

**BOONE COUNTY 4-H
GENERAL LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES**

1. All livestock (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Feeder Calf and Swine) must be on the residence or property of members family. (Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Aunt, Uncle, Grandparents or a Council approved location). Livestock must be made available for inspection by any appointed committee member upon reasonable notice.
2. All grooming of animals at the fair (actual hands on fitting) must be done by 4-H member. The 4-H member may obtain assistance if needed by family members (father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparents), any current or past Boone County 4-H member, any current Boone County 4-H parent, or a current Boone County resident, and project leaders or anyone holding a current, valid Indiana 4-H **Approved Grooming Assistance Card**.
3. OWNERSHIP
 - A. Each Club member must own his/her own exhibit. A certificate of registration or transfer must be presented to the project leader in charge before the time of show. Original certificate only. No photocopies accepted. This certificate must show that the exhibitor owns the animals exhibited, either entirely or in part, before the State enrollment date. No two 4-H members may exhibit the same animal or project exhibit in 4-H Club work the same year **except Horse & Pony project members who are siblings may exhibit the same horse or pony as long as they are exhibiting in different class divisions. Siblings in Horse & Pony project may not share a horse or pony at the state fair.**
 - B. 4-H breeding beef, Boer goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine must be registered in one of the following ownership methods:
 1. In the 4-H members' name
 2. John Smith and Sons
 3. John Smith, Sons and Daughters
 4. John Smith and Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only)
 5. Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister)
 6. 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
 7. 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.
4. All members enrolled in livestock projects must have animal or animals in their possession at time of enrollment (swine, horse and pony, cats, poultry, goats, dog, rabbit and sheep **guidelines**) and must care and work with the project in which they are enrolled from time of enrollment to exhibit. In case of registered animals some form of ownership by the member must be shown on the registration paper, and the date of ownership on the registration paper must be prior to date of enrollment (except purebred swine and sheep shown only in the county for which application for registry may be shown to project leader at show time).
5. Leasing of Animals: 4-H members may lease animals in the following livestock projects: Dairy Cattle, Horse and Pony, Llama and Feeder Calf and Utility Goats.
 - Dairy animals may be leased pending completion of the Indiana 4-H Dairy Leasing Contract and subject to the approval of the Dairy Project Leader and the Extension Educator.
 - Horse and Pony must be owned or leased by the 4-H member (pending completion of the Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony Leasing Contract. Leased animals may also be shown subject to the approval of both the County 4-H Horse and Pony Project Leader and the Extension Educator.
 - Llamas must be owned by the 4-H'er or owned in partnership with 4-H'ers father, mother, brother, sister, grandparents, or legal guardian. Leased animals may also be shown subject to the approval of both the County 4-H Llama Project Leader and the Extension Educator.
 - Feeder calves may be leased pending completion of the Boone County 4-H Feeder Calf Leasing Contract and subject to the approval of the Feeder Calf Project Leader and Extension Educator.
 - Utility goats must be owned by the 4-H member or leased subject to the approval of the Utility Goat Project Leader and the Extension Educator.

Any 4-H member leasing an animal must turn in a copy of the official leasing contract to the Extension Office by May 15th.
6. Any one animal may not be enrolled by more than one 4-H member, except for siblings.
7. All animals must comply with ownership and registration requirements as defined by Indiana 4-H and Indiana State Fair Policy.
8. SHOWRING - Club members having entries in livestock classes must show their own animals. In case of sickness or emergency, or if two animals are entered in same class, the owner may have the animal shown by another Boone County 4-H Club member at the discretion of the project leader in charge of the class in which the animal is to be shown.
9. Classes may be provided for breeds not listed in the catalog if numbers justify.

10. Members exhibiting livestock and other projects shall not use any other identification of their project at the 4-H Fair except the identification cards furnished by the project leader of the project. 4-H'er or family name on show boxes is allowed. Advertisement insignia on the 4-H exhibitor while showing his or her animal at the Fair is prohibited.
11. SHOWMANSHIP:
 - A. Any exhibitor wishing to participate in showmanship competition may do so.
 - B. Three classes will be provided: Beginner - Grades 3-5; Intermediate - Grades 6-8; Advanced - Grades 9-12. (Large classes may be subdivided at the discretion of the project leader.)
 - C. Grade refers to the grade that a member just completed regardless of whether they have repeated a grade in school.
 - D. All 4-H livestock shows have the option to add a Master Showmanship class. (Master Showmanship class is comprised of past & current year winners of the Advanced division)
 - E. Showmanship Champions are ineligible to compete in the same showmanship class in future years, (except for Master Showmanship classes).
 - F. Participants must show their own animals in showmanship classes.
 - G. A younger category showmanship class may be combined with the next older category at the discretion of the judge and project leader if there are less than 5 participants.
 - H. See individual project pages for further showmanship specifics.

