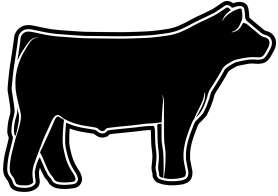




January 24, 2025



Attention: Any 4-H Registered Beef Heifers, Beef Steers or Beef Feeder Calves 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 Beef and Dairy Steer Members and Beef Volunteers

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

2025 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Enrollment Procedures: Once again, we will be enrolling all beef and dairy steers through 4HOnline via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper 4-H Beef Enrollment Forms!! Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. You should receive the RFID and County Tag number at beef tagging day on **Friday, February 21st @ 5:00 PM-7:00 PM**. If you need extra assistance in enrolling, 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 poster or an interactive demonstration. All Beef animals are to be enrolled online by **May 15, 2025**. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to meet these deadlines and provide the correct information on their enrollment.

- 1. 2025 4-H BEEF ENROLLMENT** – All 2025 4-H members exhibiting **Beef Market Steers, Crossbred Beef Heifers or Dairy Market Steers** are required to bring these cattle to be tagged on **February 21st (5:00-7:00 PM at the Clay Co. Fairgrounds)**. Feeder Calves – All Feeder Calves born from January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025 will be **tagged by appointment only with Beef Superintendent Ross Hyatt (rhyatt9400@gmail.com, 812-239-6577)**.
- 2. REGISTERED BEEF HEIFERS:** All **registered beef heifers** are required to have a RFID tag and a tattoo in their ear to exhibit at the County or State Fair. If you have the capabilities of meeting these tagging options at home, you may do this on your own. **If you don't have the equipment or option to tag your registered beef heifer at home, please reach out to Ross Hyatt and an appointment will be made.** You can purchase the RFID tags for your registered beef heifer through a tag company such as Allflex or at the Extension Office for \$3.00. Make sure it is an RFID tag that can be electronically scanned. Visual RFID tags only are not acceptable. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.
- 3. 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.



4. **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.
5. Siblings are allowed to co-enroll beef and dairy cattle 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 opens after May 15th and is due **July 1st**.
6. Registered beef heifers are not required to attend tag-in. However, if you are not sure if the animal will pass the breed sift at the State Fair, it would be wise to tag it at tag-in. A beef heifer enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to x-bred if it is sifted, but only if the heifer was tagged on February 21st. Therefore, percentage heifers which are questionable for registration, should have been tagged on the 21st. The 4-H Beef Department will follow State Fair rules on percentages for purebred heifers. Although, information for registered heifers is not due until May 15, 2025.
7. **BEEF COW-CALF PAIRS:** (Must be entered by May 15th.) If you plan to exhibit in the Cow and Calf class at the county fair, you will need to enter them both in the same entry field in 4HOnline. The 4HOnline entry requires the calf tag number. The calf number can be 5-digit county tag or a farm tag. If the calf is not born by May 15th, type pending for the calf. The rest of the entry refers to the cow. You need the dam tag, tattoo, dam breed and the Premise ID.
8. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Beef 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://tinyurl.com/bdfmj38u>.
9. **DNA HAIR SAMPLE:** All Beef or Dairy Market 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.
10. 4-H'ers who plan to show beef or dairy steers 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 2025. 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.
11. **HEALTH:** Health papers will not be required for the beef 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 on 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 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 aevinger@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 2025, 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.

Dates QLC is offered:

- March 19, 2025
- April 29, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- June 30, 2025

***Please call the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 or email Ashley (aevinger@purdue.edu) to register for training.**

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 Beef and Dairy Steer 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



CLAY COUNTY 4-H BEEF

***Updated for 2025**

4-H Cattle Club leader/Dairy Superintendent: Deedra Arvin – (317)616-8268 (deedraarvin@gmail.com)

4-H Beef Superintendent: Ross Hyatt – (812) 239-6577 (rhhyatt9400@gmail.com)

ENROLLMENT:

- Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by said deadline of May 15, 2025 and must be under the continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Any animal listed under a family through Indiana 4HOnline may be shown by any member listed under that family profile.
- 4-H members must be enrolled in Clay County 4-H and the Beef Project on Indiana [4-H Online](#) by **May 15, 2025**.
- All 4-H cattle must be identified through 4HOnline by **May 15, 2025**.
- All Steers, Commercial Heifers and Market Heifers must be owned and under the care of the 4-H member prior to **February 21, 2025** and identified with a 5-Digit County ID tag and an RFID by the Annual Cattle ID Day (**February 21, 2025**). To be eligible for the Rate of Gain award, all steers and market heifers will be weighed at this time.
- All registered heifers & market animals must be enrolled, owned and under the care of the 4-H member no later than **May 15, 2025**. Heifers must also be identified by an RFID tag and tattoo.
- All feeder calves must be identified with an RFID and enrolled by **May 15, 2025** in Indiana [4HOnline](#).
- If you need assistance tagging your registered heifer or feeder calf, please contact a leader.
- Premise ID numbers are required on all 4-H Beef enrollments.
- All 4-H'ers who plan to exhibit Beef Cattle at the State Fair must supply a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office by **May 15, 2025** for each animal they plan to exhibit. Refer to animal enrollment deadlines above.

