

April 1, 2024

Dear 4-H Livestock Project Members,

I hope the plans for your livestock project(s) are well under way at this point. Animal registration deadlines are approaching and I want to call attention to important details. Just a few reminders:

- ✿ **This letter applies to project members in the following projects: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy & Market Goat, Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit and Poultry.**
- ✿ **Attention: beef and dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats and poultry:** If you do not already have a premise ID number assigned to your farm from the Board of Animal Health, please visit the Indiana Board of Animal Health online, as soon as possible to secure your number. <https://www.in.gov/boah/forms/indiana-premises-identification-registration/> You will need it to register your animals on 4-H online. Indiana's Premise ID number rules align with the USDA's Animal Disease Traceability program and are the tracking method the state uses.
- ✿ **4-H online deadlines**—Beef and Dairy Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves, Dairy Cattle, Dairy and Market Goats, Horse & Pony, Alpaca/Llama, Sheep, and Swine **must be entered into 4HOnline no later than May 15, along with all required animal ID [Example: RFID tags, County tags, tattoos, registration numbers, ear notches, pictures, etc.]**.
- ✿ **Pen entry forms are due to the Extension Office no later than May 15th**, except poultry, see details below. In order to have adequate cages, pens and penning space, families must submit the pen entry form! If you have questions about how to complete the form, please contact your specie chair.
- ✿ **All animals intended for exhibition at the fair must be entered into Fair Entry between May 1-May31.** You will receive a letter from Extension office with instructions for registering exhibits in Fair Entry in late April. If you have questions, please call the office at 812-926-1189.
- ✿ If you are exhibiting Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy or Market Goats, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits or Poultry, you must complete either Quality Livestock Care offered locally, or YQCA online training. In-person trainings are April 27, 12-1 pm, Agner Hall and is May 16, 5:30 pm at the Extension Office meeting room. You must preregister on 4-H online under events, and pay the \$3 fee on day of training. [bring correct change] You may alternatively select to complete YQCA training online at a cost of \$12. With this option, print completion certificate and send to the Extension Office no later than May 31.

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- ☼ **Livestock exhibiting at the State Fair** need to submit DNA hair samples, and get them to the Extension Office no later than May 15th. If you need a DNA sample envelope, please stop by the office to pick them up. Species which submit DNA hair samples are: Beef and Dairy Beef Steers, Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeders, Beef, registered heifers, dairy cattle, meat goat wethers and does, Boer Goat females, Market lambs, commercial ewes, registered ewes, swine.

- ☼ **Poultry:**
 - **blood testing dates:** May 14, 6:30-8pm and June 4, 6:30-8 pm Fairgrounds. Poultry older than one year, or younger birds with No Pullorum-Free Flock Certificate [NIPA] or no certificate of hatch from eggs in certified [NPIP] clean parent flock, must be blood tested. Check handbook for more information. Ask your hatchery to provide the certificate to you when purchasing chicks. No certificate? Birds must be tested. What poultry needs testing: chicken, turkey, game birds. No testing required of waterfowl [ducks, geese], doves or pigeons.

 - This year, members must attend one blood testing date bringing birds, to assign the class the member's bird(s) will be entered in poultry show, as well as, designating the number of cages required at the fair. This will replace the poultry pen entry form.

- ☼ Rabbits without tattoo numbers must attend a rabbit tattooing date, May 14 or June 4, 6:30-8 pm Fair Grounds. Rabbits with tattoo numbers must share tattoo information with Tricia on the pen entry form due May 15th. Even if tattooing isn't taking place till the June date, all numbers **MUST** be turned in by the May 15th.

- ☼ Check the Master Schedule of 4-H Activities 2024 located on the Dearborn County Extension Webpage: www.extension.purdue.edu/dearborn under 4-H Information and News. All livestock dates are included on this list.

- ☼ If you have questions about your project or animal identification, please contact your specie chair or Liz, ebeiers@purdue.edu / 812-926-1189.

Sincerely,



Liz Beiersdorfer

4-H Youth Development Extension Educator
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Enclosure:
Rabbit pen entry
Pen entry form
Pre-Fair Details

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LIVESTOCK MEMBERS

Deadline to submit forms to the Extension office: May 15, 4:30 PM

Deadline to identify Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Market Goat, Sheep and Swine on 4honline under family profile and member's name: May 15

The 4-H Fair is quickly approaching. Included in this mailing are several important items for you. Please call me if you have questions regarding any of them.

If you cannot make livestock set-up on June 12th at 6:00pm, **contact your specie chair(s) to request an alternative assignment.** Exhibit Hall set-up occurs on June 12, at 9 AM in Agner Hall. This is an alternative set-up opportunity. You may also notify the specie chair ahead of time and complete tasks during fair week at the discretion of the specie chair(s). You must complete set-up/cleanup (or a family member on your behalf) or duties assigned during the week to avoid a penalty fee of \$25. Please do your part and help to get the work done in a timely fashion! Sign up sheets will be available in Agner Hall AM and 4-H Office near breezeway PM. Sign your name for each specie exhibiting.

Livestock Barn, Rabbit and Poultry Barn and Horse & Pony arena Set-up will be June 12 at 6 P.M. Sign specie sign in sheets, at the 4-H Office for **each** specie you show.

This letter does not include every detail and expectation. Please review the 4-H handbook general completion section, livestock exhibition section, and livestock auction section for complete information.

2024 Livestock Sale Order is: Barrows, Poultry, Ducks, Turkey, Lamb, Alpaca/Llama, Dairy Cattle, Steers [includes dairy steers], Horse, Rabbit, Market Goat, Milking Goat, Dairy Wether
At 6:15 P.M. before the start of the auction, the winner of the Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship will describe member's experience in the project for auction attendees.

