



March 15, 2024

**Attention: Any 4-H Rabbits enrolled after
May 15th will NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair.
If the May 15th Enrollment Deadline is not met,
4-H'ers may exhibit a Poster or a Demonstration as their project.**

TO: 4-H Rabbit Project Members

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

2024 Rabbit Member Enrollment Procedures: Once again, we will be enrolling all rabbits through 4-H Online via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper rabbit enrollment forms. Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your rabbits online. You will need the tattoo, birthday, sex and breed to complete the entry. If you need any extra assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office. If you have any questions about the breed of your animal, please contact your Rabbit Leader. It is very important that everyone is in the correct classes at the fair.

No Late Animal Enrollments will be accepted: If you do not enroll your animals online by the mandatory deadline, you cannot exhibit those animals at the fair. You can complete the project with a project record sheet, poster or an interactive demonstration. All rabbits are to be enrolled online by **May 15, 2024**. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to meet these deadlines and provide the correct information on their enrollment.

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1. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Rabbit requirements in the terms and conditions for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxvbb3a>.
 2. Siblings are allowed to co-enroll animals on their enrollment. The animals do not need to be entered under each member profile. As long as all information is entered under one of the siblings, this will allow multiple siblings the opportunity to show the animal. You will need to decide who is showing what when we make entries in fairentry, which is done later on.
 3. 4-H'ers who plan to show their rabbits at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at www.indianastatefair.com. Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines as well. Currently, the project information has



not been updated for 2024, but will be available soon. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.

The dates of the 2024 Indiana State Fair are August 2 - 18. You can find the livestock schedule here: <https://bit.ly/36o6vcf>

4. Grooming Policy: 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), legal guardian, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Animal Ethics Program.

All grooming information and online forms can be found at <https://bit.ly/4261Xzh>.

All groomers must be registered and approved by **July 1, 2024** to be able to assist at the Clay County fair. If you have questions on if you need to have someone register, please call the Extension Office.

5. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care: *All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training.* This is a new program that is replacing the previous Youth for the Quality Assurance Program or YQCA. This program is currently only offered in-person. If you are not able to attend one of the in-person trainings, the YQCA online program will fill the requirement for the quality care training. This can be done at yqcaprogram.org. If you complete it online, you **MUST** provide your certificate of completion to the Extension Office (email it to aevinger@purdue.edu or bring it in during office hours Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm). Clay County Farm Bureau has generously offered to sponsor the program, so in person trainings are **FREE**. However, if you decide to complete the program via the internet, there is a \$12.00 fee.

Please call the Extension Office (812-448-9093) to RSVP for an Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training session or follow the link next to your select date to register. Members must be registered **BEFORE** attending a training.

All training's will be held at **6:30pm** in the Exhibit Hall on the following dates:

- March 25, 2024 - <https://claycomarch25qlctraining.4honline.com>
- April 30, 2024 - <https://claycoapril30qlctraining.4honline.com>
- May 22, 2024 - <https://claycomay22qlctraining.4honline.com>
- June 19, 2024 - <https://claycojune19qlctraining.4honline.com>

7. 4-H Livestock Auction: For 2024 we will have a live auction on **Friday July 19th** beginning at **6:00 pm** with an animal lineup that will have Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry,



Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. The auction will follow the same guidelines as in years past with a buyer that will provide us with peg prices and animals will have the option to be shipped, processed, or kept depending on the buyer's choice. You will need to have a market animal to elect for the auction in order to be a part of it as normal procedure, these animals will not be eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair.

8. **4-H RABBIT POSTER PROJECT:** If you plan to exhibit a rabbit poster at the Clay County 4-H Fair, please make sure you selected it as one of your projects via your 4-HOnline profile at <https://v2.4honline.com/> when enrolling.

Good Luck this year with your 4-H rabbit projects. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

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CLAY COUNTY 4-H RABBITS

*Updated for 2024

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ENROLLMENT:

