

March 15, 2023



**Attention: Any 4-H Swine 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 Swine Members

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

**2023 Swine Enrollment Procedures: Once again, we will be enrolling all swine through 4-H Online via your 4-H profile. The 4-H Online website is 1. Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. After you select either swine barrows or swine gilts you will be asked to complete each animal's information. **New this year: it is a requirement for all swine animals to be tagged with an 840-RFID tag. These can be purchased at the Extension Office for \$3 or from another supplier.** This information must be submitted on 4Honline by the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. All entry information must be completed except for the 5-digit county tag. If you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, you will also be required to submit a DNA hair sample, the RFID number corresponding to each pig must be included on your Swine State Fair Entry and 4-H Online Animal Enrollment. If you need 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 deadlines, you will not exhibit animals at the fair. You can complete the project with a project record sheet, poster or an interactive demonstration. All swine 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 swine members 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. Using a pair of pliers, pull approximately 40 hair follicles from the tail of your animal and insert them into the envelope. 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. IDENTIFICATION:** All swine animals are required to be tagged with an 840-RFID tag. This tag **MUST** be in place by fair check in. If you need assistance in tagging your animal, please contact a swine committee member or the Extension Office.
  
- 2. HEALTH:** Health papers will not be required for the swine project. However, at fair check in the Swine Committee 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 swine 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 from the Extension Office are subject to penalization.**
  
- 3. PREMISE ID:** The Swine Enrollment asks for your Premise ID. Obtaining a premise ID is an easy task to accomplish if you have not done this for your family or farm. You may access the form on line at <http://www.in.gov/boah>. 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 you Premise number.
  
- 4.** 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.
  
- 5.** Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Swine 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/3Jgs9ym>
  
- 6.** 4-H’ers who plan to show swine at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at <https://bit.ly/3yBqEG8>. 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>
  
- 7. 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

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 4-H Swine Projects. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

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