HEALTH:

- At the time of check in with the Cattle Superintendent and for the remainder of the time at the fairgrounds, the animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease. For more information on cattle health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038.
- Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. In case of a health question, a veterinarian will be contacted. The Cattle Superintendent can request cattle remain on the trailer until checked by a veterinarian.
- All animals at weigh-in and while on exhibit at the fair must be dehorned and halter-broken to the extent that they are not deemed a safety hazard to the public, other exhibitors, or their exhibitor/owner. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- All cattle exhibiting at the fair must be dehorned or have horns or spurs that do not exceed 3 inches when entered at the fair. Dehorning or castration of animals must be done by **June 15, 2025** to exhibit at the fair.
- All calves must be properly castrated by the fair. Improperly castrated calves will not be allowed to be exhibited.
- No cattle will be unloaded at the fair until inspected and, if necessary, approved by the Veterinarian on duty. Animals showing any sign of communicable disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Warts and ringworm are not allowed.
- If an animal becomes ill during the fair, a veterinarian will evaluate the animal and the cattle superintendent will determine if the animal should be released.

GROOMING:

NEW FOR 2025

4-H Exhibitors that use groomers for show day assistance at the Clay County 4-H Fair, your groomers **WILL NOT** be required to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. However, if you plan to have groomers assistance at the State Fair, those individuals *may be required* to be enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Please reach out to the Extension Office in the Spring for enrollment assistance or refer to the State Fair rule books.

PENNING:

- The Cattle Superintendent will assign stall and tie out space prior to bringing cattle to the fairgrounds.
- All cattle during fair week are required to have BOTH halter and necktie while in assigned stalls and tie out.
- Cattle will not be allowed outside of the fenced area around the cattle barn during fair week (e.g., cannot be at the trailers).
- Exhibitors will need to furnish their own bedding materials (unless a donor is obtained).



- e) One overhead fan per TWO head of cattle is allowed. Fans must have proper safety approved shrouds. No misters or butt fans allowed.
- f) Power washers will not be allowed in the wash racks.
- g) No stall panels, gates, or posts will be allowed in the tie out area.
- h) Muzzles and electric prodders will not be allowed.
- i) Penning assignments will be made by the superintendent.
- j) There will be a stall fee of no more than \$5 per pen/stall due at the beginning of the fair. Please see your leader for further communication on this closer to fair.

SHOW:

- a) All cattle will use the rules and age grouping classification as utilized by the Indiana State Fair. Find those rules here, <https://bit.ly/3yCcOUe>.
- b) Show classes will be divided into breed and/or weight classes based upon enrollment each year. The cattle superintendent will divide the classes and adjust as needed.
- c) Show order for all heifers, steer and starter calves will be posted no later than 6 pm the night before the show.
- d) AOB classes will not be offered.
- e) All animals will be weighed upon unloading at fair check-in. Registration papers and tattoos will be checked at this time as well.
- f) Members must declare a breed for their calf to be shown in at time of enrollment deadline. This applies to members wishing to show a calf entered as a purebred in the Cross class or a member that has dual entered their calf in two breeds. Market heifers cannot be shown in both market and breeding heifer classes and must be open at time of show. Slick Steers must not have body hair over 1/4" long at time of fair check in.
- g) To show a breed heifer, you must have original registration papers and legible tattoo. This registration paper must be provided upon weigh in at the fair. If you do not have registration papers, your papers and tattoo do not match, but your RFID tag matches the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that heifer must be shown as a commercial heifer. If your papers, tattoo and RFID tag does not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that heifer will be disqualified.
- h) Age Requirements for registered Heifers:
 - 1) Junior Heifer Calf – born **January 1 to March 31, 2025**
 - 2) Winter Heifer Calf – born **November 1 to December 31, 2024**
 - 3) Senior Heifer Calf – born **September 1 to October 31, 2024**
 - 4) Late Summer Yearling Heifer-born **July 1 to August 31, 2024**
 - 5) Early Summer Yearling Heifer-born **May 1 to June 30, 2024**
 - 6) Spring Yearling Heifer-born **March 1 to April 30, 2024**
 - 7) Junior Yearling Heifer-born **January 1 to February 28, 2024**
 - 8) Senior Yearling Heifer-born **September 1 to December 31, 2023**
- i) To show a breed steer, you must have original registration papers and legible tattoo. This registration paper must be provided upon weigh in at the fair. If you do not have registration papers, your papers and tattoo do not match, but your 5-digit County ID and RFID tags do match the Indiana 4-H online family profile entry, that steer must be shown as a crossbred. If your papers, tattoo, 5-digit County ID and RFID tags do not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that steer will be disqualified.
- j) Commercial heifers, market heifers, and steers will be shown by weight. The 5-digit County ID and RFID tags will be checked at fair weigh in. If they do not match the 4-H Online family profile entry, they will be disqualified.
- k) In addition to the grooming guidelines, no false tails and/or use of and/or addition of any type of artificial hair is prohibited. Only natural hair growing in its original location will be permitted.
- l) All 4-H Livestock will be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.
- m) The Mini 4-H Show will include members that are enrolled in the Clay Co. Mini 4-H program and have met the grade/age requirement per species as listed in their handbook. Mini 4-H members must be entered in the cattle project by **May 9, 2025** to allot time for pairing with an older 4-H member & their animal.

