

Extension Edge

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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, you 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 21, 9:00 AM

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM

Monday, March 23, 10:00 AM

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM

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

Are you enrolled in Mini 4-H?

Be sure that you enroll in **specific** projects
through 4-H Online before our first meeting in May
so you can pick up your project manuals that night
when you pay your \$5 club dues.

Are you getting our monthly emails? If not, reach out! dmgrider@gmail.com

We are excited to announce our first 2026 meeting!

Monday, **May 4** (6 PM) Kick off Night @ Exhibit Hall

We look forward to seeing you all!

****Sunday, February 22nd at 4 PM ** 4-H ATV Club ** Welcome Meeting - Exhibit Hall ****

All enrolled members should attend with at least 1 Parent or Guardian to complete required documents and Club Dues of \$15 per child or \$25 per family (2 or more children) are due at the Welcome Meeting please bring exact cash or check made payable to: *DeKalb Co. 4-H ATV Club*



2026 4-H Reminder Dates

May 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4-H Online entry for Beef Steers, Registered and Unregistered Heifers, Dairy Steers, Horse & Pony, Draft Animals, State Fair Animals
July 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 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
Sept 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FairEntry for Fall Fair Animals and Crops Exhibits (Drop/Add Date for Fall Projects)• QLC/YQCA and Animal Worksheets due for Fall Fair• 4-H Online entry for Beef Feeders

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

Travel 3,300 miles from home to explore the majesty of Alaska! The team is looking for enthusiastic teen teachers and brave adventurers to teach local 4-H members about "The Art of Nature". Only 6 DeKalb, Huntington, and Allen County 4-H members get to go (2 per county).

Applications are due in the Extension Office on/before April 1, 2026.



Dates: August 2-9, 2026

Grades: 9-12

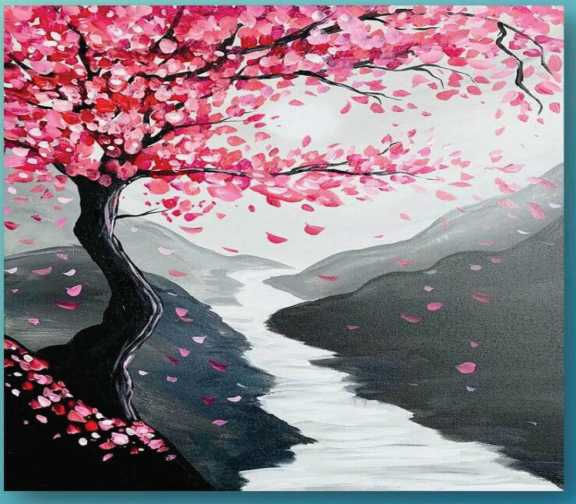
Cost: See application in office



Extension - 4-H Youth Development
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Canvas Painting



Join us for a fun night of painting and make this beautiful spring scene. This is open to youth in grades 3-12, but parents/adults are welcome.

- **Location:** County Office Building, 215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN
- **Date & Time:** February 23, 2026 5:30 pm
- Best suited for youth in Grades 3 & up
- **Cost:** \$15
- Registration closes: February 16
- **Register:** <https://bit.ly/CanvasPainting2026>



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LIVESTOCK NEWS

**2026 Beef/Dairy Steers
Beef Heifers ID/WEIGH-IN
Sunday, April 12, 2-4 PM**

MAY 15 4-H Online Deadline

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.



Fall Fair T-Shirt and 4-H Yard Sign Order

Use the QR Code or the
link to order your Fall
Fair Beck's T-Shirt
and/or Yard Signs.



For T-Shirts, fill out the
form once per member.
Shirts will be available
for pick-up at fair.

<https://forms.gle/ndbvGC88Xn4Ns2VM6>



Each sign is \$15.
Payment due at pick-up.

