



# ELKHART COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATE 2023

## Welcome.....

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2023 Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program! This packet is our Animal Science update for the year and contains most of the information you will need to know this year. I also ask that you review your club's information packet for more specifics for your project.

This will be the second year of our Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program and County Skillathon contest. This is a great way to put your animal science knowledge and showmanship abilities to the test in a fun way. I am sure that this program will grow this year. Additionally there are going to be changes for the Quality Assurance program this year. Purdue has developed a program that will be in person, and YQCA online will be an option. Be sure to read about it in this letter.

Don't forget to keep your email address and contact information up to date with our office so that you are getting our newsletter the Friday 4-H Nugget! If you have any questions or need assistance along the way please reach out to our office staff or your club leaders.

All the best,  
Robby Kelly

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## Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program

Back by popular demand is our Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor and Livestock Skillathon Programs. These new and exciting programs will highlight the 4-H member's animal knowledge and showmanship skills. Each species will have a county-wide livestock skill-at-thon contest that will test the members knowledge of their species as well as the option to compete in an overall species livestock skillathon. At fair those 4-H members participating in the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program will also participate in their species showmanship class. A score will be given for this and combined with the skillathon score for their overall ranking. New this year we will be adding Horses. Be sure to check out our website for the latest details, study guide, open house and contest dates.



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## 4-H Livestock Club Contacts

Below is a list of 4-H Livestock Club leaders.  
 Be sure to reach out to leaders for information and assistance.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Leader Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
4-H Beef Club	Renee Klein	574-276-4794	Elkhartcounty4Hbeefclub@yahoo.com
	Steve George	574-304-9734	
4-H Cat Club	Jade Mattson	574-971-1204	jade.bobeck@aol.com
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Jersey Club	Jenny Gordon	574-377-0607	jennygordonakw@gmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club	Betsy Kelly	574-361-0477	
	Tim Leer	574-238-6261	
Poultry Club	Valerie Jacobs	574-354-0612	poultryleader@gmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Rabbit Club	Israel Stark	574-849-8823	ec4hrabbitclub@gmail.com
	Tammy Stark	574-849-8824	
Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club	Ashley Holdeman	574-354-7403	ashleyholdeman4h@yahoo.com
Elkhart County 4-H Swine Club	Don & Jill Lehman	574-596-9251	elkcoswineclub@gmail.com



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## Animal Information

### What is a Premises ID?

If you are planning to show livestock (excluding rabbits, cats, dogs, and horses), it is important that you obtain a premises ID number from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). A Premises ID is a unique number assigned to the place where your animals are kept. This is part of the national animal traceability program, and allows for tracking and movement of animals. This is important for animal health and safety. You will have to have this information with you when you ID your animal for the 4-H program. Premises ID numbers are free, and easy to get. You can obtain yours by visiting BOAH's website at [www.in.gov/boah](http://www.in.gov/boah) or by calling 877-747-3038.

### What is 4HOnline?

4HOnline is our web-based data management system. This is where you sign up information, projects and Animal ID information. This allows the Purdue Extension office and 4-H Club leaders to generate reports and other items that they need to inform you of events, and project information. You as a 4-H family can read our newsletters, update your contact information and sign up for events using the V2.4HOnline system. It is important if you move, or change a phone number or email address that you update that information in your family profile. To access this website go to:

<https://v2.4honline.com>

### What is FairEntry?

FairEntry is our data management system for items related to the fair. This system is where classes are selected, auction information is generated, and show programs are managed. All 4-H Livestock members will need to log into this system using their V2.4HOnline profile to place their animals into their proper classes, sign up for showmanship and other club events. It is important that you complete this information when you receive the instructions at the end of May. Not completing this information makes the fair check in process take longer.

## Quality Assurance Program Requirement

This year Purdue is moving to it's own program for youth on Quality Assurance called: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care. This program is for Beef, Dairy Feeder, Dairy, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors. This program will allow the youth to learn more about:

- \*Their role in food animal production
- \*Animal Care

- \*Food Safety

- \*How to use the life skills members learn from their projects.

The new Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality care program will only be offered in person and is \$3.00 payable at the door during the class. You will need to call the Extension office to register or email Nancy Borkholder: [nborkhol@purdue.edu](mailto:nborkhol@purdue.edu). Indiana 4-H will recognize the Youth for Quality Care of Animals program this year as we are transiting, but this will only be offered online at: <https://yqcprogram.org>

The online version is \$12.00. If you chose to complete the online version you must email or drop off a copy of the certificate to the extension office.