BORN & RAISED:

- a) Born and raised cattle must be raised by the Clay County 4-H member.
- b) The 4-H member that owns/registered the born and raised animal must be the one to show said animal.
- c) These animals will be exhibited during the steer and heifer show and placed. After these shows, the county born and bred animals will come back for their Champion and Reserve placings.
- d) Exhibitor must indicate county born and bred on livestock entries through Indiana 4-H Online.

RATE OF GAIN:

Rate of Gain Class is for market heifers and steers. The top award will go to the animal with the highest Average Daily Gain between the Annual Cattle ID Tag Day (**February 21, 2025**) and Weigh-in at the Fair. Rate of gain is forfeited if not brought and weighed on the annual ID Tag Day.

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

4-H members who participate in 4-H beef showmanship classes may only show their own animals that will be exhibited by them in a regular 4-H class.

- Junior Showmanship – 3rd through 5th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall Junior showman, the 4-Her is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate showmanship class the following year.
- Intermediate Showmanship – 6th through 8th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** and anyone who was won Junior Showmanship. Once an exhibitor is the overall Intermediate showman, the 4-Her is only eligible to compete in the Senior showmanship class the following year.
- Senior Showmanship – 9th through 12th graders** as of **January 1, 2025** and anyone who has previously won Intermediate Showmanship. The winning 4-Her is eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions classes in the same year and future years once he or she has won senior.
- Champion of Champions Showmanship** – All previous Senior Division Champions, including the **2025** Senior Division Champion.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION:

- Entries required by June 1st via www.indianastatefair.com or date set by the Indiana State Fair.
- Beef steers and commercial heifers must be individually identified with a RFID tagged and a five-digit county ear tag.
- Registered heifers/cows must be registered and identified by a tattoo and a RFID tag.
- DNA hair samples of each entry must be turned into the Extension Office by **May 15, 2025**.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

Exhibitors wishing to exhibit beef animals weighing below 850 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for sale at the auction. Failure to sign this waiver will disqualify the animal from the beef steer show. **UNLESS A BUYER FOR THESE ANIMALS IS OBTAINED.**

The Livestock Auction/Benefit for the Barns Event will be held upon the conclusion of the fair. In order to be eligible, you must show an animal at the fair and have a designated animal for auction. A small percentage auction fee will be deducted from each member's check. Detailed auction information will be finalized closer to fair.

ACTION DEMONSTRATION:

An action display is a way to show off your skills and abilities. You may give the demonstration during the show. The regular beef judge will judge these.

COW /CALF CONTEST:

- Cow and calf must meet all Clay County 4-H and Indiana BOAH Health Requirements.
- Cows must be showing lactation during the show.
- The 4-H member or immediate family member must own animals.
- Cow/Calf must be halter broken.
- Cow/Calf pairs will be shown by breed and broken-up into classes as follows: 1-3 years; 4-6 years; 7 + years
- Cow/calf pairs must be entered into 4-H Online by **May 15, 2025** under the Cow/Calf Entry. If the calf information is not known by May 15th, please mark the calf information as pending.

FEEDER CALF:

- Calf must meet all Clay County 4-H and Indiana BOAH Health Requirements
- Animals must be owned by the 4-H member no later than the Spring ID Day (**May 15, 2025**) of the current year.
- The animal can be beef or dairy/beef cross. This includes commercial heifers, steers and bull calves.
- All calves must be dehorned by 4-H Fair. No ruptured calves may be exhibited.
- Calf Age: **January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024**. Feeder Calves must NOT exceed 700 lbs. at the day of fair weigh in. If the RFID tag does not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that calf will be disqualified.
- A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the class winners. Calves will be shown by weight.
- Show classes will be determined by enrollment each year and at the discretion of the Cattle Superintendents.
- Calves do not have to be weaned at tagging. Must be weaned by fair time.