2026 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

February 2	Camp Counselor Applications Due to Effie
February 2	Junior Leader Meeting, 5:30 PM - Exhibit Hall
February 7	Doubletrees Meeting, Introduction to Program/rolls (no animals), 1:00 PM-DeKalb County Horsemen's Association Property
February 8	Cut-Ups Club Meeting, 6:00 PM - Exhibit Hall
February 9 & 23	Horse & Pony Club Meeting, 6:00 PM - Exhibit Hall
February 10	Nevershirk 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30 PM - Butler Elementary
February 11	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 PM - Exhibit Hall
February 15	Smithfield Busy Bees Meeting/QLC Training, 4:00 PM - Exhibit Hall
February 21	QLC Training, 9:00 AM - Exhibit Hall
February 21	Doubletrees Meeting, Halter/anatomy/ground drive meeting/animals if vaccinated, 1:00 PM - Lindsay Clifford's property
February 28	Horse and Pony Tack Auction

Poster Board Backing for Summer Posters

Attention, All Summer Judging participants!
Starting this year the Extension Office will be selling the
STIFF BACKING needed for
posters, along with the SLEEVES.

Each BACKING is \$3.00 and SLEEVES are \$2.00.



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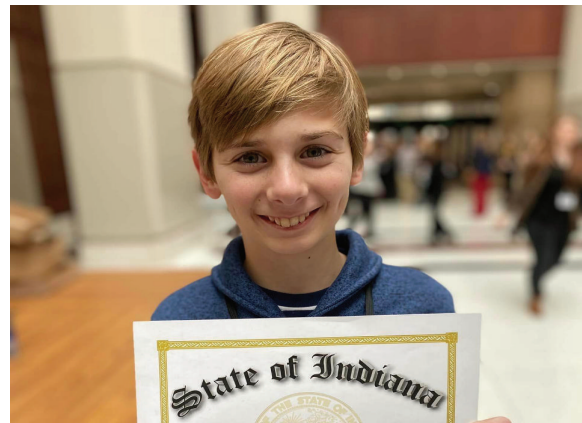
INDIANA 4-H

DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE

Where: Indianapolis

When: February 10

Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse is a civic engagement opportunity during which 7th-12th grade 4-H'ers learn about our state government. Participants will tour the state house, meet representatives, and have the opportunity to serve as student pages.



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SENATORS SPOKE

In 2023, Indiana 4-H was honored to be present on the state senate floor as Senator Leising proposed a resolution for February 7, 2023 to be known as 4-H Day at the Statehouse. Senators Perfect, Yoder, and Garten spoke up in support of Indiana 4-H!

Contact your local Purdue Extension office to register: bit.ly/contactin4h



VACANT Superintendent Positions

Want to help 4-H Youth?

Consider being the Food Stand or Exhibit Hall Superintendent

Contact Effie Campbell - campb314@purdue.edu

****CALL OUT FOR FOOD STAND SUPERINTENDENT****

February 1, 2026 4:00 PM Exhibit Hall



Junior Leaders 1st Meeting

Feb 2, 2026

6:30 PM at the Exhibit Hall

All youth 6th grade and above are welcome to join.



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!
- 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 FAIR ENTRY
- LIST OF IMPORTANT WEBSITES
- ALL LIVESTOCK WORKSHEETS!



USE THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR
CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/DEKALB4HHUB](https://bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub)

4-H Enrollment

If you missed the enrollment goal date of January 15th, it's not too late to sign up for 2026. 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



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.

4-H/Youth Development

2026 DeKalb County 4-H – Approved Rule Changes For Newsletter

Adding the line below to all species Showmanship sections

Grade is determined by previous school year, not current school year.

Guidelines for Animal Exhibits, page 60

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 **Show** Barn for review. Any corrections will be due on Wednesday of the Fair by ~~4:00~~ **4:30** pm. Any auction scratches need to be in the office on Wednesday of the Fair by ~~4:00~~ **4:30** 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 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~~ **4:30** 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, page 63

20. Large Animal Tack Drop-off: Chutes CAN be brought to the Barns on the date specified in the Fall Livestock Newsletter, at the scheduled times corresponding to your years in 4-H. The oldest 4-H member in your family determines drop-off time. All immediate family will go together in the oldest current 4-H members' time slot. There will be spray-painted areas to put tack, please stay inside those areas.