The requirement will need to be completed by **May 15, 2023** in order to be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.

### Session Dates & Times:

Key = \*Before Lamb Club Meeting

\*\*Before Beef Club Meeting

\*\*\*Before Goat Club Meeting

2/23 - 6:30 pm - Ag Hall

\*3/06 - 5:30 pm - ECCC - Showalter Rm.

\*\*3/20 - 5:30 pm - Ag Hall

\*\*\*3/21 - 5:30 pm - ECCC - Martin/Fidler Rms.

\*\*\*4/18 - 5:30 pm - Ag Hall

4/25 - 5:30 pm - Fair Board Rm.

4/29 - 9:30 am - Fair Board Rm.

5/04 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm.

5/13 - 10:00 am - Fair Board Rm.



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## Animal Identification

Identification is an important part of your animal project. This will assist in making sure that you keep good records, and know which animal is which. Below is the identification methods that are used by the 4-H program. This is the information that you will need to enter into the 4HOnline system, please check the club deadlines on the next page and verify with your club leaders if you have questions.

Species	County Required Animal Information	Additional State Required Animal Information
Beef & Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag & 5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample
Commercial & Market Heifers & Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag & 5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID Tag & Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Cattle Females	840-RFID Tag & animal's registered name & registration number (or dam's registration number)	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Goat: Females, Registered	Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo; Unregistered: Scrapie Tag or Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Goat: Wethers	5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo- Tattoo is only acceptable if the goat doesn't have ears big enough to tag	
Meat Goat Wethers	5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Boer Goat Females (Registered)	Breed Registry Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Pygmy Goats (Registered)	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches registration papers	
Pygmy Goats (Unregistered)	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	
Horse and Pony	Two Color pictures	
Poultry	See poultry leader for details	
Rabbit	Tattoo, Breed & Sex	
Sheep: Market Lambs	5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Sheep: Commercial Ewes	5-digit County Tag/or official Scrapie Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag
Sheep: Registered Ewes	ID that matches registration papers A copy must be given at check-in at fair	DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag
Swine	840-RFID Tag & Ear Notch	DNA Hair Sample



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### Health Forms

Cats and dogs that will be used for the 4-H program are required to have vet sheets on file. This is for the safety of the animals and the 4-H members. These forms will need to be turned in before the animals can be brought to meetings and trainings. To get a copy of the forms you can go to the following links or hard copies will be available from Purdue Extension or your 4-H leader. Please be sure to read over the forms and complete the appropriate information.

**Vaccination forms for cat, dog, horse and pony may be found on the Elkhart County Extension page listed below:**

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-cat.html>

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-dog.html>

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-horse.html>

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### Animal Lease

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/animal-lease-agreement.pdf>

### State Fair Information

The Indiana State Fair is a great way to showcase 4-H livestock projects from around the state. Many families have a tradition of going down every year to show and make new friends. The State Fair may have some different rules and animal ID requirements than we do in Elkhart County. Note that animals and or products sold in place of that animal are not eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair that same year. Most of their livestock deadlines are June 1, and more information can be found on their website at: [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com)



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Each species of livestock may have different requirements for ID's and other information. Under each one you will find the dates for each. Please check with the volunteers of your 4-H clubs to make sure that you have the most current information.

**Beef - 2023**

2/18 - Tagging Day  
2/25 - Tagging Make Up Date  
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Cat - 2023**

5/15 - Vaccination papers due to club  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Dairy, Guernsey and Jersey - 2023**

5/15 - Lease papers due in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Dairy Feeder Calf - 2023**

5/06 - Tagging Day  
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Dog - 2023**

5/15 - Vaccination papers due to club  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Goat - 2023**

4/29 - Tagging/Tattoo Day  
5/06 - Tagging/Tattoo Day  
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Lamb - 2023**

5/11 - Tagging Day  
5/13 - Tagging Day  
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Poultry - 2023**

4/01 - Ownership deadline for all birds  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/01 - FairEntry completion deadline  
7/08 - Exhibition bird banding & Pullorum testing;  
except turkeys, guineas, call ducks & pigeons  
7/15 - Commercial banding & weigh in;  
except turkeys  
7/20 - Poultry check-in & turkey weigh-in

**Rabbit - 2023**

5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Saddle - 2023**

5/15 - Vaccination papers due in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - Lease papers due in 4HOnline V.2  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline

**Swine - 2023**

5/06 - Mandatory Tagging & Vaccination Day  
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2  
5/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline  
5/20 - 2nd Vaccination Booster  
5/24 - FairEntry opens  
7/06 - FairEntry completion deadline