

March 15, 2023



Attention: Any 4-H poultry 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 Poultry Project Members

Please Read this Letter in its Entirety.

2022 Poultry Member Enrollment Procedures: Any poultry you wish to have eligible for the Clay County 4-H Poultry Show must be included on the enclosed identification form. Please list the class, breed, color/variety, sex/ age, and size. Sex and Age Clarification – C=Cock, H=Hen, Ckl=Cockerel and P=Pullet. **Return the Identification form included in this mailing to the Clay County Extension Office or your poultry leader by June 13th.**

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. BLOOD TESTING

In 1981 Indiana became an official U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean state. To maintain this classification, all poultry (excluding waterfowl & pigeons) going to the county fair must be officially blood tested.

Blood testing will be offered after the club meeting on June 13th being held at 7 pm at the fairgrounds. It will also be offered on the morning of Saturday, June 25th at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds Poultry Barn from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost for testing is to be determined, but is expected to be about \$1 per animal. These will be the only day that blood testing is offered. Please make arrangements to attend! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

2. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Poultry 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/3l8IFsp>.

3. 4-H'ers who plan to show poultry at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at <https://bit.ly/3FpC83l>. 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 poultry project. However, at fair check in the Poultry 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 poultry health requirements call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038. **Animal check in is scheduled for July 15th from 6 am to 12 pm. Animal release begins at 9 pm on Thursday July 20th, those who leave early without special permission 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.

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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