- a) Members must be enrolled in Clay County 4-H by and in the Clay County 4-H Rabbit Project by May 15th.
- b) Rabbits must be under the continuous care, responsibility, and ownership of the 4-H member by May 15th.
- c) All rabbits must be enrolled by via [4HOnline](#) by May 15th. Deadline for Show Entries is July 1st and must be completed online at fairentree.com. The online entry must include all animals to be shown at the Fair, including all Meat Classes (Meat Pen, Single Fryer, Roasters, and Stewers), Breeders, and Fur.
- d) Substitutions will be allowed at Fair Check-in; given the rabbit being substituted is registered under the members 4HOnline and is the same class, same breed, same sex, and same variety.
- e) **At fair check-in, if your rabbits ID does not match what is enrolled in 4HOnline, they will be shown in an exhibition class and will not be eligible for the Best of Show award.**
- f) All Clay County 4-H Rabbit project members are recommended to attend a minimum of four (4) Rabbit Club meetings per year.
- g) Any rabbits that are 6 months or older by **May 1st**, must be already tattooed (Left ear) **BY OR BEFORE May 15th**. AFTER May 15th, a scheduled tattoo session(s) will be available for tattooing the younger animals, juniors and Meat Pens.
- h) **Each Exhibitor is expected to help with Set-up or Clean up during the Fair.**
- i) All animal exhibits: Tattoo in left ear of animal **MUST** be legible and appear exactly the same as what was entered on 4HOnline.

HEALTH:

- a) At the time of check-in with the Rabbit Superintendent and for the remainder of the time at the fairgrounds, the animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease.
- b) Exhibitors must check **IN** and **OUT** (at Entry and Release at Fair) with the superintendent(s).
- c) **DISEASED or UNHEALTHY RABBITS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- d) **The undersides of rabbits should not be matted.**

GROOMING:

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), legal guardian, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Please contact the Extension Office with questions on how to be approved or to see if you are already on the approved groomers list.

PENNING:

- a) Each 4-H member will be responsible for the care, feeding, watering, and cleaning of their animals during the Fair.
- b) Pens will be assigned by the superintendents.
- c) Members will have a pen fee of no more than \$5 per pen due at the beginning of fair. Please see your leader for continued communication on this fee.

SHOW:

- a) Each member may show one (1) rabbit per class, per breed.
- b) Rabbits must meet age and weight requirements as specified by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Standard of Perfection for each breed/class by the day of the show.
- c) Only A.R.B.A. recognized breeds and Classes will be accepted. All A.R.B.A., County and Club show rules will apply.
- d) On judging day, exhibitors will be responsible for carrying rabbits to and from judging table.
- e) Grooming will be allowed up to 15 minutes prior to judging time.
- f) **All rabbits should only be in the show arena or rabbit barn on show day, not in the bleacher area.**
- g) ALL exhibitors are required to stay for the entire judging of all animals. Superintendent and or 4-H Council must approve any exceptions.
- h) Recommended Show Attire: long sleeve shirt/jacket or club t-shirt, long pants and closed toe shoes.
- i) The Mini 4-H Show will include Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders that are enrolled in the Clay Co. Mini 4-H program and entered in the rabbit project by **June 17**.



SHOW CLASSES

a) **SIX CLASS:**

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- 6-8 Buck
- 6-8 Doe
- Junior Buck
- Junior Doe

b) **FOUR CLASS:**

- Senior Buck
- Senior Doe
- Junior Buck,
- Junior Doe

c) **MEAT CLASSES:**

1. Members may **ONLY** show one (1) entry in any of the following four Meat classes; Meat Pens (3 rabbits), Single Fryer, Roaster and Stewers.
2. A member may enter one or more of the four Meat Classes.
3. All entries in the Meat Classes must be listed on the Show Entry form by July 1st.
4. Rabbits shown in Meat Classes **CAN NOT** be shown in regular breeding classes.
5. Meat Classes will be judged according to A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection

- Meat Pens

- (1) Consist of three (3) rabbits, all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety.
- (2) Each rabbit must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ lbs. and not exceed 5 ½ lbs.
- (3) Rabbits must **NOT** be over 10 weeks old on the day of show.
- (4) Any meat pen not within the above guidelines cannot be shown, and if disqualified for health reasons, will **NOT** be eligible to sell at the Auction
- (5) Members are not required to own and provide care for the Dam (of the Meat Pen exhibit).

- Single Fryer

- (1) Consists of one (1) rabbit.
- (2) Must weigh a minimum of 3 ½ lbs. and not exceed 5 ½ lbs.
- (3) The rabbit must **NOT** be over 10 weeks of age as of the day of show.

- Roasters

- (1) Consist of one (1) rabbit
- (2) Must weigh a minimum of 5 ½ lbs. and not exceed 9 lbs.
- (3) The rabbit must be under 6 months of age and over as of the day of the show.

