



2026 FLOYD COUNTY 4-H HANDBOOK



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Indiana State Fair Website www.indianastatefair.com/

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Floyd County 4-H Fair – June 8-12, 2026

Indiana State Fair – August 7-23, 2026 (May be closed Mondays)

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3000 Technology Ave., L2110
New Albany, IN 47150
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Floyd County 4-H Fairgrounds
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General Instructions

COUNTY DEADLINE for project enrollment, animal ID, & QLC/YQCA livestock training is May 15. ALL projects should be recorded in 4-H Green books prior to check-in. This will reflect all the projects taken and exhibited as well as all awards, leadership, civic engagement, community service, animal projects, expenses, meetings and workshops attended that were done throughout the year. These help decide awards at year end and college age youth considering scholarships.

Work Days are as follows. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to attend.

Barn: May 9, 2026, 8 AM to noon,

Newlin Hall: May 23 in Newlin Hall (pressure wash & set up displays)

ALL Exhibit Hall Projects are to be registered in Fair Entry May 1 -15.

Project check-in will take place at Newlin Hall either:

Wednesday, June 3. 10 AM-4 PM. *Drop off only- judges are not available. Or*

Thursday, June 4, 2026, from 5-8 PM, to speak to judges.

******It is the 4-H'ers responsibility (not Extension staff) to register projects in Fair Entry by the deadline so a tag can be printed.*

All livestock will be checked in at the Fairgrounds June 7. Time TBA Completed animal questions and record sheets will be checked at this time as well. Please refer to the individual species for requirements. Each member must check-in with the species superintendent during livestock check-in. Please read all requirements for health regulations for each species, as well as the BOAH requirements. ALL animals must be enrolled online in V2.4HOnline.com YQCA by May 15. *****4-H'er must take either in-person Livestock Care Training or online YQCA training by May 15. If taking the YQCA, 4-H'er must email denglema@purdue.edu with a screenshot of YQCA completion certificate so it can be recorded by our office in 4-H Online by May 15.** Click on the Trainings tab in your profile to verify that training has been recorded. 4-H'er must be enrolled in current program year. ******It is the 4-H'ers responsibility (not Extension staff) to register animals in Fair Entry by the deadline.*

The Fair Officials make every attempt to protect 4-H Exhibits from harm or loss.

However, in no case will Fair Officials or building attendants be held responsible in the case of harm or loss of a project.

Awards Ceremony will be held at a later date. This event is to honor all our 4-H youth members on a job well done this year!

Exhibit Hall Project Check-Out

Indoor Hall exhibits will be released on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 10:00 AM – noon.

Early release is **not** allowed. If unable to pick up your project, please contact the

Extension office or Sam McCollum. After a two-week period, the Extension Office reserves the right to dispose of or recycle any exhibit not picked up.

Animal exhibits MUST remain in place until officially released after the auction. Non-Auction Animals may leave on Saturday, June 13. Auctioned Animals - Sunday, June 14.. **ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE LEAVING THE FAIRGROUNDS.** Auction checks will be distributed after your area has been cleaned.

Projects Qualifying for State Fair Entry-

Indoor Projects (except large, bulky, heavy exhibits) selected for State Fair will be kept and taken to the office for preparation for State Fair entry. Arrangements to make improvements, corrections or repairs can be made. Smaller items taken home must be taken to the Extension Office securely packaged for transport to the State Fair. Every effort is made to keep projects protected like they were submitted, unfortunately, accidents happen. State projects can be delivered and picked up by 4-H'ers. Please let Sam McCollum, mccollui@purdue.edu know if you plan to deliver and pick up your project at the Indiana State Fair.

LEGO kits (over 7000 pieces), LARGE, BULKY, and HEAVY STATE FAIR Exhibits are the responsibility of the 4-H member to transport to and from the Indiana State Fair, not the Extension staff.

Ribbon Placing Entries must meet division guidelines so that they will not be lowered a ribbon placing. Blue, Red, and White placing ribbons will be issued to all exhibits properly entered and meeting all the project guidelines in the Floyd County 4-H Fair. Projects must receive a blue ribbon in order to receive a purple grand champion or lavender reserve champion ribbon. Late entries will receive a participation ribbon only. Any project not evaluated by a judge cannot receive higher than a blue ribbon and is not eligible to advance to Indiana State Competition.

Livestock ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue, Red, White, Yellow or Pink.

Poster & Photography Supplies will not be sold at project check in UNLESS previous arrangements have been made by calling the office prior to June 1, 2026. Exact cash or check payable to Purdue CES Ed Fund only. White poster board, cardboard backing, and poster sleeves are \$1.50 each. Poster kits are \$4.00. We also have photography salon sleeves \$1.50 and salon backing for \$3.00. Trifolds are \$3.

