



ELKHART COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATE 2024

Welcome.....

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2024 Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program! This packet is our Animal Science update for the year and contains most of the information you will need to know this year. I also ask that you review your club's information packet for more specifics for your project.

There are a lot of different ways for you to be involved on a county wide level from Career Development Events and our Livestock Skillathon Contest held in June. I encourage you to participate in one of these great events to grow your skillset and challenge your learning.

It is also important that if your animal requires Animal ID information to be uploaded into 4-H Online it must be completed by May 15, 2024 in order to be able to show. If you also plan on showing at the Elkhart County Fair you must also complete FairEntry by June 25, 2024 or you can't show in a regular animal class, only exhibition.

Don't forget to keep your email address and contact information up to date with our office so that you are getting our newsletter the Friday 4-H Nugget! If you have any questions or need assistance along the way, please reach out to our office staff or your club leaders.

All the best,
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Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program

Back by popular demand is our Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor and Livestock Skillathon Programs. These new and exciting programs will highlight the 4-H member's animal knowledge and showmanship skills. Each species will have a county-wide livestock skill-at-thon contest that will test the members knowledge of their species as well as the option to compete in an overall species livestock skillathon. At fair those 4-H members participating in the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program will also participate in their species showmanship class. A score will be given for this and combined with the skillathon score for their overall ranking. Be sure to check out our website for the latest details, study guide, open house and contest dates.



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4-H Livestock Club Contacts

Below is a list of 4-H Livestock Club leaders.
 Be sure to reach out to leaders for information and assistance.

| <u>Club Name</u> | <u>Leader Name</u> | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Email</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4-H Beef Club | Phil Lechlitner | 574-536-4122 | Elkhartcounty4Hbeefclub@yahoo.com |
| | Steve George | 574-304-9734 | |
| 4-H Cat Club | Jade Mattson | 574-971-1204 | jade.bobeck@aol.com |
| Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Club | Stephanie Kronk | 574-312-8674 | strenshaw08@gmail.com |
| Elkhart County Dairy Feeder Calf | Ken Metzler | 574-535-3018 | kdmetzler57@gmail.com |
| 4-H Dog Club | Melissa Cloud | 574-849-9872 | msebastiancloud@yahoo.com |
| Goat Club | Crystal Kniesly | 571-612-3519 | kaprikid@msn.com |
| | Tyler Hunter | 574-274-9982 | jthunterj67@yahoo.com |
| Guernsey 4-H Club | Carla Weaver | 574-238-4996 | weaver482@gmail.com |
| Jersey 4-H Club | Jenny Gordon | 574-377-0607 | jennygordonakw@gmail.com |
| Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club | Betsy Kelly | 574-361-0477 | betsykelly2015@gmail.com |
| | Tim Leer | 574-238-6261 | talfarm@yahoo.com |
| Poultry Club | Valerie Jacobs | 574-354-0612 | poultryleader@gmail.com |
| Elkhart County 4-H Rabbit Club | Israel Stark | 574-849-8823 | ec4hrabbitclub@gmail.com |
| | Tammy Stark | 574-849-8824 | |
| Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club | Ashley King | 574-354-7403 | ashleyholdeman4h@yahoo.com |
| Elkhart County 4-H Swine Club | Don & Jill Lehman | 574-596-9251 | elkcoswineclub@gmail.com |



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Animal Information

What is a Premises ID?

If you are planning to show livestock (excluding rabbits, cats, dogs, and horses), it is important that you obtain a Premises ID number from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). A Premises ID is a unique number assigned to the place where your animals are kept. This is part of the national animal traceability program, and allows for tracking and movement of animals. This is important for animal health and safety. You will have to have this information with you when you ID your animal for the 4-H program. Premises ID numbers are free, and easy to get. You can obtain yours by visiting BOAH's website at www.in.gov/boah or by calling 877-747-3038.

What is 4HOnline?

4HOnline is our web-based data management system. This is where you sign up information, projects and Animal ID information. This allows the Purdue Extension office and 4-H Club leaders to generate reports and other items that they need to inform you of events, and project information. You as a 4-H family can read our newsletters, update your contact information and sign up for events using the V2.4HOnline system. It is important if you move, or change a phone number or email address that you update that information in your family profile. To access this website go to:

<https://v2.4honline.com>

What is FairEntry?

FairEntry is our data management system for items related to the fair. This system is where classes are selected, auction information is generated, and show programs are managed. All 4-H Livestock members will need to log into this system using their V2.4HOnline profile to place their animals into their proper classes, sign up for showmanship and other club events. It is important that you complete this information when you receive the instructions at the end of May. Not completing this information makes the fair check in process take longer.

Quality Assurance Program Requirement

Last year, Purdue moved to it's own program for youth on Quality Assurance called: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care. This program is for Beef, Dairy Feeder, Dairy, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors. This program will allow the youth to learn more about:

- *Their role in food animal production
- *Animal Care

*Food Safety

*How to use the life skills members learn from their projects.

The Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality care program will only be offered in person and is \$3.00 payable at the door during the class. You will need to pre-register by calling Nancy Borkholder at the Extension office or email your registration to nborkhol@purdue.edu. Indiana 4-H will recognize the Youth for Quality Care of Animals program this year as we transition, but this will only be offered online at: <https://yqcaprogram.org> The online version is \$12.00. If you chose to complete the online version, you must email or drop off a copy of the certificate to the Extension office.

