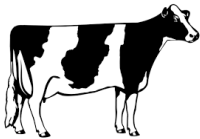


January 27, 2023

Attention: Any 4-H Dairy Cattle 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.



TO: 4-H Dairy Cattle Project Members

Please Read this Letter in its Entirety.

2023 4-H Dairy Enrollment Procedures: Once again, we will be enrolling all dairy cattle through 4-HOnline via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper 4-H Dairy Enrollment Forms!! If you plan to lease your dairy female animals, you will need an animal release form. Contact the Extension Office for more information. All lease forms must be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th for animals you do not own. Dairy heifers are the only leasing option. Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. 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 Dairy 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 Dairy Cattle (include females, beef steers, and feeder steers) planning to exhibit at the State Fair will be required to submit a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office by May 15th. 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. **DAIRY FEMALES:** All Dairy Females must be enrolled on 4-H Online by May 15th. If your dairy female is not a registered animal, type not registered in the registration box or field. If you plan on exhibiting dairy females at the State Fair, they must be registered. The rest of the information must be completed for your animal. All dairy cattle are required to have a RFID tag when exhibited at the County or State Fair. Dairy females do not have to be brought to tag-in unless you need help tagging your animal with an RFID tag. If you don't have your own RFID tags, please come to the office and purchase one.
2. **DAIRY FEEDER CALVES:** All Dairy Feeder Calves born from August 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 must have an RFID tag to Exhibit at the fair. The only reason that you need to bring your dairy feeder calf to tag-in on **May 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds Cattle Barn is if you need help tagging your animal.
3. **STATE FAIR DAIRY FEEDER STEERS:** If you plan to exhibit Dairy Feeder Steers at the State Fair, you need to bring them to the tag-in on May 6th to be tagged with a county tag and an RFID tag. **THEY WILL ALSO NEED A REQUIRED DNA HAIR SAMPLE.**
4. Tagging Fee – For this year, 4-H'ers will be charged \$3.00 for RFID tags and \$3.00 for any county tags needed at tag-in. You can pay by check or cash. Checks can be made payable to the Clay County 4-H Cattle Club.
6. Premise ID: The Cattle 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 your Premise number. If this is not your first year, this number is the same as your years past.
7. Siblings are allowed to co-enroll dairy 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.
8. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Dairy 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/3wyLjtk>
9. 4-H'ers who plan to show dairy at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at www.indianastatefair.com. 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>

10. **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 Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program.

❖ **Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program**

1. Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document
2. Complete the 4-H online Animal Ethics modules entitled: **Purpose of 4-H Livestock Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice** once every 2 years (starting April 2019).
3. Annually submit the **Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application** at <https://bit.ly/3DfQYan> and a copy driver's license to your Extension Office

11. **Health:** Health papers will not be required for the dairy project. However, at fair check in the Cattle 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 of cattle health requirements call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038.

14. **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 Beef 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 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. **Dates will be provided as the new curriculum is rolled out, more info coming soon!** 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.

Good Luck this year with your 4-H Dairy Animals. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

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