Project Manuals are found online or at the Extension office. To pick up at the office, call 812-948-5470 for availability. Some manuals are free downloads.

Miscellaneous

Minors must be supervised at all times during fair. Do not leave minors unattended.

If unsure where to place project in Fair Entry, please call the Extension office.

For 4-H Exhibit Hall projects to be eligible, they must have been completed after the close of the previous fair and not previously exhibited at the Floyd County Fair or any other 4-H Fair.

Project guidelines may be updated each year. Check the guidelines for projects that have extra paperwork needed to accompany project. Call the Extension Office or your leader for further assistance.

If a 4-H member chooses to exhibit in a lower grade level than their current grade level, the judge will grade the project by its own merits and the highest ribbon placement can only be a blue ribbon. A 4-H member may exhibit in a higher level, but may not return to a lower level. Special situations will be addressed and adjusted by the Youth Educator following the individual needs of the member.

If a 4-H'er enrolls in the most advanced project division, they may repeat the last division available again as long as you do not enter the same exhibit twice. Enter a different exhibit each year. Enrollment is limited to 3 years in one level unless special needs pertain to repeated levels.

Youth can earn Clover Coins by participating in 4-H activities throughout the year from club leaders, adult volunteers, and Extension Staff. Coins are transferable to the next program year. At the end-of-year celebration (or the fair), youth can turn in Clover Coins for prizes such as:

4-H swag (t-shirts, water bottles, lanyards), end of the year Clover Coin Auction, Project supplies (craft kits, animal care items, science kits), grand prizes (headphones, games, STEM kits – higher Clover Coin cost).

Adult Volunteers who sign the sign in sheet that are approved can earn free youth enrollment next year with 12 hours service this year or other prizes!

IN THE EVENT GUIDELINES ARE NOT IN THIS HANDBOOK, THE STATE FAIR HANDBOOK/WEBSITE RULES AND GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED. IF NO GUIDELINES EXIST, THE 4-H CORPORATION BOARD AND THE 4-H YOUTH EXTENSION EDUCATOR WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION.

Foods: see National Center for Home Food Preservation: <https://nchfp.uga.edu/>

Beginning in the year 2000, all county and state fair handbooks must contain the entire policy as stated below:

For Food Competitions: Fillings, frostings, glazes, and meringues are not permitted to contain cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, or whipped cream if they are not fully cooked/baked. These items are allowed as ingredients in food products IF the final product is cooked/baked. Additionally, raw milk, raw milk products or uncooked eggs/egg whites are not permitted. Eggs/egg whites that have been cooked to 160oF (i.e. pasteurized or included as part of a batter and baked) are acceptable. No home- canned fruits, vegetables, or meats are permitted as ingredients in food products.

Fresh-cut, uncooked, fruits and/or vegetables are not permitted to be used in food products or used as garnishes for the product. Foods should be transported to the competition in a way that minimizes contamination and maintains the quality of the food (i.e. foods that are judged as frozen should remain frozen at all times).

Recipes must be provided that identifies all ingredients that were used in each part of the product. Any ingredient that could be a potential allergen must be clearly identified. Each

food product must be labeled with the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Contact information (phone and/or email address)
- Date the food product was made

Contestants should carefully **wash their hands** and make sure that their hands do not have any open cuts before preparing foods. If cuts are present, the wound should be bandaged and a single use food service glove worn on the hand during all stages of food production. Contestants should not be preparing food exhibits for competition within 48 hours of recovering from any illness. People experiencing symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and/or jaundice should not be allowed to prepare food.

Judges and individuals who will consume products from county and/or state competitions should be informed that they are at risk for foodborne illness since the established policy cannot guarantee that an entry has been properly prepared or handled before, during or following the competition. The food products for competitions are home produced and processed and the production area is not inspected by the Indiana State Department of Health.

Tasting of a food product is solely at the discretion of the judge and consumers. Judges are NOT to taste any home preserved foods such as low-acid or acidified foods like green beans, tomatoes or tomato products, jams/jellies/fruit preserves or fermented products produced in the home.

Electric Kits

4-H'ers may purchase prepackaged kits directly from EE in a Box, <https://shop.eeinabox.com/main.sc>, or call the Extension office for availability. EE in a Box order form is located on the [4-H Electric](#) web page under "Other".

Youth may exhibit a product of their choice demonstrating appropriate skills and are not confined to exhibiting a specific item. Activity sheets are posted on the [4-H Electric](#) page youth can complete in order to develop skills. Each activity includes a supply list. Supplies can be purchased by an individual, or a business.