- Stewers

- (1) Consist of one (1) rabbit
- (2) Minimum weight over 8 pounds.
- (3) The rabbit must be 6 months of age or older as of the day of the show.

d) **BREEDERS CLASS** (Clay County Born and Raised Rabbits by 4-H Exhibitor):

1. Rabbits must have been born at exhibitor's rabbitry and raised by that exhibitor and listed as such on their Herd Record form.
2. Rabbits in this class must be shown **FIRST** in the Regular Class. If it is disqualified in regular class, then it is not eligible to show in the Breeders Class.
3. Members may **ONLY** show one (1) rabbit in this class and this entry must be listed on the Show Entry form **WITH** an attached copy of the rabbit's Pedigree. **DO NOT** attach your original pedigree.
4. This class will be judged after Regular Classes are judged. Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen.

e) **FUR CLASS:** (to be judged following the Breeders Class judging):

1. Members may **ONLY** show one (1) rabbit in this class and this entry must be listed on the Online Fair Entry (**June 28th**).
2. All 4-H general Rabbit rules do apply.
3. Rabbit in this class must be shown **FIRST** in the Regular Class. If it is disqualified in Regular Class, then it is not eligible to shown in Fur class.



4. Best of each type of Fur will be chosen. Then an overall Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen.
5. The fur class will be judged according to the ARBA Standard, which describes the four different types of fur: Normal, Rex, Satin, Wool, and each breed fur description.
6. Members may substitute a rabbit in this class at Fair Check In ONLY. Any rabbit may be substituted.

SHOW AWARDS

Champion & Reserve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Four Class • Best Six Class 	Champion & Reserve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illustrated Talk 	Best In Show	
Champion BBQ Individual: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice • Junior • Intermediate • Senior 	Champion BBQ Team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice • Junior • Intermediate • Senior 	Champion Ambassador: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice • Junior • Intermediate • Senior • Master 	Champion & Reserve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breeders Class • Fryer • Fur Class • Stewer • Meat Pen • Roaster

RABBIT ACTION DEMONSTRATION

- a) A method by which 4-H'ers can show off their skills and abilities they have learned in the rabbit project.
- b) Same grade levels (divisions) will be used as for the Rabbit Ambassador
- c) Entry to be made on Show Entry Form.
- d) Action Demonstrations will be delivered at beginning of Rabbit Show and judged by rabbit judge.
- e) Action Demonstration entries must be entered via online at fairentry.com by **June 28th**.

RABBIT AMBASSADOR CONTEST RULES

- a) Submit entry online at fairentry.com by **June 28th**.
- b) Any 4-H members enrolled in the Rabbit Project by May 1st of the current year may participate.
- c) Contact leader for procedures and the date and time. Awards and Placing are announced during Rabbit show at 4-H County Fair.
- d) Contest has 3 parts: **Breed Identification, Written test, and Showmanship.**
- e) Five categories are: Novice 4-H member 3rd or 4th grade; Junior 5th or 6th grade; Intermediate 7th or 8th grade; Senior 9th or 10th grade and Master in 11th or 12th grade on January 1st of the current year.
- f) Contestants will be required to move up to the next level either because of grade in school or if they placed 1st in a Rabbit Ambassador category at State Fair the previous year.
- g) Contestants should have a long-sleeve shirt/jacket and long pants and must provide their own rabbit, clipboard and pencil for the Showmanship section of contest.
- h) All material for tests comes from the Domestic Rabbit Guide by the ARBA **and the ARBA Standard of Perfection.**
- i) In case of tie-scores, Highest Test Score will place higher, or if needed, additional test questions will be added.
- j) Awards will be given for the three top placings in each division.

RABBIT BARBECUE CONTEST

- a) 4-H Rabbit member must enter online at fairentry.com by **June 28th**.
- b) The 4-H Rabbit Clubs will furnish awards and meat needed.
- c) All contestants will furnish their own barbecue grill (non-electric), fuel, utensils, meat thermometer and sauce.
- d) ONLY the 4-H contestants may do preparation and actual cooking. Adult supervision will be present.
- e) There will be (3) Divisions: Novice Single (grades 3-5), Jr. Single (grades 6-8); Sr. Single (grades 9-12); Novice Team (2 individuals), Junior Team (2 individuals); Senior Team (2 individuals). If a team consists of a junior and senior member you must compete in the Senior Team Division.
- f) Meat will be labeled with weight.
- g) There will be a "Finished Time" set.
- h) It is up to contestants to determine how long meat will need to be cooked. Points will be deducted if finished product is not done.
- i) Presentation to the Judges of the finished product SHALL BE on one (1) platter.



- j) A guide line for judging will be: (A) practical equipment, (B) Skill in starting and controlling fuel and using the equipment, (C) Thoroughness of cooking, (D) Time accuracy of doneness to the time to be completed by.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training. This is an annual program that can be completed in-person by attending one of the classes on the following dates at the Fairgrounds:

- **March 25, 2024**
- **April 30, 2024**
- **May 22, 2024**
- **June 19, 2024**

An online option is available for \$12 through the YQCA program. Once you complete this online course, you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

Rabbit members may designate any type of 6 Class rabbit for the auction or a meat pen.