The requirement will need to be completed by **June 15, 2024** in order to be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.

Session Dates & Times:

Key = *Before Lamb Club Meeting **Before Goat Club Meeting

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| 1/22 - 6:30 pm - ECCC - Martin Room | 3/21 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm. | 5/07 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm. |
| *2/05 - 5:30 pm - ECCC - Showalter Rm. | 4/08 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm. | |
| 2/13 - 3:30 pm - Fairfield Jr./Sr. High School | **4/16 - 6:00 pm - Ag Hall | |
| **2/20 - 6:00 pm - ECCC - Martin/Fidler Rms. | 4/27 - 10:00 am - Fair Board Rm. | |



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Animal Identification

Identification is an important part of your animal project. This will assist in making sure that you keep good records, and know which animal is which. Below is the identification methods that are used by the 4-H program. This is the information that you will need to enter into the 4HOnline system, please check the club deadlines on the next page and verify with your club leaders if you have questions.

| Species | County Required Animal Information | Additional State Required Animal Information |
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| Beef & Dairy Beef Steers | 840-RFID Tag & 5-digit County Tag | DNA Hair Sample |
| Commercial & Market Heifers & Dairy Feeder | 840-RFID Tag & 5-digit County Tag | DNA Hair Sample |
| Beef, Registered Heifers | 840-RFID Tag & Tattoo | DNA Hair Sample |
| Dairy Cattle Females | 840-RFID Tag & animal's registered name & registration number (or dam's registration number) | DNA Hair Sample |
| Dairy Goat: Females, Registered | Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo; Unregistered: Scrapie Tag or Tattoo | DNA Hair Sample |
| Dairy Goat: Wethers | 5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo- Tattoo is only acceptable if the goat doesn't have ears big enough to tag | |
| Meat Goat Wethers | 5-digit County Tag | DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag |
| Boer Goat Females (Registered) | Breed Registry Tattoo | DNA Hair Sample |
| Market Goat Does (Wether Dams) | 5-digit County Tag | DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag |
| Pygmy Goats (Registered) | Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches registration papers | |
| Pygmy Goats (Unregistered) | Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo | |
| Horse and Pony | Two Color pictures | |
| Poultry | See poultry leader for details | |
| Rabbit | Tattoo, Breed & Sex | |
| Sheep: Market Lambs | 5-digit County Tag | DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag |
| Sheep: Commercial Ewes | 5-digit County Tag/or official Scrapie Tag | DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag |
| Sheep: Registered Ewes | ID that matches registration papers A copy must be given at check-in at fair | DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag |
| Swine | 840-RFID Tag & Ear Notch | DNA Hair Sample |



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Health Forms

Cats and dogs that will be used for the 4-H program are required to have vet sheets on file. This is for the safety of the animals and the 4-H members. These forms will need to be turned in before the animals can be brought to meetings and trainings. To get a copy of the forms you can go to the following links or hard copies will be available from Purdue Extension or your 4-H leader. Please be sure to read over the forms and complete the appropriate information.

Vaccination forms for cat, dog, horse and pony may be found on the Elkhart County Extension page listed below:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-cat.html>

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-dog.html>

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-horse.html>

Animal Lease

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/animal-lease-agreement.pdf>

State Fair Information

The Indiana State Fair is a great way to showcase 4-H livestock projects from around the state. Many families have a tradition of going down every year to show and make new friends. The State Fair may have some different rules and animal ID requirements than we do in Elkhart County. Note that animals and or products sold in place of that animal are not eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair that same year. Most of their livestock deadlines are June 1, and more information can be found on their website at: www.indianastatefair.com





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Club Specific Information

Each species of livestock may have different requirements for ID's and other information. Under each one you will find the dates for each. Please check with the volunteers of your 4-H clubs to make sure that you have the most current information.

Beef - 2024

- 2/17 - Tagging Day - 9-12 pm Shipshewana Barn
- 2/24 - Snow Make Up Tagging Day for 2/17;
9-12 pm Shipshewana Barn
- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Cat - 2024

- 5/15 - Vaccination papers due to club
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dairy, Guernsey and Jersey - 2024

- 5/15 - Lease papers due in 4HOnline V.2
- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dairy Feeder Calf - 2024

- 5/04 - Tagging Day - 7-10:30 am Dairy Feeder Barn
- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dog - 2024

- 4/09 - Vaccination papers due to club
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Goat - 2024

- 4/27 - Tagging/Tattoo Day - 8-11 am
- 5/04 - Tagging/Tattoo Day - 8-11 am
- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Lamb - 2024

- 5/09 - Tagging Day
- 5/11 - Tagging Day
- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Poultry - 2024

- 4/01 - Ownership deadline for all birds
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline
- 7/06 - Exhibition bird banding & Pullorum testing;
except turkeys, guineas, call ducks & pigeons
- 7/13 - Commercial banding & weigh in;
except turkeys
- 7/18 - Poultry check-in & turkey weigh-in

Rabbit - 2024

- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Saddle - 2024

- 5/15 - Vaccination papers due in 4HOnline V.2
- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 5/15 - Lease papers due in 4HOnline V.2
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

Swine - 2024

- 5/4 - Mandatory Tag & 1st Vaccination Day- 7-11 am
- 5/18 - Mandatory 2nd Vaccination Day- 7-10 am
(Tag/Vaccine Days - Gate 4, Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds)
- 5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
- 6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
- 5/23 - FairEntry opens
- 6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline