



Indiana 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/Pages/countyoffices.aspx>.

For specific species related policies at the Indiana State Fair, please see the individual sections of the ISF Premium Book at <http://www.indianastatefair.com/>.

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. 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.
2. 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 on entries in all 4-H classes.
3. 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.
4. 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 band or sporting event or practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.

State Fair Animal Identification, Ownership and Exhibition:

1. All animals must be identified in Indiana 4HOnline by the animal ID deadline (April 1 for market steers and 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. 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.

Beef and dairy beef steers	840-RFID tag AND 5-digit county tag
Commercial heifers	840-RFID tag AND 5-digit county tag

Registered heifers	840-RFID tag AND tattoo
Market lambs	5-digit county tag AND retinal image
Commercial ewes	5-digit county tag or farm/flock tag AND retinal image
Registered ewes	Tag from registration paper AND retinal image
Swine	840-RFID tag, ear notch AND DNA hair sample
Dairy cattle	840-RFID tag
Meat goat wethers	5-digit county tag OR tattoo AND retinal image
Market goat does	5-digit county tag OR tattoo
Boer goat females	Tattoo
Dairy goat females	Tattoo
Dairy goat wethers	5-digit county tag OR tattoo
Pygmy goats	Tattoo OR microchip OR 5-digit county tag OR scrapie tag
Horse and pony	Color picture
Llama and alpaca	Color picture

4. 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.
5. For 4-H dairy cattle: family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
6. Dairy heifers, horses, ponies 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.
7. 4-H animals are expected to be in the 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 council) from the animal ID deadline until the conclusion of the county and/or state fair.
8. 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 are considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction".
9. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal ID deadline (April 1 for market steers and May 15 for all other animals) at any show by anyone other than the person whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4HOnline will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without ID deadlines, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the owner of the animals.
10. 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.
 - a. Animals identified in a particular breed may be switched to commercial class, but those identified as commercial cannot be switched to a breed class.

11. 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 and 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 ID deadline;
 - 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.
12. 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.).
13. 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.
14. 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 4HOnline.
15. 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 enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.
16. Stallions are not eligible, except during the calendar year they are foaled.

Indiana State Fair Animal Affidavit Requirement

1. Upon check-in at the State Fairgrounds, an animal affidavit shall be submitted for **all animal exhibits** (i.e., market and breeding) in the:
 - a. Beef Cattle Department,
 - b. Dairy Cattle Department,
 - c. Swine Department,
 - d. Sheep Department,
 - e. Dairy Goat Department,
 - f. Boer Goat Department, and

- g. Meat Goat Department.
2. Other Departments (e.g., Horse and Pony) may require animal affidavits at their discretion and as part of drug testing.
3. 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.
4. Failure to complete the animal affidavit shall result in automatic disqualification and may result in additional imposed penalties as listed in General Terms & Conditions.

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>.

For more information, please contact:

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