user name and password and create entries like normal with the new addition of uploading multimedia content. A document listing out what content is needed for each project will be released very soon, we are meeting with Judges and Project leaders to finalize this document now.

July 1

- **4HOnline Deadline for Animal Enrollment**

See page 4 for information on Livestock Tagging. Animals need the minimum State Board of Animal Health identification for their species to be entered on 4HOnline. State Fair Bound Animals will need additional requirements and DNA Fair Samples that are returned to the Brown County Extension Office by July 1.

- **YQCA Due for State Fair Bound Livestock Competitors**

See page 6 for information on YQCA.

July 15

- **FairEntry Closes**

In order to exhibit this year you will need to have completed submitting your entries by July 15th. Call the office for assistance in doing this before the deadline. Unlike in past years, we will not be able to submit FairEntry submissions for you on project check in day, if you need assistance please call early!

- **Indiana 4-H Online Animal Ethics Training is Due for County Only Livestock Exhibitors**

This year the requirement to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals has been replaced for county-only exhibitors. All livestock members must complete either YQCA or the Indiana 4-H Online Animal Ethics program in order to exhibit. Members do not have to complete both programs. See page 6 for more information.

July 20- 24

- **Online Judging Begins**

Judges will use this week to review your submissions, fill out scoresheets and upload the results into FairEntry.

Fair Week: July 27- 31

- **Results will be posted in on a FairEntry site**

All results will be compiled into one "live" website from FairEntry where you can see all the submissions and results in one place. There is an option on FairEntry for you to select if you do not wish that your photos are shared publically. This site will be published after online judging closes.

- **Daily videos of 4-H Livestock Shows will be posted to social media following the traditional fair schedules**

The 4-H Livestock & Animal Show submissions will be edited together into videos that will be posted on the traditional fair schedule. The Goat Show will be published on Tuesday and the Cattle show will be published on Wednesday for example. There will be alternations to the show schedule for the events that traditionally happen prior to fair. For example, the Horse Show will be moved to be included during Fair Week. This is my goal, if I can't edit the videos fast enough there might be some delays.

- **Virtual Exhibit Hall Showcase will be published to social media**

4-H Exhibit Hall Projects will be published to a photo gallery site I am working on developing. There will also be a video of submissions and results posted during Fair Week.

4-H Awards Banquet: September 26th

- **Presentation of all 4-H Awards including Grand Champion Trophies and Banners**

Save the date! *Tentative* plans have been put together to make this an in-person night to celebrate our 4-H members. This event will take place in the exhibit hall and members are welcome to bring their physical projects back to decorate the room. More details to follow as we get closer to September. Those who foresee they are not able to attend can pick up awards from the extension office during/after fair week.



2020 4-H Livestock Requirements



To exhibit with your animal at the county level.

- Tag your Animal.
 - Livestock Tags can be picked up at the extension office, see below.
 - Requirements have been lowered to the minimum BOAH requirement, see page 5. These requirements are for COUNTY-ONLY exhibition. **State Fair Animals will need additional tags.**
- Enroll Animal on 4HOnline by July 1st.
 - Two color photographs have been added to the 4HOnline Animal requirements for all species
- Complete the 4-H Animal Ethics Requirement, see page 6.
- Submit photos/videos of your animal and Animal Points sheet on FairEntry by July 15th.
 - More guidance to come on what photos will be needed will be released by June 15th.
 - Unable to photo/video your animal? Complete with a poster or only a record sheet.

To exhibit with your animal at the state level you must additionally:

- Tag your animals with additional tags.
- Complete YQCA and print your certification to take with you to the ISF.
- Return DNA Samples to the Brown County Extension Office by July 1st.
- Enter your Animals on the Indiana State Fair website: <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>

Tag Pick Up Process

- ⇒ Request your Tags
 - ⇒ Do so by going to bit.ly/tagorderform
 - ⇒ If you are unable to use the form please email copelanb@purdue.edu or call the office.
- ⇒ Pick up your Tagging Packet in the Black Mailbox outside the office
 - ⇒ The envelope will contain all the required tags, taggers, and instructions needed.
- ⇒ Bring back the Taggers within 24 hours by dropping them in the Drop Box or Mail Box.
 - ⇒ We own a very limited amount of taggers so prompt return of our taggers is not only courteous to your fellow 4-H Members but also essential for this process to be effective.

Educational Resources on Ear Tagging

Check out these how to videos on ear tagging your animals. [Swine- Click Here](#) [Cattle- Click Here](#)
[Goats & Sheep County Tags- Click Here](#) [Goats RFID Tags- Click Here](#) [Shearwell Sheep RFID Tags- Click Here](#)

Proper Tag Placement



Application site must be free of foreign debris prior to placement of tags on the animal. Review application instruction prior to tagging.

IMPORTANT: Caution, "Free Air Space" is critical for proper healing and retention. Inspect placement after tagging to ensure there is sufficient space between ear and EID tag.

FOR CATTLE

1. The EID tag should be placed in the middle of the ear between the two cartilage ribs close to the head.
2. The female portion of the tag should be on the inside of the ear with EID tag application. Note that this is a thicker part of the ear. Application may be more difficult than when applying a visual tag.

FOR SWINE

1. Place the EID tag in the middle or thicker part of the ear
2. The male tag should be on the outside of the ear and the female (or EID tag) should be placed on the inside of the ear. Tag retention is improved when male tag lays flush against the back side of the ear.

IMPORTANT: Tag application may vary based on breed type and ear size.

2020 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification- at a minimum requirements



For County Fair

Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number)
Dairy Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo
Wethers	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo
Meat Goat Wethers	Official Scrapie identification tag, with US shield or Official Scrapie tattoo or a form of permanent identification (County tags)
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	Official Scrapie identification tag, with US shield or Official Scrapie tattoo or registration tattoo (if none county can assign 840 tag)
Pygmy Goats Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo if none county can assign 840 tag)
Horses and Pony	2 colored photos(face and all 4 feet)
Llama and Alpaca	2 colored photos(face and all 4 feet)
Sheep Market Lambs	Official Scrapie identification tag, with US shield or Official Scrapie tattoo or a form of permanent identification (County tags)
Commercial Ewes	Official Scrapie identification tag, with US shield or Official Scrapie tattoo
Registered Ewes	ID that matches registration Papers
Swine	Ear Notch – 840 RFID tag (needed for animals that are not registered with a purebred swine association)

Please Note: For Goats on 4HOnline it will still say RFID tags are required but if you are exhibiting on the county level only put "N/A, County-only" in that field in order to add your animal.

Please Note: For Sheep on 4HOnline it will still say RFID tags are required but if you are exhibiting on the county level only put "N/A, County-only" in that field in order to add your animal.

Animal Ethics Requirement for 4-H Livestock Exhibition

4-H Cattle, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine members must complete either of the two options to compete with their animals at the 2020 Virtual Brown County 4-H fair.



Option 1: Online YQCA

For Indiana State Fair
Bound 4-H Members

This educational program allows 4-H members to learn about the importance of animal-wellbeing, quality assurance practices, and their part in the food production system. All 4-H members enrolled in Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine must complete either the YQCA program or Indiana 4-H Animal Ethics Program annually in order to exhibit livestock at the Brown County 4-H Fair. There are two ways to complete YQCA.

- **Online module**—Online training is available for a cost of \$12. To take the online module, head to www.yqca.org. Click “sign in/register” at the top right corner and select sign in with 4HOnline. Do not sign in as an independent user as it will not transfer correctly to the State Fair.
- **In-person**—In person trainings have been cancelled due to face to face event restrictions. I am not planning to schedule any trainings at this time but surrounding counties may have openings.

Option 2: Indiana 4-H Animal Ethics Program

For County-Only 4-H Members

Because face-to-face events were cancelled through June 30, 2020 and the financial strain many are experiencing the YQCA or Animal Ethics requirement for all Brown County Livestock Members has been replaced with the Online Indiana 4-H Animal Ethics Program.

If youth are planning to exhibit livestock in the 4-H shows at the Indiana State Fair they

must complete YQCA. This option is for County Exhibition Only. Members also do not need to complete both modules, YQCA still counts at the county level.



To complete the training watch all four modules located here:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx>

Then complete the brief quiz here:

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2aAOaEAK0BEGoRv

That’s all! If you have trouble with the links please let us know. The ethical treatment of animals is a key aspect of 4-H Livestock exhibition at both the county and state level. If you have any questions please contact copelanb@purdue.edu.

4-H Livestock Auction for 2020



4-H Families will need to make their own arrangements for market animals this year. While this situation is not ideal, this year can be looked at as learning experience for 4-H members to line up locker appointments and evaluate market prices.

The Animal Science Web Series June 2nd Topic was “**How to Market your Animals Locally**” and covered some great tips. The recording is not live yet but when it will be it will be posted here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/4HHomeActivities.aspx>

The extension office can assist you in gathering educational resources to help you in this task but cannot line up buyers for all members 4-H Animals. The link in the next section is a good place to start in locating a processor.

Local Processors Map Resource from Indiana Pork



In the link below you will find a map formulated by Indiana Pork Producers Association of contact information for meat processors in Indiana. The map also includes county fairs and licensed dealers. Please ignore the county fair dates listed on the map for June as they are no longer up to date.

This map was originally formulated to help counties find local avenues for swine, but with our livestock auction cancelled for this year it can also assist families in finding locations for the harvesting of all meat animals. Please keep in mind that processing appointments are becoming harder to come by as demand continues to rise, now is the time to be securing time processing appointments if you have not already done so. If you refer to the map the orange dots represents processor locations.