SHOW AWARDS

Breed Supreme & Res. Supreme Heifers Breed Champion & Res. Champion Steers	Breed Supreme Born & Raised Heifer Breed Champion Born & Raised Steer	Grand & Res. Grand Cow-Calf Pair	Champion Starter Bull Champion Born & Raised Starter Bull
Champion Starter Heifer Calf Champion Born & Raised Starter Heifer Calf	Champion Starter Steer Calf Champion Born & Raised Starter Steer Calf	Grand & Res. Grand Starter Calf Grand & Res. Grand Born & Raised Starter Calf	Grand Supreme & Res. Supreme Born & Raised Heifers Grand Champion & Res. Grand Born & Raised Steers
Grand & Res. Grand, Champion of Champions Showmanship	Top 5 Overall Heifers Top 5 Overall Steers	Champion & Res. Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship	Champion Rate of Gain

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE TRAINING

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training. This is an annual program that can be completed in-person by attending one of the classes on the following dates at the Fairgrounds:

- **March 19, 2025**
- **April 29, 2025**
- **May 22, 2025**
- **June 30, 2025**

An online option is available for \$12 through the YQCA program. Once you complete this [online course](#), you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

REFERENCES:

- [Purdue Extension Beef Project](#)
- [Indiana State Fair Book – Beef Cattle](#)

IMPORTANT BEEF DATES:

February 21, 2025 (5:00-7:00 PM)

Cattle ID Day at the Fairgrounds.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please contact Ross or Dee if you need help tagging your register heifer or feeder calf before May 15.

May 9, 2025

Mini 4-Her's must be signed up to participate in the Mini cattle show.

May 15, 2025

Deadline to enroll beef cattle on v2.4Honline.com—Your enrollment will not be complete if your animals are not enrolled online. Exhibitors who fail to register their animals online before the May 15th deadline will not be eligible to exhibit at the county or state fair.

May 15, 2025

DNA Samples due to the Extension Office if going to the State Fair.

July 1, 2025

Fair Entry due on fairentree.com (where you will enter your show classes for the fair)

TBD

Deadline to register beef online for the State Fair.

July 12 - 18, 2025

Clay County 4-H Fair

July 11, 2025 (6:00 PM - 10:00 PM)

Beef check-in at the Clay County Fair

July 12, 2025 (7:00 AM - 9:00 AM)

Beef check-in at the Clay County Fair

July 12, 2025

Mini 4-H Cattle Show

July 14, 2025

Beef show at the Clay County Fair

July 17, 2025 (9:00 PM)

Beef released

July 18, 2025

Clay County livestock auction

August 1 - 17, 2025

Indiana State Fair

August 1 - 3, 2025

State Fair Beef Show





GENERAL LIVESTOCK TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Updated for 2025*

LIVESTOCK HEALTH

- A. Emergency Medical/Death of Animal Clause: After **May 15, 2025** no animal may be substituted or replaced due to death or a medical condition, ***unless it is the ONLY animal the member has to exhibit in that species.*** In cases such as this, a signed letter from a veterinarian must be provided to the Extension Office. The substituted animal may only receive a participation ribbon in all exhibited classes except showmanship. Substituted animals may be sold in the Clay County 4-H Auction. Concerns or questions should be addressed to the Extension Office.
- B. Clay County follows state health requirements for livestock and animal projects. Animals will be inspected upon arrival by a veterinarian or a representative appointed by the Clay County 4-H Council. No livestock/animal should be unloaded or enter the barns until an inspection has occurred by the barn superintendent and/or veterinarian. We reserve the right to refuse entrance to any livestock/animal that the veterinarian deems unhealthy and shows signs of communicable disease.
- C. During the Fair: All exhibitors must remove from the premises any livestock that exhibit symptoms of disease that may be infectious or contagious when requested by the Indiana State Veterinarian or his agents. Failure to meet all health requirements will result in removal of animals presented by an exhibitor.
- D. Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to 4-H exhibits. Fraud and/or deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following:
- 1) Tampering (altering) and/or misrepresentation relative to an animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion: (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to, coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, attaching hair/hair substitutes, or filling).
 - 2) Unethical fitting of animal exhibits considered as consisting of administration of any natural or foreign substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in #c below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substance) or performance of any surgical procedure, altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption is prohibited.
**Exceptions that are allowed to 1 and 2 above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.*
 - 3) 4-H market animals shall not contain any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the Clay County Fair. Drugs may not be administered to a 4-H animal exhibit at the Clay County Fair except those approved by the project superintendent. The project superintendent must witness the procedure.