- **No saving spaces**
- **No early entry**
- **If you break the rules, your family's time will get pushed to the 1:00 PM time slot.**
- **No staking. Sandbags or concrete blocks only.**

This will be monitored. Please be respectful and courteous to the times and people monitoring. This is to help with traffic flow, fairness, and help to prevent chaos during tack drop off.

Draft Animals

Live Animal, page 66

12. Members must be accompanied by an adult in all driving classes. Riding **and hitch** classes require the wearing of an ASTM or SEI Standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet.

Dairy

Exhibition Information, page 71

2. Members are required to take part in the Dairy Interviews, held prior to the Dairy Show, to exhibit in the show. **Members that are attending college at the time of Fair are exempt from participation in Dairy Interview.**

Dairy Feeder & Dairy Steer

Weigh-IN/ID Day Information, page 72

2. Dairy steers will show by weight only according to the following four weight divisions:

Dairy Feeders—calves weighed at ID Day

- **ID Day will be May 30th**

Dairy Cross Feeders (not eligible for State Fair) - calves weighed at ID Day

- **ID Day will be May 30th**

4. At ID Days the 4-H member will declare which class the animal will show **in** - 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. **Dairy beef steers & dairy beef cross steers from the previous year will not be tested. If a steer did not receive testing from the previous year it will need to be tested at the ID Day in order to show.**

4-H/Youth Development

Goat

Animal ID Requirements, page 73

3. All Dairy market goats (wethers) will be sifted according to the breed characteristics established by their respective score-cards (ADGA- Dairy Wethers) by ~~an approved Goat judge~~ **the goat Superintendent(s) and committee** at the June ID Day. Any Dairy wethers exhibiting meat characteristics, will show in the Meat Wether classes. **ALL dairy market wethers must attend ID day for Superintendent(s) and committee approval.**

Check-in/Fair, page 74

2. Every goat must wear a collar and have a lead available. **Proper goat collars, leads, halters, etc. must be used (no twine or string).** Only goats which are being shown are allowed on the grounds.

Exhibition Information, page 74

5. There will be a Herdsman Award(s) given to the exhibitor who displays the best animal care, care of pens and surrounding area, participates in workshops, participates in barn set-up/clean-up, and knowledge of specie (based on the exhibitor's level). Herdsman will be chosen at the discretion of the specie Superintendent(s) and the specie Committee. **The Herdsman(s) award will be presented at the beginning of the Goat section of the 4-H Auction.**

Summer Doe Show/Pleasure Goat/Showmanship Show, page 74

Show Categories

1. Dairy Breed Does (Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Saanen, Toggenburg, Oberhasli, Grade, **Guernsey**)

Fall Fair Market Wether/Market Doe & Showmanship Show, page 75

5. All market wethers and all market does must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds and a maximum of 120 pounds to be **consigned, auctioned, and to stay at the fair. Any animal between 45-49 pounds may be eligible to remain for exhibition only and return home after Fair at the Superintendent(s) discretion and will not be eligible for consignment or auction.**

Showmanship (fall fair section), 76

The Summer Senior Showmanship winner will participate in the Premier Goat Showman class at the Fall Fair. An animal will be provided **and selected by the Superintendent(s)** for the Summer Doe Winner if they do not have a fall fair animal.

Market Wether & Meat Doe Categories, page 76

1. Dairy Breeds to include Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Saanen, Toggenburg, Oberhasli, Dairy-type Grade, **Guernsey**. Cannot

exhibit Meat Breed or Nigerian Dwarf Characteristics.

Poultry

Nomination Requirements, page 76

Nomination Requirements

1. All Poultry are to originate from National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) sources or have a negative blood test to comply with State BOAH regulations. Blood testing of poultry will be done at a ~~meeting prior to the fair.~~ **ID day by a member of the current poultry committee.**

2. All poultry except broilers/roasters must be under the ownership and care of the 4-H member by July 3. **Broilers should be in the member's possession 6-8 weeks prior to the Fair, and Roasters 8-12 weeks. See information under commercial classes for ages and weights.**

Weigh-In/ID Day Information, page 77

2. Birds showing symptoms of disease, lice, or mites, **or lack of cleanliness** will be sent home at the discretion of the poultry superintendent.

