

March 15, 2023



Attention: Any 4-H Rabbits enrolled after May 15th will NOT be allowed to exhibit their animals at the fair. If the May 15th Enrollment Deadline is not met, 4-H'ers may exhibit a Poster or a Demonstration as their project for completion.

TO: 4-H Rabbit Project Members

Please Read this Letter in its Entirety.

2023 Rabbit Member Enrollment Procedures: Once again, we will be enrolling all rabbits through 4-H Online via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper rabbit Enrollment Forms. Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. You will need the tattoo, birthday, sex and breed to complete the entry. If you need any extra assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office.

If you have any questions about the breed of your animal, please contact your Rabbit Leader. It is very important that everyone is in the correct classes at the fair.

No Late Animal Enrollments will be accepted. If you do not enroll your animals online by the mandatory deadline, you cannot exhibit animals at the fair. You can complete the project with a project record sheet, poster or an interactive demonstration. All rabbit animals are to be enrolled online by May 15, 2023. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to meet these deadlines and provide the correct information on their enrollment.

Each exhibitor will be required to complete and submit a 4-H Livestock Record sheet at fair check in. This will help us highlight the hard work and celebrate the rewards that come with participating in livestock projects. The record sheet is included in this letter and can also be found on the county website.

1. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Rabbit requirements in the Clay County 4-H Terms and Conditions Handbook for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions are included in this packet or also on the Clay County 4-H Purdue Extension website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/clay/rabbit.pdf>
2. Siblings are allowed to co-enroll animals on their enrollment. The animals do not need to be entered under each member profile. As long as all information is entered under one of the siblings, this will allow multiple siblings the opportunity to show the animal. You will need to decide who is showing what when we make entries in fairentry, which is done later on.

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran.
Purdue University is an Affirmative Action institution. This material may be available in alternative formats.

3. **STATE FAIR:** 4-H'ers who plan to show rabbits at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at <https://bit.ly/3ZM4op2>. Currently, the project information has not been updated for 2023. Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines. The Entry books will be available soon. These will include full show and competition schedules and terms and conditions. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.

The date of the 2023 Indiana State Fair is July 28th to August 20th. The livestock show schedule can be found here: <https://bit.ly/36o6vcf>

4. **GROOMING POLICY:** 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), legal guardian, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Animal Ethics Program.

All information and online forms can be found at <https://bit.ly/4261Xzh>.

All groomers must be registered and approved by July, 1 2023 to be able to assist at the Clay County fair. If you have questions on if you need to have someone register, please call the Extension Office.

5. **HEALTH:** Health papers will not be required for the rabbit project. However, at fair check in the Superintendent will check for any signs of disease. The animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease at the time of arrival and throughout the remainder of the fair week. For more information on rabbit health requirements call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038. **Rabbit check in is scheduled for July 14th from 6 to 8 pm. Animal release begins at 9 pm on Thursday July 20th, those who leave early without special permission from the Extension Office are subject to penalization.**

6. **INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE:** All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training. This is a new program that is replacing the previous Youth for the Quality Assurance Program or YQCA. This program is currently only offered in-person. If you are not able to attend one of the in-person trainings, the YQCA online program will fill the requirement for the quality care training. This can be done at yqcaprogram.org. If you complete it online, you **MUST** provide your certificate to the Extension Office (email korniak@purdue.edu or bring it in during office hours Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm).

All members need to attend one of the face-to-face programs or complete the training online. For 2023, the face-to-face program option will be offered 4 times in Clay County. All programs will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. **The dates for this training are scheduled for March 27, April 27, May 23, and June 21.** Clay County Farm Bureau has generously offered to sponsor the program, so in person trainings are **FREE**. However, if you decide to complete the program via the internet, there is a \$12.00 fee.

7. **4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION**: This year we will be doing a combination of live auction with animals as well as an add on auction with dinner provided for our 4-H members and their families to close out the fair. For **2023** we will have a **live auction on Friday July 21st** beginning at **6:00 pm** with an animal lineup that will have Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. The auction will follow the same guidelines as in years past with a buyer that will provide us with peg prices and animals will have the option to be shipped, processed, or kept depending on the buyer's choice. You will need to have a market animal to elect for the auction in order to be a part of it as normal procedure, these animals will not be eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair. On **Saturday July 22, 2023** the auction committee and 4-H Council will be providing a meal for all Clay County 4-H members and their families beginning at 6:00 pm with doors opening at 5:30 pm. **This meal will be free to ALL Clay County 4-H members provided by First Farmers Bank.** This includes non-livestock members and those livestock members not participating in the auction. This evening will look similar to the event we have held the last 2 years in the Exhibit Hall as we will recognize our last year 4-H members, have a video playing with pictures from throughout the fair week, as well as providing a way for buyers who could not be present on Friday night to be there and add money to members. Any 4-H'er who participated in the Friday night live auction will be eligible to have money added by these buyers.

8. **4-H RABBIT POSTER PROJECT**

If you plan to exhibit a rabbit poster at the Clay County 4-H Fair, please make sure you selected it as one of your projects via your 4-HOnline profile at <https://v2.4honline.com/> when enrolling.

Good Luck this year with your animals. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

Natalie

Natalie Korniak
Purdue Extension Clay County
4-H Youth Development Educator

Ashley

Ashley Evinger
Purdue Extension Clay County
4-H Program Assistant