



General Livestock Rules – Decatur County

Rules & Responsibilities

Failure to meet the expectations outlined below will result in ineligibility to show, or participate in the livestock auction, and forfeit any winnings. All animals must be under the care and ownership of the 4-H member no later than May 15th.

Enrollment Deadline: All 4-H animals must be properly enrolled via 4-H Online by May 15th. Animals not enrolled correctly will be ineligible to show at the county and state fair. For all species, lease agreements must be submitted by May 15th. For information on lease agreements, refer to the website or contact your species project leaser.

Possession/Ownership: 4-H animals exhibited after May 15th by anyone other than the participating 4-H member, sibling or parent, will not be eligible to show at the county level. The term sibling is defined as any youth member who shares the same 4-H family profile information.

Inspection: All animals must have a visual inspection by a veterinarian or approved species project leader upon arrival and check-in. Any animal deemed sick or uncontrollable by the livestock project leader may be sent home. Any animal with an abscess, ringworm, etc., will not be permitted to exhibit or show unless written clearance is presented and signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Animals will only be weighed once, upon check-in/unload from trailer, for official weight.

Animal Care Expectations: Livestock exhibitors are responsible for timely feeding, watering during the day, and keeping pens/stalls clean at all times. Each species will have guidelines. Failure to meet these expectations after a documented, written warning from the livestock project leader and 4-H Extension Educator shall forfeit their right to show, participate in the livestock auction, and must remove their animal from display.

Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care/YQCA: In order to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through YQCA or Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care. This is a county and State Fair requirement.

Registration Paper Requirements: All registered animals must bring registration papers to check-in (beef are due May 15th). 4-H ownership should be listed on these registration forms in one of the following approved methods:

- In the 4-H member's name
- Joh Smith and Sons
- John Smith, Sons and Daughters
- John Smith and Family
- Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister)
- Family Corporations (the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation)
- Family Partnerships (the 4-H members' name appears on legal, notarized partnership)

If additional paperwork is needed to validate nomenclature (corporation or partnership documentation), it should be on file at the Extension Office prior to the deadline

Grooming: 4-H exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, legal guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, grandfather, step-grandfather, grandmother, step-grandmother, aunt, or uncle), from a current Indiana 4-H member, another 4-H members' immediate family, and from an individual enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. The form can be found on the website and must be submitted by July 1st.

Animal Release: 4-H Livestock will be released according to a schedule determined by the 4-H Livestock Committee. All livestock going through the auction must stay. Selected breed champions and/or top five animals are encouraged to remain until Tom Swain, yet the final decision is left to the 4-H member and their family. If removing animals from the fairgrounds, please notify the project leader (Extension Educator if the project leader is unavailable). Animals are not allowed to return after being removed from the fairgrounds.

Showmanship: A 4-H livestock member must show their own animal during showmanship in their enrolled species if present at the fair. However, a species member may also borrow a non-state fair animal that is registered in 4-H Online to compete in their division of showmanship in the case that their own animal had died, gone lame, deemed unsafe or was rejected during check-in. The Project Leader(s) and Extension Educator will work with the family and 4-H member to determine the best solution for the 4-H member and family.

Required Animal ID by Species: The following table lists the different individual types of animals and their respective form of identification that is required to be eligible for 4-H animals shows at the Indiana State Fair.

State Fair Requirements	
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers/Market Heifers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA hair
Commercial Heifers (Cross-bred Heifers)	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA hair
Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and tattoo and DNA hair sample
Market Lambs	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA hair
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag or official scrapies tag and DNA hair sample
Registered Ewes	840-RFID tag and ID from registration paper and DNA hair sample
Swine	840-RFID tag, ear notch and DNA hair sample
Dairy Cattle Females	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name, registration number and DNA hair sample
Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA hair

Market Goat Does	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag and DNA hair
Boer Goat Females	Tattoo and DNA hair sample
Dairy Goat Females	Tattoo
Dairy Goat Wethers	5-digit county tag or tattoo
Pygmy Goats (Registered)	Tattoo or microchip
Pygmy Goats (Unregistered)	Official USDA Scrapies Tag or Official Scrapies
Horse and Pony	Color picture

Fraud and Deception

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 terms:

Tampering (altering) and/or misrepresentation relative to an animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion.

Artificial enhancements of adding, removing and/or remedying physical filling under the skin, use of artificial heels, methods to give the appearance of hair in locations where it is not grown naturally and false swatches.

Unethical fitting of animal exhibits considered as consisting of administration of any substance (this includes, but is not limited to, carbonated beverages, alcoholic beverages, forced consumption of water, etc.) or performance of any surgical procedure, altering the animal's conformation and/or rendering its tissue unfit for human consumption at the time of exhibition or subsequent slaughter. Exceptions include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, and treatments or surgical procedures applied to relieve pain and suffering of sick or injured animal, providing such treatments do not render the animal's tissue unit for human consumption.

Determination of Fraud & Deception

Species Project Leader(s), Extension Youth Educator & 4-H Council President will determine if fraud and deception have occurred. Any suspected animals may be required, upon conclusion of judging, to submit to examination or tests as prescribed by the 4-H Council. If the Project Leader(s) determines that fraud and deception have occurred, the result may be disqualification.

Penalty: upon determination that fraud and/or deception has occurred prior to, during, or after judging, any one or more of the following penalties may be imposed:

- The exhibit in question may be immediately disqualified
- The exhibit may not be allowed to be sold in the Livestock Auction
 - In the case of an exhibit already sold at the Livestock auction, the exhibitor may be required to refund/return all sale money in excess of market value to the Decatur County 4-h Council; at the discretion of the Decatur County Livestock

Committee, the money will be returned to the buyer (placings of other exhibits will not be adjusted as a result of the imposition of this penalty).

- Any or all premiums, trophies and awards won by the exhibitor in any or all Fair departments may be withdrawn and required to be refunded or returned to the species Project Leader(s).
- The 4-H Exhibitor may be barred from the competition at the Decatur County 4-H Exhibition shows in the project where the fraud or deception for up to three years.

Due Process

The assessment of any or all penalties for fraud and/or deception, excepting immediate disqualification shall follow the below listed processes:

- The director in charge of the department will determine which penalties to impose.
- The exhibitor will be notified in writing of the penalties imposed.
- Within 15 days of receiving written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Decatur County 4-H Council.
- A date will be set for the hearing by the 4-H Council and the exhibitor will be notified in writing.