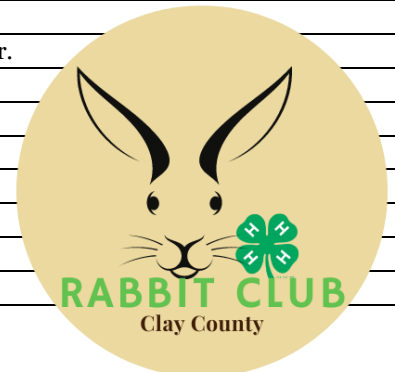
The Livestock Auction/Benefit for the Barns Event will be held upon the conclusion of the fair. In order to be eligible, you must show an animal at the fair and have a designated animal for auction. A small percentage auction fee will be deducted from each member's check. Detailed auction information will be finalized closer to fair.

REFERENCES:

- [Purdue Extension Rabbit Project](#)
- [Indiana State Fair Book - Rabbits](#)

IMPORTANT RABBIT DATES:

May 15, 2024	Deadline to enroll rabbits online—Your enrollment will not be complete if your show animals are not identified online. Exhibitors who fail to register their animals online before the May 15th deadline will not be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair.
June 17, 2024	Mini 4-Her's must be signed up to participate in the Mini rabbit show.
June 28, 2024	Fair Entry due
TBD	Deadline to register rabbits online for the State Fair.
July 13 - 19, 2024	Clay County Fair
July 12, 2024 (6 – 9:00 PM)	Rabbit check-in at the Clay County Fair
July 13, 2024 (Noon)	Rabbit show at the Clay County Fair
July 13, 2024	Mini 4-H Rabbit show
July 18, 2024 (9:00 PM)	Rabbits released
July 19, 2024	Clay County livestock auction
August 2 - 18, 2024	Indiana State Fair
August 9-11, 2024	State Fair Rabbit shows & Ambassador Program





Rabbit Identification

Animal Identification

4-H members (Grades 3 – 12) must identify all Rabbits in the 4-H Online system by the species deadline or earlier county deadline if applicable to be eligible for exhibition.

- Rabbits must be entered into 4-H Online no later than May 15.

Animal Identification in 4-H Online

Please complete the following steps to identify your livestock in the 4-H Online system.

1. Login to your family profile at: <https://v2.4honline.com> using your family email address and password associated with your 4-H enrollment record.
 - a. If you have forgotten your password, please use the ‘Reset password’ option on the 4-H Online login page, and you will be sent a new temporary password.
 - b. If you have forgotten your family email address or turned in a paper 4-H enrollment form, please contact your local Purdue Extension Office for assistance.
2. Click View next to the Member’s record for whom you would like to add an animal



Member List

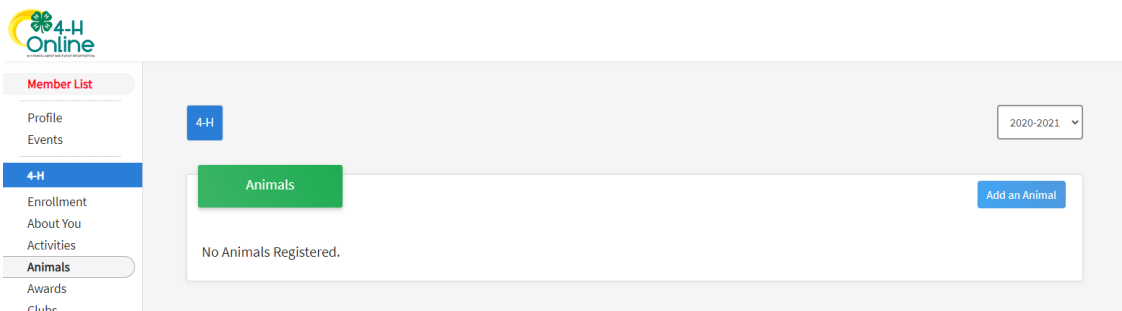
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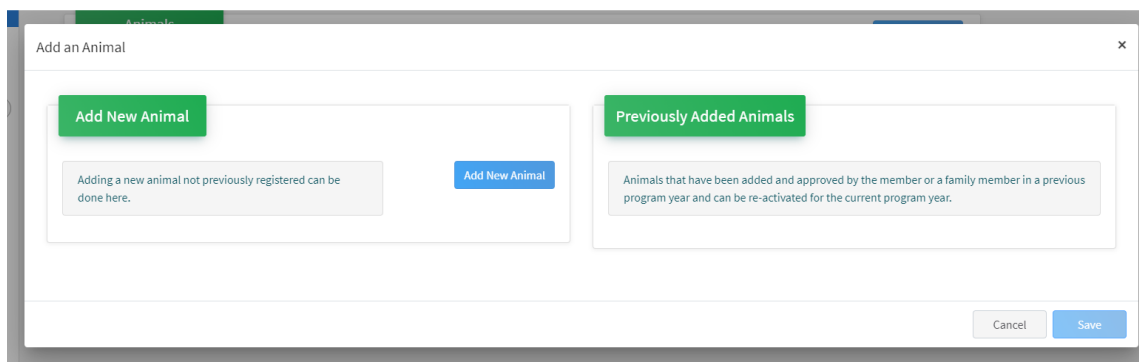
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Member		Programs
Amelia Boilermaker #323606 Feb 16, 2011	View	4-H ClubMember - Approved Enrolled for 2020-2021 program year
Andy Boilermaker #325892 Feb 5, 1992	View	4-H Volunteer - Approved Volunteering for 2020-2021 program year Trainings Complete
Angie Boilermaker #324615 May 9, 1989	View	4-H Volunteer - Declined Volunteer Application Rejected Trainings Complete
Caleb Boilermaker #328020 Nov 17, 2014	View	4-H ClubMember - Incomplete Continue Enrollment
Chance Boilermaker #325891 Mar 1, 2011	View	4-H ClubMember - Approved Enrolled for 2020-2021 program year

