

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program



All 4-H youth enrolled in a LIVESTOCK PROJECT (Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine) must be QLC certified or have a YQCA online completion certificate.

If you choose to complete the YQCA option, your will register for the online course at https://yqcaprogram.org/ Cost of the online YQCA course is \$12.

After completing the course, you must email the 4-H Educator your certificate to receive credit.

If you prefer to take the QLC in person (Instructor-Led), the cost is \$3 per child and will be located at the Exhibit Hall (Fairgrounds); Registration is open now in 4-H Online!

Quality Livestock Care training sessions are:

Saturday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 9, 10:00 a.m.

After attending the course or submitting a YQCA online training certificate, you will be marked complete in the DeKalb 4-H Hub (Fall Fair Checklist)

*This certification does NOT replace the workshop/worksheet requirement.

MINI 4-H

We are excited to announce our 2025 meeting dates!

- Monday, May 5 (6 pm)
 Kick off Night @ Exhibit Hall
- Monday, June 9 (6 pm)

 Meeting @ Exhibit Hall
- "[™]Wednesday, June 25 (9-3) Mini Day Camp @ Exhibit Hall
- Meeting @ Exhibit Hall
- Monday, August II (6 pm)
 Meeting @ Exhibit Hall
- SATURDAY, September 13 (10 am)

 Mini Project Judging @ Exhibit Hall



Indiana 4-H Scholarships

All 4-H scholarship applications and submission instructions are available on the State 4-H website (link below) and must be uploaded by members no later than January 25, 2025. This includes 4-H Club, Senior Year, Purdue Horticulture, and Accomplishment scholarships.

A member must be in an "Active" status in 4HOnline to submit an application.

Youth in Grades 10 to their 1st year out of 4-H may apply for the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship.

Do you need help with your application or have questions? Please reach out to Effie at campb314@purdue.edu

Visit https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html



2025 4-H Reminder Dates

• 4-H Online entry for Beef Steers, Registered and May 15th Unregistered Heifers, Dairy Steers, Horse & Pony, **Draft Animals, State Fair Animals** • FairEntry for Summer Static Projects (Drop/Add **Date for Summer Projects)** 4-H Online entry for Fall Fair Animals • 4-H Online entry for Summer Goats; FairEntry for July 1st Summer Goats: Worksheets for Summer Goats due in Extension Office: QLC/YQCA due for Summer Goats Nomination forms for Rabbits and Poultry due in **Extension Office** FairEntry for Fall Fair Animals and Crops Exhibits (Drop/Add Date for Fall Projects) Sept 8th QLC/YQCA and Animal Worksheets due for Fall Fair

• 4-H Online entry for Beef Feeders

Winter Cancellation Policy

Historically, we have followed schools in regards to meeting and event cancellations. If one school canceled for the day, we canceled all events for that day. However, with schools offering e-learning days, we think they will be quicker to react and cancel.

We certainly care about your safety, but want to be mindful that sometimes the fog fades and the snow is cleared by evening. Moving forward from this point on, we will use cautious discretion and/or consult with the Sheriff's Department regarding cancellation of DeKalb County 4-H programs, events, activities, and meetings.

DEKALB COUNTY JUNIOR LEADERS

INVITES 6TH - 12TH
GRADERS IN 4-H
TO ATTEND OUR KICK OFF
MEETING AT
THE BUTLER BOWL @ 6PM
FEBRUARY 17, 2025.

Bowling will be paid by the club and food is available on your own.



2025 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

February 3	Horse and Pony Meeting 6:30 pm - Exhibit Hall, small room
February 11	Nevershirk Club Meeting, 6:30 pm - Butler Elementary 4-H Day at the Statehouse for grades 7-12
February 12	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
February 13	Canvas Painting, 5:30 pm - County Office Building (215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN) - Register here https://bit.ly/canvasSTEAM25 see page 7
February 15	QLC in-person training, 10:00 am - Exhibit Hall - Must pre-register in 4-H Online in the "Events tab"
February 17, 20 24 and 27	Go Without Going VR Travel Program, 6:00 pm - County Office Building (215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN) Register here https://bit.ly/GoWithoutGoing see page 7
February 17	Horse and Pony Meeting 6:30pm - Exhibit Hall, small room

Approved Rule Changes for 2025

Tops in 4-H, paragraph 1, page 18 (approved)

The DeKalb County 4-H Council Awards Committee will select an indeterminate number of 4-H'ers from those members submitting a completed "Tops" application, which shows significant 4-H involvement during their tenure. Those selected as "Tops in 4-H'" are required expected to be at the Summer Judging Awards Program for recognition and also to help with 4-H activities during the DeKalb County Fall Fair, and perhaps other activities throughout the year. Winners will receive awards and recognition at the Summer Awards program. Attendance is mandatory at the Summer Awards Program in its entirety to receive award money.

Tops in 4-H, Selection Procedure, page 18 (approved)

- Applications are available at the Extension Office, DeKalb 4-H Hub: https://bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub, or on the website: www.extension.purdue.edu/dekalb.
- Application deadline is May 30th June 10th in the Extension Office. The 4-H Educator will attach the applicant's record to the application for the Awards Committee once it is turned in. Applicant does not need to ask for this to be attached.
- 3. Applications are to be typed. NO handwritten applications will be accepted.
- 4. Applicants must be in good standing with the 4-H program (county and state) their entire tenure (no suspensions, etc.)
- 4-H'ers will be notified by mid-June if they are chosen for "Tops." Turning in an application does not guarantee selection.
- 6. After you receive a Tops award recipient letter, you will complete a A "Display of Accomplishments" due in the Extension Office typically the first week of July 1st that will be used in the selection of "Master Achiever." They will be displayed during Summer Judging and Fall Fair. Displays are standard sized tri-fold displays boards (any color) and should include a list of projects completed, any trips/scholarships attended/won, demonstrations completed, or other important information from the Application. Please include pictures.
- 7. The Awards Committee reserves the right to interview applicants (in early July) prior to the Summer Awards Program, if needed, to determine Master Achievers.
 - Judging is based on the following guidelines using the a completed application, 4-H record, leadership/citizenship/community service experience, and recommendation.

70% 4-H Record

20% Leadership/Citizenship/Community Service Experience 10% Recommendation

 Please note a A completed "Tops" application, contains most of the information needed to complete an Indiana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application.

ATV, Exhibit Guidelines, page 23 (approved)

- 8. All New (1st & 2nd year members- regardless of age) will be required to attend the "Mandatory" Safety Training Class. This will take place in the Spring prior to the "Mandatory" Safety Ride.
- **9.** All 4-H members "MUST" complete the "Mandatory" 4-H ATV Safety Ride Course. This event is scheduled in the Spring prior to all other ATV Club Rides. Members are not allowed to ride in any club rides or events without completing the Safety Course.
- **10.** To fulfill the educational requirements all members must complete the following:
 - a. Mandatory ATV Safety Ride Course
 - b. Attend and ride a minimum of one additional scheduled ATV Club event

Static Projects, Animal Education County level Project (adding new category to match existing program) – Horse & Pony, page 23 (approved)

Horse and Pony: Introduction to Horses

The purpose of the "Horse & Pony: Introduction to Horses" project is to develop an appreciation of horses and the needs one requires when in ownership of a horse. Project members will learn about the history of horses, safety, breeds, grooming, nutrition, showmanship, as well as many other aspects of horse maintenance.

Project completion will be based on the completion of a Horse & Pony worksheet corresponding to the 4-H members grade level.

Project Guidelines:

- 1. Project members must attend a minimum of one (1)
 Horse & Pony clinics/workshops and attend at least two
 (2) "Introduction to Horses" workshops.
- Each project member must complete the project test at the designated time and place. Extenuating circumstances must be approved by the project superintendent.
- 3. "Introduction to Horses" must abide by the Horse & Pony project rules, where applicable.
- 4. Complete a Horse & Pony worksheet corresponding to the 4-H members grade level.
- All educational exhibits must follow the DeKalb County 4-H Poster policy and use the Exhibit Class guidelines for educational exhibits listed above for "Animal Education Projects".
- All members will be given a "Beginning Horse Management" manual to be used to complete their worksheets.

Static Projects, Construction & Architectural Replica, page 30 (approved)

4. Lego kits and Compatible brand kits are built to instructions and will be judged individually in the Kit Category. Decals are permitted only if they came with the kit. Manuals must be included with the project at judging if exhibiting in the Kit Category. Exhibit is not a "Kit" if you put more than one together.