OWNERSHIP & REGISTRATIONS

- A. Each 4-H member shall own or lease his/her 4-H exhibit. Ownership, personal possession, and regular care of the animal must be in effect on or before the county and state enrollment deadlines (**May 15, 2025**) and continuously until after the 4-H show at the county and/or state fair.
- B. All breeding animals must be registered in their respective breed associations and earmarked or tagged to coincide with their individual registration papers. Registrations will be checked by the barn superintendent.
- C. An original certificate of registration, transfer or a FAX directly from the National Breed Association to the Extension Office for 4-H purebred animals must be presented to the 4-H superintendent prior to the time of show. This document must show that the 4-H exhibitor owns the animal(s) being exhibited, either entirely or in part with family or legal guardian, before the State 4-H project enrollment date (**May 15, 2025**) and continuously until show date.
- D. For 4-H breeding animals, acceptable registrations include family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians. Acceptable registrations are:
 - 1) In the 4-H member's name
 - 2) John Smith & Sons
 - 3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters
 - 4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only)
 - 5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister)
 - 6) Family corporations, where the 4-H member's name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of the same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date
 - 7) Family partnership, where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be on file with the Extension Office before the ID deadline.
- E. 4-H breeding beef, Boer goats, dairy goats, sheep, and swine will NOT be accepted in the State Fair 4-H Show if they are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)", "Long Oak and William Smith (4-H Member)", etc.).
- F. For 4-H dairy cattle: family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
- G. Dairy heifers, horses and ponies may be leased, subject to approval of the county 4-H dairy or horse and pony committee and the respective County Extension Educator. That form can be found [HERE](#) and will need to be turned into the Extension Office by **May 15, 2025**.



- H. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the County Fair shall not be eligible to show at the County Fair or State Fair.
- I. 4-H animals shown after the 4-H animal enrollment deadline (May 15), should not be shown by anyone other than the 4-H member that enrolled said animal. This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing 4-H eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment the person who enters them in Indiana 4-H is equivalent of the enroller of the animals. If this rule is found to be broken, the animal in question will not be eligible to be shown at the County Fair or in a 4-H Class at the Indiana State Fair.
- J. For 4-H animals that are eligible to be co-enrolled by siblings, a declaration of who will be showing the animal during the Clay County 4-H Fair is required in Fair Entry before **July 1, 2025**.

GROOMING

NEW FOR 2025

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4-H EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS

- A. All 4-H Livestock may only be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.
- B. There should be no use of electronics i.e.: cell phones, bluetooth, etc. between a 4-H exhibitor and any person (s) during judging unless a service device for a disability is required.
- C. **Each exhibitor must be present at set up and clean up. Each superintendent is to see that his or her department is set up and cleaned up. The Superintendent will assign duties.**
- D. All livestock exhibitors will furnish their own feed and watering utensils as well as feed their animals.
- E. Livestock animals shall be under the daily care and maintenance of the exhibitor. **Pens/stalls must be kept clean & dry, barn aisles must be kept clear of tack/debris at all times to provide easy accessibility to visitors.** Decisions shall be left to the discretion of the Council and superintendent in regards to compliance.
- F. 4-H'ers are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the member may request another Clay County 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Requests must be made to the Barn Superintendent or the Clay County 4-H Council no later than check-in at the Fair. Requests will be granted only in the case of: 1) Illness, 2) Injury, 3) Conflict of more than one animal per class, or 4) circumstances deemed unavoidable.



- G. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training. This is an annual program that can be completed in-person by attending one of the classes on the following dates at the Fairgrounds:

- **March 19, 2025**
- **April 29, 2025**
- **May 22, 2025**
- **June 30, 2025**

An online option is available for \$12 through the YQCA program. Once you complete this [online course](#), you must email the Extension Office your final certificate emailed to you at completion showing your certification number.

SHOW PROCEDURES

- All livestock exhibits are due as designated in the fair schedule. No livestock is to be unloaded until checked by that species superintendent and/or a Vet. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The superintendent will be in charge of assigning livestock pen space.
- In livestock classes, placing ribbons will be awarded to the first five placings in each class.
- Exhibitors who fail to show required registration papers will show their animals in the Crossbred Class.
- Animals shown at other shows after the enrollment deadline under different ownership will not be eligible for the Clay County 4-H Show. This does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing 4-H eligibility.
- Competition placings do not become official until the completion of all post judging animal verification such as, but not limited to, retinal scan or RFID tag reading.
- If, in the opinion of the judge or superintendent, the club members cannot safely handle the animal, they will be credited for completing the project.
- Only animals for exhibition during the fair may be on the 4-H Fairgrounds. Those animals not scheduled for overnight stay may be here only during exhibition.
- After a Champion is selected, the second-place exhibit in that same class automatically becomes eligible to show for Reserve; likewise a Reserve Champion to an exhibit selected for Grand Champion becomes eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.

CLAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- All animals must be sound and healthy in order to be sold in the Clay County 4-H Livestock Auction. If the animal is found to be unsound, the project superintendent, auction committee and 4-H Council will make the final decision on whether the animal will go through the auction.
- All 4-H members are required to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training in order to sell in the livestock auction.
- A Premise ID will be required for all Beef, Boer Goats, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Meat Goat Wethers, Pygmy Goats, Sheep and Swine sold at auction.
- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit beef animals or dairy steers weighing below 850 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for the beef sale at the auction unless a buyer is secured.
- Swine weighing less than 230 pounds at weigh in may be shown at the fair but will not be allowed to be sold in the livestock auction. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Exhibitors wishing to exhibit swine weighing



below 230 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for sale at the auction unless a buyer is secured.

- F. Once an animal has gone through the auction it may not be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair or any other 4-H affiliated show.
- G. Sale order for each species will be: 1. Grand Champion; 2. Reserve Grand Champion; 3. Grand Champion Born and Bred; 4. Reserve Grand Champion Born and Bred. Others will draw for sale order. In the event that the person having Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion does not sell that animal, but sells another animal, they must draw for sale order.
- H. If the market is available for any species of animals sold in the auction, the animal will be pegged, sold and either shipped or kept as designated by the buyer. Animal species sold in the auction include cattle, swine, poultry, goats, sheep and rabbits.
- I. Poultry exhibitors may enter either a meat pen of Cornish type chickens weighing 5 pounds each or more or a meat pen of ducks weighing 5 pounds each or more in the livestock auction. Another option is selling a turkey.
- J. Rabbit Exhibitors may sell one meat type entry in the auction. Auction entries must be from one of the Meat Rabbit Classes which include Meat Pens (3 rabbits), Single Fryer, Roaster or Stewers.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTESTS

4-H Showmanship Rules for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, & Goats

- A. There will be four showmanship divisions with a Champion and Reserve Champion in each division.
 - a. **Junior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 3, 4, 5 on January 1st of the current year.
 - b. **Intermediate Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 6, 7, 8 on January 1st of the current year.
 - c. **Senior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 on January 1st of the current year.
 - d. **Champion of Champion Showman** – includes all senior showmanship winners and Champion of Champion winners of previous years.
- B. A member may win the junior, intermediate, and senior divisions only once and will show in the next level the following year.
- C. A winning senior may compete in the Champion of Champions division in the year he/she wins the senior division.
- D. 4-H members may win the Champion of Champions division any number of times.
- E. Division(s) may be added/deleted at the discretion of the superintendent.
- F. An alternate out of the Champion of Champions will be selected.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

- A. The following species will be shown: sheep, horses, meat goats, dairy goats, dairy cattle, swine, and beef.
- B. The Champion of Champions from each species will compete in the Round Robin contest. Any 4-H'ers winning in more than one category must choose one species only. The alternate chosen from the Champions of Champions will fill the opening.
- C. All animals will be shown natural, with no advance grooming allowed. The Superintendents will make sure that the animals are clean and equally presentable.
- D. The Superintendent of each species will provide all of the equipment needed for showing their species.



- E. All animals of the contestants involved will not be used in the contest. Furthermore, no animals housed at the same facility or having the same Premise ID as a participating contestant will be allowed.
- F. Each contestant will enter a “lottery” and draw a number one-six at the start of the contest. This number will determine the animal they will show throughout the entire contest. For example, a member draws number five, this member will always exhibit animal number five in each species. The Superintendent in each species will number the animals one-six. The contestants will know to walk directly to their designated animal.
- G. Each species winner will enter the ring first for his/her species.
- H. Jeans and boots or hard shoes are required for safety.
- I. After the contest starts, the contestants will not be allowed to leave the show ring, except for the one authorized break. Spectators will only be allowed in the bleachers area of the Show Arena.
Communication between participants and spectators is not allowed and could result in disqualification of contestants.
- J. There will be a 15 minute time limit per class.
- K. Judges’ names MUST be submitted to the extension office by **June 1, 2025**. A brief biography for each judge must be prepared before the start of the Round Robin and submitted to the Round Robin committee chair on Sunday of the fair. The committee will be responsible for asking judges to remain until the end of the competition. The Committee Chair will work with the educator and superintendents to hire judges.
- L. A point system will be used with points assigned to each round as follows: first place, 1 point; second place, 2 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 4 points; fifth place, 5 points, and sixth place, 6 points. The winner will be the contestant with the lowest score at the end of the Round Robin.
- M. All past and current winners of the Round Robin competition will be unable to compete again for the remainder of their 4-H eligibility.
- N. The first and second place winners will receive awards at the conclusion of the contest.
- O. In case of a tie, a written test will be administered at the contestant/parent meeting on Thursday afternoon. This test will consist of twelve questions, two from each species. The test will be created by the Round Robin Committee and Youth Extension Educator. No outside help can be given during this test. This includes spectator advice or electronic devices. The tests will be sealed in an envelope at the meeting and only be used if a tie should occur. If a contestant fails to appear at the information meeting, that individual will not be included in the tie breaker.
- P. If any problems or questions arise during the contest, the Round Robin Committee’s decision will be final. Judges’ decisions are final and will be kept confidential.
- Q. Rabbit and Poultry Champions/Senior Division Winners will be recognized during the Round Robin and may be asked to complete an action demonstration for the spectators/exhibitors.