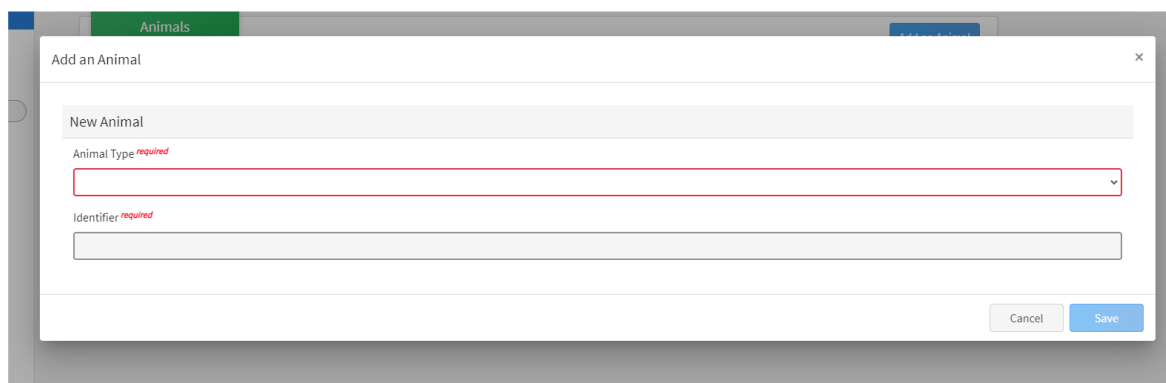
3. Click Animals in the navigation panel
4. Click the blue Add an Animal button.



5. Click on Add New Animal to start adding a new animal.



6. Select the appropriate Rabbit animal type from the dropdown menu.
 - a. Rabbit Meat Classes
 - b. Rabbit- 4 Class
 - c. Rabbit 6 Class
7. Enter the required Tattoo,
8. Click Save.



9. Read the on-screen instructions for Animal ID requirements for County Fair and Indiana State Fair Exhibition.
10. Click on the button "Show Questions" after reading the instructions
11. Required fields are indicated, but be sure to complete all other visible fields as applicable.
12. Click next once completed.

13. Review the entered information. Use the Back button at the bottom of the page to return to the previous screen to make corrections if needed.
14. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.
15. The animal information will display on the screen with the status, created, modified and submitted date and time stamp (local time). You will also receive a confirmation email upon submission.
16. To add more animals for the same member repeat steps 3-15. To add animals for another member return to the Member List and View another member.

****Note**** Members are able to edit Animal ID information until the species-specific Animal ID deadline of **May 15th**. Click on the Animals tab from your account at any time to view the status for all of the animals for a member in the family.

Family Enrollment of Animals

Animals are automatically co-enrolled within the same family (Siblings and stepsiblings). The animals may be identified under a single 4-H member in 4-H Online and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. With this capability in 4-H Online, animals do not need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family. The exhibit management program will allow a member to select to exhibit any animal identified by the family in 4-H Online. It is suggested that at least 1 animal be identified by each member enrolled in the project.