POSTER TIPS - see individual project guidelines for information

1. Poster Board – any color is acceptable; however, fluorescent is not suggested.
 - Experiment with color. Example: use earthy colors (light brown, natural, greens, rust) for wildlife or photography.
2. Mounting Adhesives – The best is rubber cement. It leaves no marks and won't wrinkle the paper. Excess can easily be rubbed off after cement dries. Do not put plastic covering over poster where rubber cement has been used until completely dry. The fumes will bubble the plastic, ruining it. Rubber cement may discolor photos if it is not Acid Free, be sure to check label. Double stick tape is best for leaves and is quick. White glue should be used only in cases where wrinkling or damage will not occur.

3. Colored Pencils – The best are soft leaded - easy to color and blend easily (can be purchased at art stores). Strokes will not show if handled properly. Hard leaded pencils are less expensive but are more difficult to use
4. Plastic Tape – Not necessary but makes attaching poster board to stiff backing easy. Available in many colors (cloth or plastic) and available at discount stores. When using wider tape, approximately 1" wide, it can be applied so that the extra wraps around creating a border for the poster.
5. Lettering – Purchased lettering may be used as well as stencils, self-adhesive letters or press type, computer generated, or hand lettered are all acceptable forms of titling and labeling posters. Be sure whatever form is chosen that the letters are applied straight, neatly and are easy to read. Your title should catch people's attention.
Think creatively and as if you are marketing your idea. What would you stop to look at? What do you want to know?
6. Labels:
 - Information labels –cardstock works exceptionally well. It is attractive and sturdy for gluing without bubbles or crinkles. Typed is best for easy reading and looks neater.
 - Check manual for size, some projects are specific.
 - Check project guidelines and project manuals for information that needs to be included.
 - Pre-printed exhibit labels (name, project, grade, & club) will be given to exhibitors at project check-in. These should be affixed in lower right-hand corner of poster board.

Most important - be creative and think about what would make a poster unique and encourage people to stop and look at it. Part of attracting people is being neat and easy to read making it fun to view.

**GRIEVANCE/APPEAL GUIDELINES FOR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM ISSUES
(ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, PROJECTS)**

The grievance procedures outlined in this document are utilized as part of an internal process of the Indiana 4-H Youth Development program when grievances of 4-H members, their parents/guardians, or 4-H volunteers cannot be resolved via reasonable conversation. This policy affords the opportunity in those unique situations to allow voice or opinion to be heard when there is a dispute regarding 4-H participation, activities or programs. **This is not a mechanism for complaints against individual 4-H members (or their families), 4-H volunteers, judging officials for competitive events, or Purdue Extension staff.** All resulting decisions will be made in accordance with the Indiana 4-H Program's stated mission to be an inclusive

organization designed to encourage and maximize youth participation. The rights of the individual filing the grievance are limited to those provided by Indiana 4-H Program policy.

Purdue University, as the Land Grant University in Indiana, is charged (by the United States Department of Agriculture) with implementing the 4-H Program in communities across the State of Indiana.

Purdue Extension Educators in each Indiana county represent the university in local communities and have the responsibility of assuring all 4-H volunteers meet basic university criteria as they serve as representatives of the university. Purdue Extension Educators additionally provide oversight to 4-H volunteers including the assurance that Indiana 4-H Policies and Procedures are appropriately implemented in 4-H Program delivery.

Individual county 4-H policies and procedures should be created and reviewed to assure they do not contradict established statewide 4-H policies and procedures. If a contradiction is discovered during the grievance process, Indiana 4-H Program policy shall be followed in determining the grievance outcome.

1. Grievances are made by completing the Indiana 4-H Grievance/Appeal form with the burden of proof being the responsibility of the individual filing the completed grievance/appeal form and supporting documentation shall be presented to the president of the 4-H policy-making body (e.g., 4-H Council) or the Purdue Extension Educator who works with the 4-H Program. (NOTE: concerns regarding staff, volunteers, members, or other individuals are not issues for which a grievance may be filed. 4-H volunteers are assigned by the 4-H Extension Educator. Concerns regarding 4-H volunteers, members, or other individuals should be addressed directly with the Purdue 4-H Extension Educator.)
2. Grievances pertaining to 4-H activities, programs or projects shall be filed within 14 days of an incident or Grievances pertaining to county fair related issues are often time-sensitive and must be filed within 24 hours of the incident.
3. The grievance process occurs in the county where the issue or concern arises and offers two opportunities for a concern to be heard and reviewed.
 - A. The grievance is initially heard by an unbiased, representative grievance sub-committee of approved 4-H Volunteers. It is the Purdue Extension Educator assigned to 4-H Programming who shall annually work with the chair of the county 4-H Council to determine this committee's membership to include a combination of 3-6 of the following individuals: one representative of the 4-H Council; two 4-H volunteers serving as a 4-H club organizational leader; one member of the County Extension Board; one 4-H volunteer knowledgeable in the subject matter (project) of concern (this individual will vary dependent on the issue raised with the grievance); one youth representative; and up to three community leaders. The Purdue Extension Educator assigned to 4-H shall convene the group.
 - B. The person filing a grievance may appeal a decision of the 4-H Grievance Committee to the State 4-H Program Leader or The Program Leader or designee will review the facts in evidence and render a decision. This is the second and **final level** in the appeal process.

