



4-H Policies and Procedures for 4-H Animal Shows at the Indiana State Fair

For specific policies related to county-only animals, please contact the County Extension Office. Contact information can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/about>.

For specific species related policies at the Indiana State Fair, please see the individual sections of the ISF Premium Book <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-competitions-entry-information>.

EXHIBITION AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR:

Exhibition of 4-H projects in local, county or state exhibits/fairs is considered a privilege and is voluntary on the part of the exhibitor. The exhibition of 4-H projects provides 4-H members an opportunity to display their 4-H projects, enter into competition and participate in an educational/social environment with their peers. With exhibition also comes the responsibility for abiding by all of the terms and conditions pertaining to the respective 4-H project. Not following the established terms and conditions of the projects will be grounds for exclusion from the competition/exhibition or the project itself.

1. If DNA is not submitted by May 15th to the County Extension Office that animal is not eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair. (DNA is required for: BEEF, DAIRY BEEF, DAIRY FEMALES, SWINE, SHEEP AND MEAT GOATS) There is no charge for DNA in the Indiana State Fair registration fee. A fee will only be collected at the exhibitor's expense if DNA is necessary for animal identification verification.
2. An exhibit may not be entered in more than one State Fair 4-H class except in some animal classes where designated. In a State Fair class requiring more than one item, all items must be exhibited by the same 4-H member. All parts of an exhibit made in one class must belong to one 4-H member.
3. All 4-H exhibits at the State Fair must be prepared during the current 4-H year. Eligibility rests solely with the State 4-H Youth Program Leader or their designee on entries in all 4-H classes.
4. Any 4-H exhibit removed from display prior to the official release will be disqualified. Any 4-H placings/prizes (including ribbons, money, medals, trophies, etc.) awarded that exhibit will be forfeited.
5. 4-H exhibitors having an entry in animal classes at State Fair are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the owner may request another Indiana 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Substitute showmen must be approved in writing by the 4-H show manager, 24 hours prior to showing of the animal(s) needing a substitute showman. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances deemed unavoidable by the 4-H show manager. Failure to be excused from a job and/or participation in a non 4-H-related creative arts or sporting event or practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.

4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION AND EXHIBITION:

Each 4-H member shall own his/her own 4-H exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county and state ID deadlines and continuously until after the 4-H show at the County and/or State Fair.

1. For 4-H breeding animals, family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians are acceptable.
2. For 4-H dairy cattle, family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
3. Dairy heifers, horses, ponies, alpacas and llamas may be leased subject to approval of both the county 4-H dairy, horse and pony, or llama committee and the respective County Extension Educator. 4-H animals (horse and pony, dairy, alpacas and llamas are only eligible to be leased by a single 4-H member in a 4-H program year.
4. 4-H animals are expected to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them (unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the County 4-H Extension Educator) from the animal ID deadline until the conclusion of the County and/or State Fair.

5. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal, is considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction."
6. 4-H animals exhibited after the May 15 State 4-H animal ID deadline at any show by anyone other than the individual whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4-H Online will not be eligible State Fair Terms and Conditions to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. 4-H animals that are selected by 4-H Extension Staff or 4-H Adult Volunteers for use in supreme showmanship contests (Master Showmanship, Round Robin, etc.) may be used in those county events without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without state ID deadlines, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the owner of the animals.
7. 4-H members showing registered beef, Boer goats, dairy, dairy goats, sheep and swine must present a registration certificate (no photocopies, carbons or fax copies, except a fax directly from the national breed association to the Indiana State Fair) to the 4-H show manager before the specified time for each specie, showing that the exhibitor owns the animal being exhibited, as per ownership terms, on or before the May 15 ID deadline and continuously until 4-H show day at the Indiana State Fair.
8. 4-H breeding beef, Boer goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine must be registered in one of the following ownership methods:
 - a. in the 4-H members' name
 - b. John Smith and Sons
 - c. John Smith, Sons and Daughters
 - d. John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only)
 - e. Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister)
 - f. Family corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date
 - g. Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be on file with the Extension Office before the ID deadline. A single animal can only be included in one 4-H Online family profile.
9. 4-H breeding beef, Boer goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine will NOT be accepted in the State Fair 4-H Show if they are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)", "Long Oak and William Smith (4-H Member)", etc.).
10. For 4-H dairy cattle, partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are acceptable (i.e. John Doe and William Smith (4-H member) or Long Oak and William Smith). Dairy cows and heifers, owned in a partnership, may not be exhibited by more than one person from May 15 until the conclusion of the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. This person must be the exhibitor of the animal in the current State Fair 4-H Dairy Show, or the animal will be ineligible for this show. 4-H dairy cattle will not be accepted in 4-H classes at the State Fair if they are registered in the father's name only or in a farm name, such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", etc., unless the 4-H member has a certified lease agreement for this animal.
11. The Dairy lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy cows and/or heifers. Only dairy heifers that will be less than two years-of-age at the time of the Indiana State Fair 4-H dairy show, may be leased. Leasing a dairy heifer will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the heifer, regardless of where the heifer is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15 until the 4-H dairy show at the Indiana State Fair. Leased 4-H dairy heifers must be registered (although it is not necessary to have the registration paper transferred to the 4-H member's name) by May 15 and be properly identified in Indiana 4-H Online.

12. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals in the Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program.
13. Temporary guardianships established for the intent of animal exhibition or grooming purposes are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

State Fair Animal Identification, Ownership and Exhibition: Each 4-H member shall own his/her own 4-H exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county and state ID deadlines and continuously until after the 4-H show at the County and/or State Fair.

1. All animals must be identified in Indiana 4-H Online by the animal ID deadline (May 15 for all other animals or earlier deadline set by county).
2. Siblings in the same family profile do not need to list all animals under each sibling. However, it is best to list at least one animal under each sibling in the 4-H Online system. All animals listed in a family profile may be exhibited by any siblings in that family profile.
3. To be properly identified, the below Animal ID requirements must be met. If **any** ID listed below is not completely and correctly listed, the given animal will be ineligible for the Indiana State Fair. This includes DNA being submitted to your local Extension Office by May 15th or date determined by the county.

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2021 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by May 15th. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal. The max # to enroll refers to the maximum number per species a 4-H member can identify in the 4-H Online system.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Wethers	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo		

Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	40 total	May 15
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo		
Horses and Pony	Color Picture	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Color Picture	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/ or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample		
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

Indiana State Fair Animal Affidavit Requirement

- Upon check-in at the State Fairgrounds, an animal affidavit shall be submitted for **all animal exhibits** (i.e., market and breeding) in the:
 - Beef Cattle Department
 - Dairy Cattle Department
 - Swine Department (**separate affidavits required for gilts and barrows**)
 - Sheep Department (**separate affidavits required for market lambs and breeding ewes**)
 - Dairy Goat Department
 - Boer Goat Department, and
 - Meat Goat Department.
- Other Departments (e.g., Horse and Pony) may require animal affidavits at their discretion and as part of drug testing.
- Disclosing drugs and/or alterations on the animal affidavit does not affect the imposition of penalties should there be a violation of the drug testing /examination principles outlined above.
- Failure to complete the animal affidavit shall result in automatic disqualification and may result in additional imposed penalties as listed in General Terms & Conditions.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org/>.

Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy

The safety and well-being of 4-H members and volunteers is a primary concern with all Indiana 4-H Program opportunities. Families should err on the side of caution in selecting a dog for the 4-H member to exhibit. A dog that has a known history of aggression or biting is not appropriate for involvement in the 4-H Program. On occasion, the 4-H member may have difficulty managing their dog within the 4-H Program. The following guidance has been provided for the Indiana 4-H Dog Program as the owner/exhibitor of the dog bears responsibility for the dog's actions.

The complete aggressive dog policy is available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/project.aspx?proj=5>.

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