1. **T-shirt size must be selected for each 4-H member in 4-H online by May 15.** No additional shirts will be purchased for those who do not select a size by deadline.
2. Health Exhibition Requirements. Large animals including beef, swine, sheep, goats, llama/alpaca, Horse & pony, and dairy must have a visual inspection by the specie chair or designated individual. Any animal deemed sick, uncontrollable by the livestock specie chair, or designate, may be sent home for the safety of all. Pregnant females may not deliver at the fair. If you are in doubt, leave them home. Any animal with an abscess, ringworm, etc., are not permitted to exhibit or show, unless written clearance is presented and signed by a licensed veterinarian.
3. Horse and Pony animals need a vaccination form signed and dated by a veterinarian for each animal being shown, before they are allowed to exhibit at the fair. A copy can be sent to Lisa Lawrence between May 15 and before the show on June 15th.
4. Horse and Pony Show is Saturday, June 15, beginning at 8 am. Exhibit Hall and Horse and Pony Volunteers will work with members who also have exhibit hall projects for judging between 9 and 11:30 am. Family members may bring projects to Agner Hall on behalf of youth. Check with Lisa Lawrence, H & P Leader, for details about how to get projects judged. In case of rainout on the 15th, the show is scheduled Sunday, June 23 beginning at 8 am.
5. 4-H livestock Exhibitor and parent meeting attendance is required [except horse and pony]. Meeting will be Sunday, June 16, 12:15 in the show arena.
6. Youth planning to sell in the auction **MUST** complete a sale entry for each of the **two** species they will sell. The only changes that will be made after Sunday's declaration, will be if you have one of the selling positions that will move you up in the sale order. [Champion, Reserve, etc.]
 - a. Auction forms will be provided members when they check in from specie chair.

7. **Auction check-in** is required to sell in the auction, and will immediately follow the parent meeting [12:15] in the show arena area.
8. Members who did not pick up T-shirt on Saturday, June 15, may pick up 4-H T-shirts during auction check-in.
9. The Pork, Beef, and Sheep Check-Off Programs continues for 2024. Check-Off fees are collected for every auction sale and go towards supporting research, promotion and educational efforts nationwide. This amount will be taken out of the 6% sale commission. Beef=\$1/head; Pork=\$0.35 per every \$100 of the sale price; Sheep=0.5% of sale amount.
10. **Other livestock items:**
 - All Official livestock entry—Sunday, June 16, 8:00 A.M. – 12 Noon.
 - Please be present to weigh your animal
 - Swine weighed before penning, as they come off trailer.
 - Sheep, Goat, weigh in between 11-12 noon.
 - Beef-
 - Poultry and Rabbits will be weighed during check-in.
 - Present registration papers (has to be in 4-Hers name) to specie Chairman for purebred animals. [Copies of registration papers must be submitted to Extension Office no later than May 15th.]
 - Poultry members (not waterfowl) will present certificates verifying their birds came from pullorum-typhoid free flocks at livestock check-in if less than one year old, and if your birds are older than one year, or you do not have the certificate for birds purchased this year, you **must present birds' blood test paper received at blood testing, at check-in.**
 - Please check the fair schedule for your show times. Pygmy, Fiber and Dairy Goat, beef fitting, Boer goat and Sheep show will be on Tuesday and Rabbit and Swine show will be on Wednesday!
 - Release Time for Livestock is Friday, June 21, after auction is completed, and Saturday, June 22, before 8 am.
 - Fair Clean-up is June 22, 8 AM until finished.
 - Exhibit Hall Awards/Meal, June 22, 4:00 pm, Agner Hall, after cleanup is complete. Sponsor "Thank You" cards will be available to sign.
 - Members bring your own thank you cards for award sponsors completed, addressed and stamped.
 - Livestock Auction checks will be available for pick-up in the Extension Office beginning June 26. Thank-you notes for award sponsors and auction buyers, completed, addressed and stamped are required to collect checks.
 - Exhibit Hall project members are expected to attend clean-up of Agner Hall on Saturday morning from 8 AM until complete.
 - Power washers and hoses will be needed for cleaning pens and equipment on Saturday June 22. Bleach will be available.
 - No parking between Agner Hall and the animal barn. Obey parking regulations as posted! Be prepared to carry feed, hay etc., from your vehicle or trailer. A golf cart is available for families to bring in feed/water from distances after gate opens each day. Ask Fair Board members to assist you.
 - Livestock trailers will be parked outside the fence on the side towards the horse arena. It is suggested families work together to store feed, hay etc. to reduce number of parked trailers.
 - Parking on Saturday clean-up will be restricted to the parking lot to help ensure clean-up is efficient and safe. We are working to protect the safety for all concerned due to the large equipment used.
11. Call Liz if you have questions regarding any of the above.

Rabbit Pen/Class Assignment Form

Turn into the rabbit chair by May 15th

Name:

Club:

I would like a pen next to

(request are not guarantees)

Number of Pens requested :

Since rabbit tattooing isn't until after pen assignment forms are due, just write in the tattoo number you want on your rabbit. Please limit the tat numbers to 3 or less digits/numbers.

Breed	Sex	Animal Name (These will be printed on the pen cards.)	SR, JR, INTER. or Meat Pen	Animal ID Tattoo# (number must be in left ear)	Intended Class (refer to handbook for class lists)	Check this box if the rabbit you are bringing will be a Show-N-Go (rabbit will only come the day of the show, therefore no pen is needed.)