For the following projects: Beef, Dairy Goats, Dairy, Horses, Llamas, Meat Goats, Sheep, and Swine: Projects participating in Supreme Showmanship: A showmanship champion has the option to progress to the next highest category, regardless of grade, immediately, with a limit of one category bump. The only exception to this rule is for those who win advanced will have the option to advance to master.

For Feeder Calf Project:

A showmanship champion has the option to progress to the next highest category, regardless of grade, immediately, with a limit of one category bump. The only exception to this rule is for those who win advanced will have the option to advance to master.

Sheep:

There will be a Master Sheep Showmanship Class. Past and present champions in the Advanced Showmanship class are eligible. (Current 4-H Sheep Members)

Dogs: Dog Showmanship grade guidelines differ from livestock classes. See Dog guidelines.

12. HERDSMAN AWARDS - All Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Llama, Horse and Pony, Rabbit exhibits will be judged and graded each day by an adult stall judge. Grades will be based on a number of items such as care of animals, whether clean and attractive, conditions of bedding, feed sacks, trunks, towels etc., neatly arranged and cleanliness of aisle. Ribbon awards will be made on a group basis. Judging for herdsmen awards will be done daily. Herdsmen award plaques are optional along with ribbons. 4-H members will be expected to clean stalls and pens used by their animal before they are taken home or removed.
13. Exhibitors are required to provide their own bedding for livestock projects. Members will not be permitted to store extra bedding near their stall or tie-out area.
14. 4-H Members are responsible for feeding and supplying water to their animals in the time period between the 4-H show and auction. If a 4-H member is unable to be there, it is their responsibility to make arrangements to have the animal cared for and to inform the project leader who will be caring for the animals. If it is determined that the animals have not been cared for in a humane way the 4-H member will not be allowed to walk the animal through the auction for the extra premium.
15. Boone County Born and Raised classes will be defined as those animals that were born in Boone County and are raised under the care of the 4-H member in Boone County.
16. All animals exhibited at the Boone County 4-H Fair must meet the health requirements as outlined by the Indiana Board of Animal Health. Animals will be inspected by the project leader or their designee. Any animal that does not meet BOAH requirements must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor.
* Also see general 4-H guidelines on page 16-18.
17. A project leader or instructor may dismiss an animal from a workshop or show ring if it is deemed that an animal is posing a safety hazard to the 4-H member, other people, or other animals. This animal may be dismissed from the 4-H Fair by the Fair Board President at the recommendation of the project leader.
18. Fraud and deception will result in the disqualification of that animal. Examples of fraud or deception include falsification of registration papers, animal's age, animal ownership, altering the animal's appearance to misrepresent it's breed characteristics, injection of air or foreign substances under the skin etc. the use

- of ether topically or thru inhalation, addition of hair that was not naturally grown in that area (i.e. twine, false tail heads). False tails on horses/ponies is acceptable as this is normal practice in the horse industry.
19. During the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Drive, the project leader may at their discretion ask the judge to select up to three additional animals for 3rd, 4th, and 5th place Grand Champion Drive recognition. When selecting winners for the Grand Drive the reserve champion in the breed/division where the champion places in the Grand Drive will be brought into the ring to compete for remaining placings. A project leader can request a mini-banner from the Extension Office to be awarded if they choose to selected 3-5th place. If the project leader chooses to award something other than a mini-banner, it is their responsibility to secure those awards.
 20. Pre-entry for exhibiting animals at the fair will be due through FairEntry by the deadline set by the Extension Office. Exhibitors will be permitted to make changes to these entries (except Horse and Pony) at time of check-in of the respective species.
 21. All youth who exhibit an animal in the following projects: beef cattle, feeder calf, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, utility goat, poultry and rabbits must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This certification must be completed by July 1st each year that the certification expires. All certifications last for 1 year.
 22. Animals must be checked in with the project leader during the designated check-in times. Animals that arrive after check-in will be ineligible from showing in the 4-H show and participating in the 4-H Livestock Auction. In the event of an emergency (i.e. Car accident, medical emergency etc.) the 4-H Executive Committee along with the Extension Educator may grant an exception to this rule after consultation and review.
 23. Exhibitors must make final declaration of what class each animals will be shown in at time of check-in for that species. Horse and Pony exception can be found in General Guidelines section of Horse and Pony guidelines.
 24. Project Leaders of that project have the right to restrict access to show arena staging areas.