# ELKHART COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATE 2025

## Welcome.......

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2025 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. Be sure to reach out to your club volunteers as well.

It is also important that if your animal requires Animal ID information to be uploaded into 4-H Online it must be completed by May 15, 2025 in order to be able to show. If you also plan on showing at the Elkhart County Fair you must also complete FairEntry by June 25, 2025.

There are a lot of different ways for you to be involved on a county wide level from Career Development Events and our Livestock Skillathon Contest held in June. I encourage you to participate in one of these great events to grow your skillset and challenge your learning.

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,
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## Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program

Did you know that by participating in Showmanship and the summer Livestock Skillathon contest you are automatically entered into the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program? This is a way to highlight the knowledge of our 4-H members and their hard work. New this year we will be adding the Dog project to the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor program. On the last Saturday of fair we will have our awards program for both the Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Program and the County Livestock Skillathon Contest. We hope you will join this great program!

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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.**

| Club Name | Leader Name | Phone | Email |
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| **4-H Beef Club** | Phil Lechlitner | 574-536-4122 | Elkhartcounty4Hbeefclub@yahoo.com |
| | Steve George | 574-304-9734 | |
| **4-H Cat Club** | Jade Mattson | 574-971-1204 | jade.bobeck@aol.com |
| **Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Club** | Stephanie Kronk | 574-312-8674 | strenshaw08@gmail.com |
| **Elkhart County Dairy Feeder Calf** | Ken Metzler | 574-535-3018 | kdmetzler57@gmail.com |
| **4-H Dog Club** | Melissa Cloud | 574-849-9872 | msebastiancloud@yahoo.com |
| **Goat Club** | Crystal Kniesly | 571-612-3519 | kaprikid@msn.com |
| | Tyler Hunter | 574-274-9982 | jthunterj67@yahoo.com |
| **Guernsey 4-H Club** | Carla Weaver | 574-238-4996 | weaver482@gmail.com |
| **Jersey 4-H Club** | Jenny Gordon | 574-377-0607 | jennygordonakw@gmail.com |
| **Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club** | Betsy Kelly | 574-361-0477 | betsykelly2015@gmail.com |
| | Tim Leer | 574-238-6261 | talfarm@yahoo.com |
| **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 King | 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** or by calling 877-747-3038.

### What is 4HOnline?

4HOnline is our web-based data management system. This is where you sign up, get Project information, 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

All 4-H youth that are exhibiting: Beef, Dairy Feeder, Dairy, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Poultry and Rabbits will need to complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Cares program or Youth for Quality Care of Animals Program. This program will allow the youth to learn more about:

*Their role in food animal production     *Food Safety
*Animal Care     *How to use the life skills members learn from their projects.

The 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 preregister for the classes in 4-H Online: https://QLC20242025.4honline.com
Indiana 4-H will recognize the Youth for Quality Care of Animals program this year as we transition, but this will only be offered online at: https://yqcaprogram.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 **June 15, 2025** in order to be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.

### Session Dates & Times:

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| 1/23 - 6:30 pm - Ag Hall | 2/20 - 6:30 pm - Ag Hall | 4/15 - 6:00 pm - Sheep/Swine Arena (Prior to Goat Club Mtg) |
| 1/27 3:30 pm Fairfield Jr./Sr. High School | 3/04 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm. | 4/26 - 10:00 am - Fair Board Rm. |
| 2/03 - 6:00 pm - Sheep/Swine Arena (prior to Lamb Club Meeting) | 3/24 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm. | 5/01 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm. |
| 2/18 - 6:00 pm - Sheep/Swine Arena (prior to Goat Club Meeting) | 4/14 - 6:30 pm - Fair Board Rm. | |

## 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 |
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| 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<br><br>Dairy Goat: Wethers | Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo; Unregistered: Scrapie Tag or Tattoo<br><br>5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo- Tattoo is only acceptable if the goat doesn't have ears big enough to tag | DNA Hair Sample |
| 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**

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## Club Specific Information

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 - 2025
12/14 - Tagging Day - 9-12 pm Shipshewana Barn
2/15 - Tagging Day - 9-12 pm Shipshewana Barn
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Cat - 2025
5/15 - Vaccination papers due to club
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Dairy, Guernsey and Jersey - 2025
5/15 - Lease papers due in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Dairy Feeder Calf - 2025
5/03 - Tagging Day - 7-10:30 am Dairy Feeder Barn
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Dog - 2025
3/25 - Vaccination papers due to club for new members
4/01 - Vaccination papers due to club for all but new members
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Goat - 2025
4/26 - Tagging Day - Goat Barn
5/03 - Tagging Day - Goat Barn
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Lamb - 2025
5/8 - Tagging Day - 6-9 pm Draft Horse Barn
5/10 - Tagging Day - 7-10 am Draft Horse Barn
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Poultry - 2025
4/01 - Ownership deadline for non commercial birds
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline
7/05 - Exhibition bird banding & Pullorum testing; except turkeys, guineas, call ducks & Pigeons—12-8 pm
7/12 - Commercial banding & weigh in; except turkeys—12-8 pm
7/17 - Poultry check-in & turkey weigh-in - 12-8 pm

### Rabbit - 2025
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Saddle - 2025
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
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline

### Swine - 2025
5/3 - Mandatory Tag & 1st Vaccination Day- 7-11 am
5/17 - Mandatory 2nd Vaccination Day- 7-10 am
(Tag/Vaccine Days - Gate 4, Elkhart Co. Fairgrounds)
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
6/15 - YQCA/IN 4-H QLC completion deadline
5/23 - FairEntry opens
6/25 - FairEntry completion deadline