

Deadline to submit forms to the Extension office: May 15, 4:30 PM

- DNA envelopes from animals expected to exhibit at the State Fair this summer.
- Registration copies to Liz
- Pen Entry Forms

Deadline to identify animals in 4-H Online: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Market Goat, Sheep and Swine, under family profile and at least one member's name: May 15

TO: All 4-H Livestock Members & Parents

Dear Livestock Exhibitor,

The 4-H Fair is quickly approaching. Included in this mailing are several important items for you. Please call me if you have questions regarding any of them.

If you cannot make livestock set-up on June 11th at 6:00pm, **contact your specie chair(s) to request an alternative assignment.** Exhibit Hall set-up occurs on June 11, at 9 AM in Agner Hall. This is an alternative set-up opportunity. You may also notify the specie chair ahead of time and complete tasks during fair week at the discretion of the specie chair(s). You must complete set-up/clean-up (or a family member on your behalf) or duties assigned during the week to avoid a penalty fee of \$25. Please do your part and help to get the work done in a timely fashion! Sign-up sheets will be available in Agner Hall AM and 4-H Office near Breezeway PM.

Livestock Barn, Rabbit and Poultry Barn and Horse & Pony arena Set-up will be June 11 at 6 P.M. Sign specie sign in sheets, at the 4-H Office for **each** specie you show.

This letter does not include every detail and expectation. Please review the 4-H handbook general completion section, livestock exhibition section, and livestock auction section for complete information.

2025 Livestock Sale Order is: Milking Goat/Dairy Wether, Market Swine, Poultry, Ducks, Lamb/Fiber Sheep, Alpaca, Dairy Cattle, Steers [includes dairy steers], Horse, Rabbit, Market Goat,

At 6:15 P.M. before the start of the auction, the winner of the Dairy Goat Senior Showmanship will describe member's experience in the project for auction attendees.

1. **T-shirt size must be selected for each 4-H member and volunteer in 4-H online by May 15. No additional shirts will be purchased for those who do not select a size by deadline.**
2. Health Exhibition Requirements. Large animals including beef, swine, sheep, goats, llama/alpaca, Horse & pony, and dairy must have a visual inspection by the specie chair or designated individual. Any animal deemed sick, uncontrollable by the livestock specie chair, or designate, may be sent home for the safety of all. Pregnant females may not deliver at the fair. If you are in doubt, leave them home. Any animal with an abscess, ringworm, etc., is not permitted to exhibit or show, unless written clearance is presented and signed by a licensed veterinarian.
3. Horse and Pony animals need a vaccination form signed and dated by a veterinarian for each animal being shown, before they are allowed to exhibit at the fair. A copy can be sent to Melissa Day between May 15 and before the show on June 14th.
4. Horse and Pony Show is Saturday, June 14, beginning at 8 am. Exhibit Hall and Horse and Pony Volunteers will work with members who also have exhibit hall projects for judging between 9 and 11:30 am. Family members may bring projects to Agner Hall on behalf of youth. Check with Melissa Day, H & P Leader, for details about how to get projects judged. In case of rainout on the 14th, the show is scheduled Saturday, July 12, beginning at 8 am.

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5. 4-H livestock Exhibitor and parent meeting attendance is required [except horse and pony]. The meeting is on Sunday, June 15, at 1:00. The meeting location will be announced on that day.
6. Youth planning to sell in the auction **MUST** complete a sale entry for each of the **two** species they will sell. The only changes that will be made after Sunday's declaration will be if you have one of the selling positions that will move you up in the sale order. [Champion, Reserve, etc.]
 - a. Auction forms will be provided to members when they check in from the specie chair.
7. **Members must complete the Auction check-in** to sell in the Friday night auction and will immediately follow the parent meeting [1:00].
8. **Auction bill must be finalized by noon on Thursday in order to ensure it will be printed in time for Friday Auction.**
9. Members who did not pick up a t-shirt on Saturday, June 14, may pick up 4-H t-shirts during auction check-in. **(T-shirt size must be selected for each 4-H member and volunteer in 4-H online by May 15.** No additional shirts will be purchased for those who do not select a size by deadline.)
10. The Pork, Beef, and Sheep Check-Off Programs continue for 2025. Check-Off fees are collected for every auction sale and go towards supporting livestock research, promotion and educational efforts nationwide. This amount will be taken out of the 6% sale commission. Beef=\$1/head; Pork=\$0.35 per \$100 sale price; Sheep=0.5% of sale amount.
11. **Other livestock items:**
 - All Official livestock entry—Sunday, June 15, 8:00 A.M. – 12 Noon.
 - Please be present to weigh your animal
 - Swine weighed before penning, as they come off trailer.
 - Sheep, Goat, weigh in 11- 12 noon.
 - Beef-weigh in as they come off the trailer
 - Poultry and Rabbits will be weighed during check-in.
 - Youth in beef, dairy, dairy and meat goats, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine must have already completed Quality Livestock Care training and have the completion certificate ready to show at check in OR they must email the YQCA completion certificate to Liz at ebeiers@purdue.edu by June 11.
 - Present registration papers (has to be in 4-Hers name, or their name listed under Farm Name) to specie Chairman for registered animals. [Copies of registration papers must be submitted to Extension Office no later than May 15th.]
 - Poultry members (not waterfowl) will present certificates verifying their birds came from pullorum-typhoid free flocks at livestock check-in if less than one year old, and if your birds are older than one year, or you do not have the certificate for birds purchased this year, you **must present birds' blood test paper received at blood testing, at check-in.**
 - Please check the fair schedule for your show times. Dog Show is Sunday afternoon, Poultry and Sheep shows on Monday, Pygmy, Fiber and Dairy Goat, Rabbit and Swine show on Tuesday, Alpaca, Boer and Beef show on Wednesday, Dairy Show, small animal and large animal supreme contests on Thursday.
 - Release Time for non-selling Livestock is Friday, June 20, from 8-11 am and Saturday, June 21, before 8 am.
 - Fair Clean-up is June 21, 8 AM until complete.
 - Exhibit Hall Awards/Meal, June 21, 1:00 pm, Agner Hall, after cleanup is complete. Sponsor "Thank You" cards will be available to sign.
 - Members bring your own thank you cards for award sponsors **completed, addressed and stamped.**
 - Livestock Auction checks distribution will be announced at a later time.
 - Exhibit Hall project members are expected to attend clean-up of Agner Hall on Saturday morning from 8 AM until complete.
 - Power washers and hoses will be needed for cleaning pens and equipment on Saturday June 21. Bleach will be available.

- No parking between Agner Hall and the animal barn. Obey parking regulations as posted! Be prepared to carry feed, hay etc., from your vehicle or trailer. A golf cart is available for families to bring in feed/water from distances after gate opens each day. Ask Fair Board members to assist you.
- Limited Livestock trailer parking inside the fence will be available this year. More to come after the May livestock meeting. It is suggested families work together to store feed, hay etc. to reduce the amount of space needed for parked trailers.
- Parking on Saturday clean-up will be restricted to the parking lot to help ensure clean-up is efficient and safe. We are working to protect the safety for all concerned due to the large equipment used.

12. Call me if you have questions regarding any of the above.

See you at the Dearborn County 4-H & Community Fair, June 15-20!

Sincerely,

Liz Beiersdorfer
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

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