Animal Identification

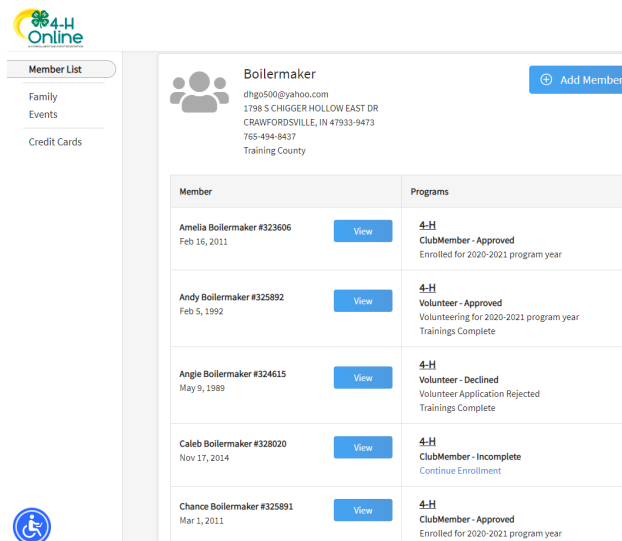
4-H members (Grades 3 – 12) must identify all Beef and Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep and Swine in the 4-H Online system by the species deadline or earlier county deadline if applicable to be eligible for exhibition.

- Beef and Dairy Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, and Swine must be entered into 4-H Online no later than May 15, 2024.

Animal Identification in 4-H Online

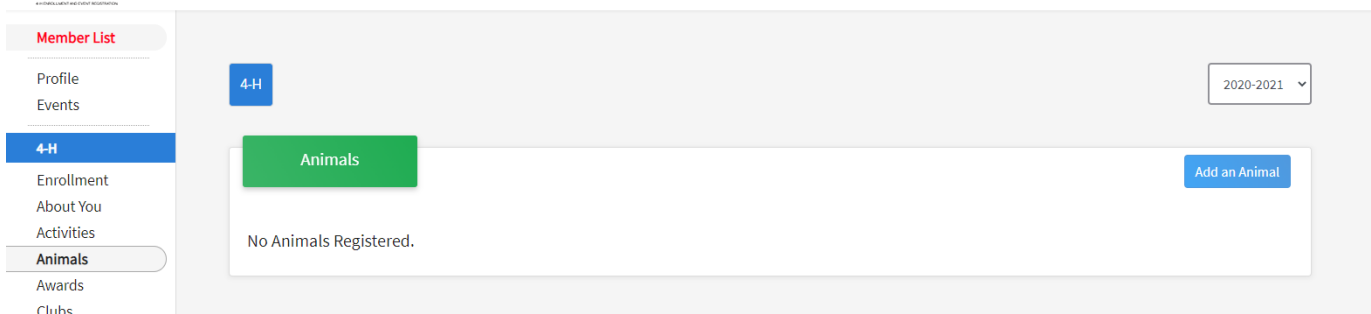
Please complete the following steps to identify your livestock in the 4-H Online system.

1. Login to your family profile at: <https://v2.4honline.com> using your family email address and password associated with your 4-H enrollment record.
 - a. If you have forgotten your password, please use the 'Reset password' option on the 4-H Online login page, and you will be sent a new temporary password.
 - b. If you have forgotten your family email address or turned in a paper 4-H enrollment form, please contact your local Purdue Extension Office for assistance.
2. Click View next to the Member's record for whom you would like to add an animal



Member	Programs
Amelia Boilermaker #323606 Feb 16, 2011	4-H ClubMember - Approved Enrolled for 2020-2021 program year
Andy Boilermaker #325892 Feb 5, 1992	4-H Volunteer - Approved Volunteering for 2020-2021 program year Trainings Complete
Angie Boilermaker #324615 May 9, 1989	4-H Volunteer - Declined Volunteer Application Rejected Trainings Complete
Caleb Boilermaker #328020 Nov 17, 2014	4-H ClubMember - Incomplete Continue Enrollment
Chance Boilermaker #325891 Mar 1, 2011	4-H ClubMember - Approved Enrolled for 2020-2021 program year

3. Click Animals in the navigation pane.
4. Click the blue "Add an Animal" button. (even if you have previous year animals that can be registered again, click "Add an Animal")

Member List

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No Animals Registered.

