



# GENERAL LIVESTOCK TERMS & CONDITIONS

\*Updated for 2024

## LIVESTOCK HEALTH

- A. Emergency Medical/Death of Animal Clause: After **May 15, 2024** 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 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) The 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, 2024**) 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, 2024**) 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 member's 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, 2024**.
- 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 **June 28, 2024**.

## **GROOMING**

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.

- a) At the County and State Fair, State Fair and 4-H officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s), violations to the policy may result in the disqualification of an animal entry.

## **4-H EXHIBITOR EXPECTATIONS**

- A. All 4-H Livestock will be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.
- B. There should be no use of electronics i.e.: cell phones, blue tooth, 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. All exhibitors of stock are requested to have some accessibility to visitors for inspection from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and keep the stall in clean condition and see that their helpers are neatly dressed and courteous to visitors. Livestock animals shall be under the daily care and maintenance of the exhibitor. 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. Request must be made to 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. All youth members who plan to exhibit beef, dairy, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry or rabbits are required to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training prior to exhibiting your animals at the county or



state fair. The program can be completed through Face to Face programs offered by the county Extension Educator or via the YQCA Online program for a fee of \$12 online at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org).

## **SHOW PROCEDURES**

- A. All livestock exhibits are due as designated in the fair schedule. No livestock are to be unloaded until checked by that species superintendent and/or a Vet. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- B. The superintendent will be in charge of assigning livestock pen space.
- C. In livestock classes, placing ribbons will be awarded to the first five placings in each class.
- D. Exhibitors who fail to show required registration papers will show their animals in the Crossbred Class.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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**

- A. 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.
- B. All 4-H members are required to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training in order to sell in the livestock auction.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
  - 1) **Junior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 3, 4, 5 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - 2) **Intermediate Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 6, 7, 8 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - 3) **Senior Showmanship** – for 4-H members who are grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - 4) **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 the **June 1, 2024**. 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 be comprised 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.

## **2024 INDIANA STATE LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS**

### **Premise ID Number:**

Please note that premise ID numbers are required on all 4-H livestock online enrollment forms for the following animals: Beef, Boer Goats, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Meat Goat Wethers, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine. There is a line on your livestock enrollment where you can list your Premise ID number.

Premise ID numbers have been required since 2006 and all sites associated with the sale, purchase or exhibition of livestock must have a registered Premise ID number. The goal of this three-step nationwide program is to allow animal health officials to trace an animal’s movement history within 48 hours in an emergency situation, such as a disease outbreak.

### **Identification:**

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified by an acceptable method. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA. Official ear tags must bear the US shield to be considered official identification (official ear tags placed before March 11, 2015 that do not have the US shield will be accepted.) Official identification acceptable for specific species of livestock exhibited in Indiana are as follows:

<b>BEEF - Dairy Beef, Steers Commercial &amp; Market Heifers and Dairy Feeders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840 RFID Tag</li> <li>• 5-Digit County Tag</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>	<b>PYGMY GOATS (REGISTERED)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers</li> </ul>
<b>BEEF - Registered Heifers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840 RFID Tag</li> <li>• Tattoo</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>	<b>PYGMY GOATS (UNREGISTERED)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo</li> </ul>
<b>DAIRY CATTLE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840 RFID Tag</li> <li>• Animals Registered Name</li> <li>• Registration Number</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>	<b>HORSE AND PONY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Color Pictures</li> </ul>
<b>DAIRY GOAT FEMALES (REGISTERED)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breed Registry Tattoo</li> </ul>	<b>LLAMA AND ALPACA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Color Pictures</li> </ul>
<b>DAIRY GOAT WETHERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo</li> </ul>	<b>SHEEP – MARKET LAMBS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840-RFID Tag</li> <li>• 5-digit County Tag</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>
<b>MEAT GOAT WETHERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840-RFID Tag</li> <li>• 5-digit County Tag</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>	<b>SHEEP – COMMERCIAL EWES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840-RFID Tag</li> <li>• 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>
<b>BOER GOAT FEMALES (REGISTERED)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breed Registry Tattoo</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>	<b>SHEEP – REGISTERED EWES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840-RFID Tag</li> <li>• ID that matches registration Papers</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>
<b>MARKET GOAT DOES (WETHER DAMS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>840 RFID Tag</li> <li>5-Digit County Tag</li> <li>DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>	<b>SWINE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 840-RFID Tag</li> <li>• Ear Notch</li> <li>• DNA Hair Sample</li> </ul>