Check-In/Fair, page 77

1. Correct transporting cages **with clean bedding** need to be used when bringing poultry to the Fair.

3. 4-H members must provide feed and water throughout the Fair—feed and water containers will be provided with the poultry pens, and only initial bedding will be supplied. Bedding must also be used and kept clean throughout the Fair. **All show equipment (feed, buckets, etc.) must be stored in the designated area(s). No buckets or items will be allowed to be stored on top of or behind cages. Black ribbons (\$50 fines) will be given if necessary.**

~~4. Bedding situation (whether it will be provided or not) will be determined by 4-H Council with notification to members in the final newsletter prior to Fair. \$1 per pen, up to \$5 per exhibitor, may be collected to help buy bedding, if needed.~~

~~Exhibition~~ Exhibitor Information, page 77

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.

2. The Poultry Superintendent reserves the right to limit the number of poultry each exhibitor may show, if cage space becomes a problem.

4-H/Youth Development

3. Commercial chicken classes will be judged with special attention given to growth, development and production qualities, and according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.

4. Exhibition chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, and exotic birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.

3. If the breed you are trying to exhibit isn't **is not** 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.

4. 4-H youth (or anyone else) raising game birds (ring-necked pheasant or bobwhite quail, including their subspecies and color phases), must follow the Indiana Department of Natural Resources regulations. Wild turkeys and ruffed grouse may not be raised in captivity in Indiana.

7. Commercial Hens, Pullets, Broilers and Roasters are penned two (2) per pen and shown as one exhibit. **Must be same breed and same sex.**

8. Poultry and Waterfowl in the following Exhibition categories along with Eggs (Bantams, Large Fowl, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Exotics and Pigeons) can show in any combination. Refer to complete list of Exhibition birds.

5. Awards will be given for Commercial species and Exhibition species. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded. **if there are four (4) or more in the class.**

6. Exhibitor must be able to handle all birds, as they show in the show ring. Except for Pigeon and Exotic, which would be judged in the poultry barn, due to flight risk. If a member has two (2) or more birds in the same class, they may have another 4-H member show one (1) of the birds for them. **Only 4-H exhibitors will be allowed in the show ring.**

7. Auction Animals ONLY!—Broiler, Roaster, Commercial Hen, Commercial Pullet, Commercial Turkey, Commercial (heavy weight) Duck, and Commercial (heavy weight) Goose.

8. There will be a Herdsman Award given to the exhibitor who displays the best animal care, care of pens and surrounding area, participates in workshops and in barn set-up/clean-up. Herdsman will be chosen at the discretion of the specie Superintendent and the specie Committee.

9. All birds must be properly groomed for the show with feet, wattles, comb, and feathers cleaned.

10. Appropriate long sleeve show attire is required for the show. No ball caps will be allowed.

11. Zip tie bands will be used to properly ID birds. Poultry Superintendent must be contacted immediately if a band falls off between ID day and Fair check-in. No bands will be replaced at Fair check-in and poultry will be sent home and not able to be shown if they do not have a band. Only bands accepted will be the ones supplied by the Poultry Superintendent. No band = no show!

Classes and Category Exhibits, page 77

Broilers through Commercial Hens: 1 Exhibit = 2 birds (male or female) of the same sex, penned 2 per pen, both sold through auction.

Turkeys and Waterfowl: 1 Exhibit = 1 male or female

Exhibition Bantams through Large Fowl: 1 Exhibit = 1 male or female

Pigeon: 1 Exhibit = 1 bird; penned two (2) per pen

Eggs: 1 Exhibit = 6 eggs

Commercial Information and Classes, page 77

1. Commercial poultry classes will be judged with special attention given to growth, development and production qualities, and according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.