Static Projects, Crops, page 31 (approved)

Crops Educational Display

Beginner: Grades 3-5 Intermediate: Grades 6-8 Advanced: Grades 9-12

Exhibit Guidelines:

- 1. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.
- 2. Posters are to be 22"x28" and displayed horizontally and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents. Display boards should be designed to sit on a table using no more than 36" of tabletop space. Space should be left in the lower right hand corner to place an exhibit tag provided by Purdue Extension staff.

Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested)

Create an age/grade appropriate poster, notebook or display about Crops or Agronomy.

Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)

Create an age/grade appropriate poster, notebook or display about Crops or Agronomy.

Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)

Create an age/grade appropriate poster, notebook or display about Crops or Agronomy.

Shooting Sports, Hot Shots Club & Project, page 31 (approved) (first set of bullet points)

• A program fee of \$25 (separate from 4-H enrollment) is due on the first night of each course. These fees go directly to the Club/Disciplines, and are used to purchase ammunition and course materials provided to the participants. Households with more than 1 member per course may receive a discount of \$5 for each successive member (i.e., \$25 for 1st member, \$20 for 2nd, \$15 for 3rd, etc.).

4-H/Youth Development

Livestock Projects, Guidelines for Animal Exhibits - Animal Destination Cards, page 58 (approved)

- 4. Completed animal destination/information cards will be due with a parent or guardian signature at the scales when your animals are checked in according to the Check-in schedule. All destinations will be posted in the barn for review. Any corrections will be due on Wednesday of the Fair by noon 4:00 pm. Any auction scratches need to be in the office on Wednesday of the Fair by noon 4:00 pm.
- 5. All destination declarations must be made at the scales at check-in. All information on Animal Destination Card is final when turned in at check-in unless a member wins a breed-champion or higher Grand or Reserve Grand champion in another specie that is not marked for auction. In this case, the member can change their auction designation up to one hour after the completion of the show the animal has won in. Changes need to be initialed by a parent or guardian. As a courtesy to members, a list of all destinations will be posted in the show barn on Monday. If an error is found the member may request a change up until Wednesday at 4:00 pm. Changes after Wednesday will only be allowed for Grand or Reserve Grand champions as outlined above. No changes will be made on auction day to any destination.

General Animal Guidelines, Livestock Grooming – Section C, page 61 (approved)

Grooming chutes/tack will be brought in on Saturday before the fair. Time slots for arrival will be designated per 4-H family by Council before fair. If someone places chutes/tack outside the time frame that they are assigned then Council may remove it and place it in a designated area. Subject to disciplinary action according to the penalties written on page 16.

Horse & Pony, Exhibit Requirements – Educational Poster, page 63 (approved)

3. Horse & Pony: Introduction to Horses educational Poster exhibits will be judged at time of "Animal Educational Posters" judging (see Summer Judging Schedule). Rules for this project are located in the "Animal Educational Posters" section.

Horse & Pony, Exhibit Requirements – Live Animal, page 64 (approved)

10. For show purposes, grade divisions for members are determined as follows:

Junior Division – Grades 3-7 Grades 3-5
Intermediate Division – Grades 6-8
Senior Division – Grades 8-12 Grades 9-12

Beef, Nomination Requirements, page 66 (approved)

2. Each 4-H member may nominate up to a combination of six (6) market Animals or Breeding Heifers and six (6) Prospect Animals, but may only show up to three (3) from each category. There is no limit on the number of beef breeding heifers which can be shown.

Dairy, Nomination Requirements, page 68 (approved)

8. To ensure all Dairy animals are properly ID by the Nomination deadline there will be a Dairy ID Day, date to be determined by the superintendent, where all animals will have their RFID tags verified based on their enrollment paperwork.

Dairy, Exhibition Information, page 68 (approved)

Class 9: Overall Junior Champion Dairy and overall Reserve Junior Champion Dairy will be selected from the breed champions and reserves.

*To qualify for one of the following classes an animal must have calved.