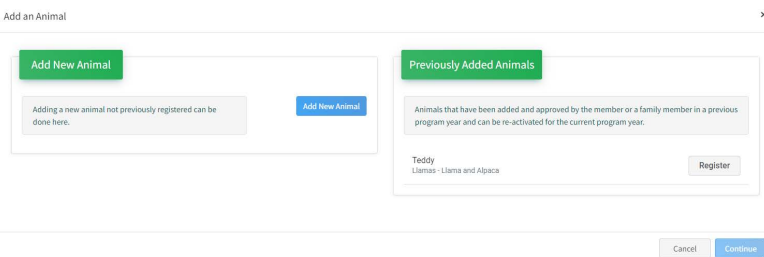
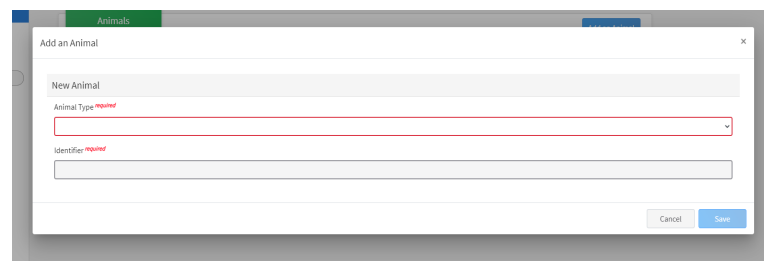
Add an Animal



5. Click on "Add New Animal" to start adding a new animal **or** if you have animals that carry over from the previous year you **"Register"** those. Animals that can be registered from previous years **must be REGISTERED** every year by completing this step. You cannot select a previous year and assume they are there. Animals that carry over are Dairy Cattle Females, Horse&Pony, Llama&Alpaca, Dairy Goat Females, and Pygmy Goats (move onto step 9 if registering previous animal).
6. Select the appropriate animal type from the drop-down menu.
7. Enter the required Tag, Tattoo, or Animal Name as directed for the first step that will then allow you to proceed to the remaining identification process. (see Key) →
8. Click Save.

Key

Animal Type	Required Identifier	What do I put in this field?
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Commercial and Market Heifers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Cow-Calf Pair	Tag	Calf's tag
Beef Feeder Calves	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Registered Heifers	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Feeder Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Dairy Cattle Females	Animal Name	Animal's name
Dairy Goat Females	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Goat Wethers	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Meat Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Pygmy Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo, Microchip, or Scrapie ID
Horse and Pony	Animal Name	Animal's name
Llama and Alpaca	Animal Name	Animal's name
Sheep	Tag	5-digit County Tag or Scrapie ID (commercial ewes) or registration number(breeding ewes)
Swine Barrows	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)
Swine Gilts	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)

9. Read the on-screen instructions for Animal ID requirements for County Fair and Indiana State Fair Exhibition.
10. Click on the button "Show Questions" after reading the instructions.
11. Required fields are indicated, but be sure to complete all other visible fields as applicable.
12. Click next once completed. If animals have been carried over, the ID information will already be there.
13. Upload any files if required or necessary for the particular Animal type. For animals that are carried over, new photos and files must be uploaded each year.
14. Click next once completed.
15. Review the entered information. Use the Back button at the bottom of the page to return to the previous screen to make corrections if needed.
16. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.
17. The animal information will display on the screen with the status, created, modified, and submitted date and time stamp (local time). You will also receive a confirmation email upon submission.
18. To add more animals for the same member repeat steps 3-17. To add animals for another member return to the Member List and View another member.

****Note**** Members are able to edit Animal ID information until the species specific Animal ID deadline of **May 15, 2024**. Click on the Animals tab from your account at any time to view the status for all of the animals for a member in the family.

Family Enrollment of Animals

Animals are automatically co-enrolled within the same family (Siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be identified under a single 4-H member in 4-H Online and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. **With this capability in 4-H Online, animals do not need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family.** The exhibit management program will allow a member to select to exhibit any animal identified by the family in 4-H Online. It is suggested that at least 1 animal be identified by each member enrolled in the project.