2. Commercial Hens, Pullets, Broilers, and Roasters are penned two (2) per pen and shown as one exhibit. **Must be same breed and same sex.**

3. Only (1) exhibit per commercial class.

4. Commercial birds may not exceed 2 years of age.

Classes, page 77

1. BROILERS - Exhibit two (2) of the same sex **and same breed** birds, 6-8 weeks old. Not over 5 1/2 lbs., **at check-in.** **Auctioned as a pair.**

2. ROASTERS - Exhibit two (2) of the same sex **and same breed birds**, 8-12 weeks old. Weighing 5 1/2 lbs. to 10 pounds at check-in. **Auctioned as a pair.**

3. COMMERCIAL PULLETS - Exhibit two (2) female birds **of the same breed**, less than one (1) year old. Hatched between January 1st and May 15th of current year. **Pullets will be placed in one of the following classes: White egg laying, brown egg laying, tinted egg laying, or colored egg laying. Auctioned as a pair.**

4. COMMERCIAL HENS - Exhibit two (2) female birds **of the same breed**, one (1) year old or more. Hatched prior to January 1st of current year. **Hens will be placed in one of the following classes: White egg laying, brown egg laying, tinted egg laying, or colored egg laying. Auctioned as a pair.**

5. HEAVY WEIGHT DUCK - **See list of heavy weight ducks.**
Breeds include: Appleyard, Aylesbury, Muscovy, Pekin, Rouen, and Saxony

6. HEAVY WEIGHT GOOSE - **See list of heavy weight geese.**
Breeds include: African, Embden, and Toulouse

7. COMMERCIAL TURKEY - **See list of commercial turkeys.**
Breeds include: Broad Breasted Bronze and White

8. EGG DISPLAY - Exhibit six (6) eggs in foam carton.

A. White eggs

B. Brown eggs

C. Tinted eggs (cream colored)

D. Colored eggs (blue, green, pink)

4-H/Youth Development

Exhibition Information and Classes, page 77-78

1. Exhibition chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, and exotic birds will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection as authorized by the American Poultry Association.
2. Poultry and Waterfowl in the following Exhibition categories (Bantams, Large Fowl, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Exotics and Pigeons) can show in any combination. Refer to complete list of Exhibition birds.
3. You may exhibit up to 4 per class, not exceeding 9 exhibits including commercial exhibits. For example: You may show 4 birds of any variety of ages in a class.

Classes

1. EXHIBITION BANTAM CHICKENS - ~~Refer to Exhibition Information Rule 7.~~ **1 Exhibit = 1 male or female**

- A. Clean Legged Bantam (Single comb, Rose comb, all other combs)
- B. Feather Legged Bantam
- C. Game Bantam (Modern, Old English)

2. LARGE FOWL/CHICKEN - ~~Refer to Exhibition Information Rule 7.~~ **1 Exhibit = 1 male or female**

- A. American
- B. Asiatic
- C. Continental
- D. English
- E. Mediterranean
- F. A.O.V.

3. DUCKS - ~~Refer to Exhibition Information Rule 7.~~ **1 Exhibit = 1 male or female**

- A. Heavy Weight
- B. Medium Weight
- C. Light Weight
- D. Bantam Duck

4. GOOSE - ~~Refer to Exhibition Information Rule 7.~~ **1 Exhibit = 1 male or female**

- A. Heavy Weight
- B. Medium Weight
- C. Light Weight

5. TURKEY - **1 Exhibit = 1 male or female**

- A. Heavy Weight
- B. Medium Weight
- C. Light Weight

6. PIGEONS - Will be penned two (2) per pen/show one (1) ~~per class.~~ but shown individually. These will be shown in the poultry barn due to flight risk.

- A. Fancy
- B. Sporting/Performance
- C. Utility

7. EXOTIC - ~~Refer to Exhibition Information Rule 7.~~ This class includes Guineas, Quail, Pheasants, or any unusual breed not fitting into one of the above categories. **These will be shown in the poultry barn due to flight risk.**

~~Will be shown in the Exhibition classes, and will be showing in the Poultry Barn.~~

~~7. EGG DISPLAY - Exhibit six (6) eggs in foam carton.~~

- ~~A. White eggs~~
- ~~B. Brown eggs~~
- ~~C. Tinted eggs (cream colored)~~
- ~~D. Colored eggs (blue, green, pink)~~

8. BREEDING PAIR - Exhibit one (1) male and one (1) female of the same breed and variety, **shown by the same exhibitor.** Exhibitors may use a male and/or female shown in the Exhibition show. Note: This class is not eligible for Best of Show.