Class 10: Junior 2 year old cow born March 1 2022 to August 31, 2022

Dairy Feeder/Dairy Steer, Animal ID Requirements, page 69 (approved)

1. All Dairy Steers and Dairy Feeders must have both testicles banded (castrated/neutered). Dairy Feeders are to be castrated no later than August 1st. Both Dairy Feeders and Dairy Steers must be dehorned. No more than 1/2" of horn will be allowed at fair check-in. All Dairy Steers and Dairy Feeder calvesmust show purebred characteristics of one approved dairy breed. Animals that do not meet purebred characteristics willbe reclassified into the appropriate dairy beef cross-class. The approved dairy breeds include Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red and white OR black and white), Milking Shorthorn and Jersey. Animals must have the characteristics of that breed as provided by the Dairy Steer and Feeder advisory committee. An independent sifter or the The Dairy Steer and Feeder advisory committee and superintendent reserves the right to disqualify an animal if it doesn't meet requirements listed above. All decisions will be final.

Dairy Feeder/Dairy Steer, Weigh-in/ID Day Information, page 69-70 (approved)

4. At April/ June ID Days the 4-H member will declare which class the animal will show- dairy beef feeder, dairy beef cross feeder, dairy beef steer, or dairy beef cross steer. All dairy feeders (dairy cross-feeders) and dairy beef steer (dairy beef cross steer) will be genomically tested to determine breed composition based on the percentage of dairy breed genetics and beef breed genetics. Testing media will consist of a tissue or hair sample. The test will identify Dairy Breed-Based Representation (BBR) and Beef Breed-Based Representation by the percentage of the following approved dairy beef breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein (red and white OR black and white), Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn. Testing will also give the percentage of Beef Breeds, for the dairy beef cross breeds, based on the following breeds: Angus, Red Angus, South Devon, Hereford, Simmental, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Charolais, Brahman, and Nelore.

- BBR results are as follows:
 - Dairy BBR at 87% and higher, animals will show in traditional respective dairy beef class

- Dairy BBR results from 45% to 86.9%, animals will show in dairy beef cross-class
- Dairy BBR results 44.9% and lower will show in beef cross-class

The tester, the Dairy Beef Superintendent/4-H Educator and 4-H member representative will verify the sample was from their animal, via signature. Access to the results of genomic testing will be available to the 4-H educator and the Dairy Beef Superintendent. If an animal's BBR results are in a different class than what 4-H member has declared, the 4-H member will be contacted about the BBR results and made aware of the new class the animal is assigned. Animals only need to be tested once. If a feeder is genomically tested one year and comes back the next year, we will use the test from the previous year to determine where your animal will show at the fair.

• ***All Steers and Feeders will be tested for 2025***

Dairy Feeder/Dairy Steer, Exhibition Guidelines, page 70 (approved)

- 7. There will be 4 3 Dairy Beef Herdsman Awards given to the exhibitors who display the best animal care, care of pens and surrounding area, participates in workshops, participates in barn set-up/clean-up, and knowledge of specie.
- A Senior Dairy Beef Herdsman award will be given to a Dairy Beef member in grades 9-12; Intermediate Dairy Beef Herdsman award who is in grades 6-8; a Junior Dairy Beef herdsman award will be given to a Dairy Beef member in grades 3-5.
- Herdsman will be chosen at the discretion of the specie Superintendent and the Dairy Steer and Feeder advisory committee. Qualities that we will be looking for are members that exhibit great character throughout the year and 4-H functions. Members that are willing to help other 4-H members by helping clean the barn, keeping a tidy area, and overall wanting to promote the dairy beef project.
- The winners of the Herdsmen awards will be announced at the 4-H Livestock auction prior to the Dairy Beef species at the DeKalb County Fair.

Goat, Grooming Guidelines, page 71 (approved)

2. Dairy Goats (Does and Wethers) will have no more than 1 inch of horn by check-in for the Summer Doe show or the Fall Fair Market Wether show.

Poultry, Check-in/Fair, page 74 (approved)

2. 4-H Poultry members must check-in with the Poultry superintendent immediately upon arrival to the Fair, prior to penning birds. Pens will be assigned. Check-in will be conducted at back of building. in the show barn.

Poultry, Exhibition Information, page 74 (approved)

1. There are fifteen (15) categories available to exhibit in

at the Fair. You may show a total of nine (9) exhibits in any combination of the 15 categories. You may only show one (1) exhibit per class. The classes are listed below.

5. If the breed you are trying to exhibit isn't in the standard of perfection (poultry standard) for a recognized breed, they will not be able to show in the exhibition and will be moved to commercial in which they will have to be paired.