<https://indianapork.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=28a5750837bc48d78b17be4ed4ad3e69>

Project Record Sheets & Animal Points Sheet

Leader Signatures are not required on record sheets this year. Turning in your record sheets is strongly encouraged but because of the difficulty of converting files and uploading them they will not be required for this year only.

However, Craft Cards, Recipe Cards, Sewing Skill Sheets and other forms that are judged with your project are required as they are needed if your project is promoted to the State Fair. These forms can be submitted along with your project photos on the FairEntry site. You can upload them as a document or simply snap a photo of your handwritten sheet on your smartphone and upload from there.

Virtual Club Meeting Resources

Organizing virtual meetings can be a challenge. If you would like help setting up or navigating technologies for 4-H Club meetings please reach out to the extension office. The link below contains a compilation of resources designed to help club leaders.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/productiveMeetings.aspx>

Now is the time to check out a New Exhibit Hall 4-H Project

Get outside and capture a winning Photography project, collect specimens for a Wildlife display, or grow your Gardening Project.

The 2020 Brown County 4-H Handbook is full of ideas for your next 4-H project. The handbook is [available online](#) or in the office. Project Books and record sheets are also available. Please select your projects on 4HOnline by June 15th.



SEI 4-H CAMP 2020



Setting our Sights on Gold

Virtual 4-H Camp is Happening Now! June 1-5

While we can't fully make up for missing 4-H Camp this year, Educators and Junior Directors have tried our best to create a free to all virtual 4-H camp experience! Every day of camp videos will be posted on the Camp Facebook Page [@South-easternIndiana4HCamp](#) at 8 am, 10 am and noon. Videos include songs, crafts, and Junior Director Missions. Everyday

at noon new missions go live on the GooseChase scavenger hunt app. Watch the videos, complete the missions, and earn points. It's as simple as that! I hope you have fun and bring Brown County home some gold medals.

Check your emails for instructions on how to login sent from 4Holine on Monday June 1st or email copelanb@purdue.edu for help logging in.

State 4-H Jr. Leader Conference



Portions of the 2020 State 4-H Junior Leader Conference will be available to high school students as an online, virtual opportunity.

Zoom calls will be held on 3 days:

Tuesday, June 16-Thursday, June 18, from 3-6 p.m. each day (EDT).

Highlights of the 3-day event will include:

- Interactive presentation from keynote speaker and comedian, Craig Tornquist: Leadership and Laughter (Tuesday, June 16)
- Skill sessions presented by the State 4-H Junior Leader Council. Each session is designed for personal growth and also to allow participants to share the information with their peers (all 3 days)
- A hands-on service project involving an old t-shirt or pair of jeans and scissors (Wednesday, June 17)
- Small group activities to help participants make new acquaintances (all 3 days)
- Networking event providing participants the chance to hone their professional, workforce-related skills (Thursday, June 18)

High school students throughout Indiana are invited to participate with no registration fee.

The link to join each day of the program is: purdue.ag/sjlc20

Interested members can learn more about the conference from the webpage <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/SJLC/home.aspx>



Plant a Seed for Tomorrow

A six-week at-home gardening course through Google Classroom, designed for families to start and maintain their own indoor or outdoor garden! To join the fun:

1. Sign into or create a Gmail account
2. Once you have signed in, go to <http://classroom.google.com>
3. Click the + button and press "Join a Class"
4. Enter the code: jkl6fov

Videos on Flower Dyeing, Plastic Jug Planters and more are also available.

Learn from the Judges

Recordings are available on many projects from State Fair Judges on the Indiana 4-H Website.

Cake Decorating:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MZn7dAgwfo>



Brown County 4-H T-Shirt Order Form

Each Year 4-H Council pays for one T-Shirt for each Member. This years T-Shirt is Black and will feature a 4-H Emblem and Brown County 4-H's Name. The example logo is to the right.

If you would like a T-Shirt please fill out this form & return to office dropbox OR call the extension office by June 15th so Council can get them ordered in time.

If you would like an additional T-Shirt they are available for \$9.50 for youth sizes through XL. Each additional X adds \$1.00. Money and order forms are due at the Extension Office by June 15th.



Example Logo

DUE JUNE 15th

Family Name: _____

Sizes Available: Youth: S M L Adult: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Name	Cost	Size	Quantity
4-H Member	Free- Covered By 4-H Council	Specify Youth/ Adult	
Name	Cost- \$9.50	Size	Quantity
Extra Shirts	Non-Member/Volunteer	Specify Youth/ Adult	

Make Checks Payable to: **“Brown County 4-H Council”**

Total Quantity _____

Total Cost _____

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