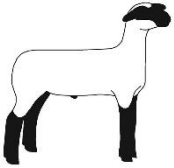


March 15, 2023

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



TO: 4-H Sheep Project Members

**Please Read this Letter in its Entirety.**

**2023 Sheep Member Enrollment Procedures:** Once again, we will be enrolling all sheep through 4-H Online via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper sheep Enrollment Forms. Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. You should receive all necessary tags at tag day scheduled on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to Noon. If you need any extra assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office.

**No Late Animal Enrollments will be accepted.** If you do not enroll your animals online by the mandatory deadline, you will not exhibit animals at the fair. You can complete the project with a project record sheet, poster or an interactive demonstration. All sheep 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.

**DNA Hair Sample:** All sheep planning to exhibit at the State Fair will be required to submit a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. The hair has to be submitted in a specific envelope from the Extension Office. Obtain an envelope before you collect your hair sample. Pull approximately 40 hair follicles from the tuft of hair on the leg of the animal or between their toes and insert them into the envelope. **WOOL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!** Please don't look at this requirement as another step, but realize this will give you another chance if your tattoos or tags are incorrect at the State Fair.

**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. **2023 4-H SHEEP TAG-IN: Saturday, May 6, 2023** is the annual 4-H sheep identification day in the Sheep and Goat Barn. **All sheep exhibitors are required to bring their sheep to the fairgrounds between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for identification.** During tag-in, all market animals and commercial ewes will be tagged with a five-digit county tag number. All registered ewes must be brought to tag-in for identification purposes. All animals tagged with a county tag will be charged \$2.00 each for the tag expense. Any sheep that potentially plan to exhibit at the State Fair must be tagged with a Shearwell RFID tag as well for a fee of \$3.00 each.

2. **PREMISE NUMBERS, SCRAPIE TAG, AND SHEARWELL RFID TAG INFORMATION:** The Indiana Board of Animal Health requires all 4-H goats to meet the Indiana Premise and Scrapie Identification standards. Information and forms for these requirements can be found via the Indiana Board of Animal Health website at <http://www.in.gov/boah/>. **Premise Identification:** If you do not have a premise identification number for where your animals are located, then you need to complete a request form via the Board of Animal Health website or contact them via their office. All this information can be obtained via the website. Once you open this website, you will see a “here” link in the middle of the Premise ID section. On the next page, click the pdf registration or the online premise registration. If you do the PDF version, mail it to the Board of Animal Health to obtain your Premise number. **Scrapie Tags:** Scrapie Tags are not a 4-H Enrollment requirement. However, to meet State Board of Animal Health requirements, all intact sheep should have a Scrapie Flock tag. Registered ewes can use a tattoo if accompanied with registration papers. Scrapie tags are not required for tag-in or enrollment. If you want to obtain free tags from the State Board of Animal Health, you may go to their website and order them online at <http://www.in.gov/boah/2669.htm>. **Shearwell RFID Tag:** In order for your lamb to be eligible to show at the state fair they must have an RFID tag in their ear. If your sheep already has an RFID tag other than the Shearwell tag, that will fit the requirement. However, if you plan on showing your lamb at the state fair and they do not currently have an RFID tag, they need to be tagged with a Shearwell RFID tag at tag in day on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The price of the tag is \$3.

3. 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.

4. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H sheep requirements in the Clay County 4-H Terms and Conditions Handbook for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on the Clay County 4-H Purdue Extension website at <https://bit.ly/3ldKSSP>.

5. 4-H'ers who plan to show goats at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at <https://bit.ly/3mTzBrE>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>. The livestock show schedule can be found here: <https://bit.ly/36o6vcf>

6. **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

7. **HEALTH:** Health papers will not be required for the goat project. However, at fair check in the Sheep 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 sheep health requirements call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038. **Animal check in is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 am to 12 pm. Animal release begins at 9 pm on Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>, those who leave early without special permission are subject to penalization.**

8. **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](http://yqcaprogram.org). If you complete it online, you **MUST** provide your certificate to the Extension Office (email [korniak@purdue.edu](mailto: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.

9. **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 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

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

Sincerely,

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