Sheep, Weigh-In/ID Day Information, page 78 (approved)

2. Market lambs must be born during the current calendar year. Yearling Ewes must be born during the previous calendar year. All market lambs must be under (1) year-of-age on show day and still have their lamb's teeth intact. Ewe lambs must have been born after October 1st of the previous year. Yearling Ewes must have been born before October 1st of the previous year, but not more than 12 months prior to October 1st of the previous year.

Supreme Showmanship Contest, page 81 (approved)

1. Premier Showman winners from Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeders and Steers, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep and Swine are eligible to compete.

4-H/Youth Development

- 5. Seven (7) Nine (9) classes will be set-up using animals which have been shown at the Fair. There will be one (1) class each of Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeders and Steers, Meat Goat Wethers, Dairy Goat Wethers, Rabbits, Poultry (structure of Rabbits and Poultry classes will be determined by the show committee), Sheep and Swine.
- 7. Barn superintendents will select the seven (7) animals of each species to be used in the contest. The show host will provide the necessary equipment needed for that specie for all contestants (seven show sticks, brushes, etc.).
- 11. The contestants will be scored 100% on showmanship and knowledge exhibited to the judge. No written quiz will be given. All show procedures are at the discretion of the show committee and the judge.

Auction, 4-H Members Selling in Auction Agreement, page 82 (approved)

3. Thank You's will be required to be written and given to Township Auction Chairman prior to receiving full check. If Thank You's are not received by December 1, checks will be issued for market price of animal only with premium reverting to 4-H Council respective 4-H Auction Township committees.





• February 27 - Space! The Final Frontier

Welcome to youth in grades K-12.
All classes are 6-8 pm.
County Office Building, 215 E. 9th Street
Auburn, IN

4-H Enrollment

If you missed the enrollment goal date of January 15th, it's not too late to sign up for 2025. Go to v2.4honline.com to enroll and pay the fee.

Cost: \$25 4-H Program Fee* (Grades 3-12). There is no charge for Mini 4-H (K-2nd Grade), only \$5 for club dues at their first meeting in the spring. The 4-H Program Fee is non-refundable. The fee is assessed at the time of registration and can be paid online by credit/debit card, or paid at the Extension Office by cash, check or money order (Extension Office cannot process credit cards).

*\$25 each for up to three children, \$10 for each additional child.

If you have questions, call the Extension Office at 260-925-2562



GRADUATING 4-H'ERS

We want to hear from you!
What has 4-H meant in your life?
Tell us via this survey at
bit.ly/IN4Hgrad
before April 1st and receive a
commemorative 4-H
graduate tassel!

LIVESTOCK NEWS

2025 Beef/Dairy Steers
Beef Heifers ID/WEIGH-IN
Saturday, April 12, 8-11 a.m.

ALL Beef Steers, Registered & Unregistered Heifers, Dairy Steers, Horse & Pony, Draft Animals, and **STATE FAIR ELIGIBLE ANIMALS' MUST (excluding Poultry and Rabbit)** be entered into 4HOnline.

DeKalb 4-H Hub



Your go-to resource for everything Dekalb 4-H!

WHAT IS ON THE HUB?

- FALL FAIR CHECKLIST- SEE WHAT YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT
- SUMMER JUDGING CHECKLIST SEE WHAT YOU
 STILL NEED TO COMPLETE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT
- 10 YEAR MEMBER TO-DO LIST! (New for 2024)
- LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES/WORKSHOPS
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- GENERAL RECORD SHEET
- 4-H HANDBOOK
- APPLICATIONS FOR EVENTS/TRIPS
- 4-H FAMILY GUIDE, 4-H PROJECT MAGAZINE
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR 4-H ONLINE AND FAIRENTRY
- LIST OF IMPORTANT WEBSITES
- ALL LIVESTOCK WORKSHEETS!



USE THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA HTTPS://BIT.LY/DEKALB4HHUB

Want to be a part of a once-in-a-lifetime trip?

Travel 3,300 miles from home to explore the tundra of Bethel and the majesty of Anchorage in Alaska. The team is looking for enthusiastic teen teachers (curriculum provided) and cultural embracers. Only 3-4 DeKalb and Steuben County 4-H members get to go (2 per county).

Applications are due in the Extension Office on/before May 1, 2025.













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Extension - DeKalb County



Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp

June 4-6, 2025 - Epworth Forest

Camp Counselors Needed

Applications are available and due on/before February 1 to your County Extension Office

https://bit.ly/4HCampCounselorApplication

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