Grooming Guidelines, page 78

~~1. All birds must be properly groomed for the show with feet, wattles, comb, and feathers cleaned.~~

Showmanship Classes, page 78

1. There will be a Poultry Showmanship for Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12) 4-H members. **Grade is determined by previous school year, not current school year.**

Exhibitors' knowledge of their bird, exhibitors' appearance and attitude, exhibitors' bird's cleanliness, and how the exhibitor handles their bird at the table will all be at the decision of the judge. ~~You must sign up for Showmanship in Fair Entry or in the Poultry barn on Monday of Fair by 5:00pm.~~

Rabbit

Exhibit Requirements, Live Animal, page 78-79

7. Show remark cards ~~are due at the time of Pen Reservation forms, and~~ **must be completed with accurate breed and variety of rabbit** and ~~must be accurate and match nomination forms or animal will not be permitted to exhibit.~~ Both Show Remark Cards and Pen Reservations ~~will~~ **must** be completed at the August meeting **prior to fair check-in.**

8. Auction rabbit needs to be identified before the final check-in station at the Superintendent's table during fair check-in.

Check-in/Fair, page 79

2. **Official auction** animals weight will be ~~weighed only once determined at the Superintendent's station~~ at Fair Check-in. ~~unless an immediate re-weigh is requested.~~ Only Nominated Roaster or Stewer rabbits that meet their weight requirement may be eligible to go through the auction.

6. Only hay cubes will be permitted. No water bottles. Must use feed and water dishes supplied.

7. Feed supplies must be in a labeled container (no buckets) under cages or in designated area(s) in the rabbit barn.

8. Only superintendent and committee members are permitted in the show ring during the show.

Exhibition Information, page 79

5. All 4-H rabbit exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeved lab coat or long sleeve show attire when showing the animals. White lab coat or aprons are recommended.

4 and 6 Class Breed Chart

4 CLASS BREEDS	
Small (2-6 lbs)	Medium (over 6 lbs - up to 10.5 lbs)
American Fuzzy Lop	American Sable
Briannia Petite	Belgian Hare
Dutch	Blue Holicer
Dwarf Hotot	Czech Frosty
Dwarf Papillion	English Angora
Florida White	English Spot
Havana	French Angora
Himalayan	Harlequin
Holland Lop	Lilac
Jersey Wooly	Rex
Lion Head	Rhineland
Mini Californian	Satin Angora
Mini Lop	Silver Martin
Mini Rex	Standard Chinchilla
Mini Satin	
Netherland Dwarf	
Polish	
Silver	
Tan	

6 CLASS BREEDS	
Large (Over 9 lbs - up to 11 lbs)	Giant (over 11 lbs)
American	Checkered Giant
American Chinchilla	Flemish Giant
Argente Brun	French Lop
Beveren	Giant Chinchilla
Blanc de Hotot	Giant Angora
Californian	
Champagne D'Argent	
Cinnamon	
Crete D'Argent	
English Lop	
New Zealand	
Palomino	
Satin	
Silver Fox	

Showmanship Classes, page 80

Rabbit Showmanship will be held at the Fall Fair. Classes are: Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Senior (Grades 9-12) and Premier. Grade is determined by previous school year, not current school year. Previous winners in either of the above categories will automatically move up to the next division the following year, regardless of winner's grade.

Mini 4-H, page 84

12. It is recommended that the Mini member take only one or two projects from the following list. The Mini member may take one or two projects from the following list. These projects are for Mini members only and are not regular 4-H projects. The Mini member may not repeat any project from a previous year. Since this is an opportunity to learn new things, and there is only one manual per project, it is recommended that projects not be repeated.

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Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp

June 3-5, 2026

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