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** The intent of a two-level process is to assure different individuals have the opportunity to hear and act on the grievance. ALL individuals involved at any level of the grievance procedure are reminded of the importance of keeping discussions regarding grievances confidential.

To maintain the confidentiality of the parties involved, the grievance hearings at each level will be closed to the public. Only the individuals who have filed the grievance, the members of the grievance committee, and the Purdue Extension Educators will be present during each level of the grievance process, ***The grievance process is internal to the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program and meetings of the grievance committees are not subject to Indiana's Open-Door Policy.

The Purdue Extension Educator assigned to work with the 4-H Program has the obligation to inform all parties that there is a grievance procedure if there are disagreements with policies.

The practice of charging fees from those filing grievances shall be eliminated and all counties will utilize the Indiana 4-H Grievance/Appeal Form as part of the grievance process.



Grievance Appeal Form

This form is to be completed by a 4-H Youth or Family wishing to appeal the decision made by the County Grievance Committee.

Required Attachments:

- Grievance Form
- Copy of Policy or Procedure from Handbook related to the Grievance

Form Received by: _____

Printed name of Extension staff member receiving form

Form Received on: _____ at _____

Date

Time

Grievance hearing date and time: _____ at _____

Date

time

Form submitted by: _____

Printed name(s) of 4-H members(s) filing grievance

Please answer the below questions. Additional pages may be attached if needed.

Describe the decision made by the County Grievance Committee:

Explain the reason for appealing the above decision:

What solution are you hoping to reach with this appeal?

Signature of Parent

Youth Name

County Name

Indiana 4-H Grievance Form

WARNING: You must read and initial this section before proceeding to complete this document.

- _____ 1. I understand and agree that filing a grievance that alleges
 - A. facts that are not true, or
 - B. facts that I know are not true, or
 - C. facts I should know are not true: will be considered a violation of the 4-H behavioral expectations.
- _____ 2. I understand and agree that all statements made herein by me are subject to the pains and penalties of perjury and I hereby affirm that my statements herein are true.
- _____ 3. I understand that perjury is a crime in Indiana.

I, the undersigned, allege that the following term(s) and condition(s) have been violated:

The facts which support this allegation are set out as follows:

(If needed, additional sheets may be attached.)

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ that I have read, understand, and accept the above statements to be true, accurate, and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Time Submitted: _____

Print your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Oath ⁽³⁾

Before me, _____ A Notary Public in and for _____ County, State of Indiana, personally appeared _____ and he/she being first duly sworn by me upon his/her oath, says that the facts alleged in the foregoing instrument are true.

(signed) _____ My commission expires: _____

(SEAL)

1. Perjury –making a false, material statement under oath or affirmation, knowing the statement to be false or not believing it to be true. In Indiana, a person who commits perjury commits a Level 6 felony,⁽⁴⁾ which may be punishable by imprisonment, fine, or restitution (Indiana Code 35-44.1-2-1 and 35-50-2-1)
2. Prosecution for violations of Indiana law will be referred to the proper authorities.
3. Oath – An affirmation of truth of a statement before an authorized person.
4. Felony – A crime of graver or more serious nature than those designated as misdemeanors.

By May 15

Grievance/Appeal /Guidelines

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Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy

The safety and well-being of 4-H members and volunteers is a primary concern with all Indiana 4-H Program opportunities. Families should err on the side of caution in selecting a dog for the 4-H member to exhibit. A dog that has a known history of aggression or biting is not appropriate for involvement in the 4-H Program. On occasion, the 4-H member may have difficulty managing their dog within the 4-H Program. The following guidance has been provided for the Indiana 4-H Dog Program as the owner/exhibitor of the dog bears responsibility for the dog's actions. In the subsequent policy, the term "4-H Dog Personnel" will include County 4-H Volunteers, County Extension Educators, State 4-H Staff and appropriate County and State Fair Directors.

A dog that bites a human or another dog at any 4-H Dog Event must be immediately removed from that event by the 4-H member and will subsequently be excused from the 4-H Program. The member should be directed by 4-H Dog Personnel on-site to remove the dog if the member does not willingly. If a determination is made by the 4-H Dog Personnel that a dog bit in self-defense, it may be allowed to remain at the 4-H Dog Event.

Dogs that display other signs of aggression, including but not limited to barking and standing ground, growling, lunging and snapping will be given one verbal warning. They will be removed from the event after the second violation at the same event. To be removed from a 4-H Dog Event, there must be two violations at the same event.

Any dog that is removed from a 4-H Dog Event due to aggressive behavior will be placed on probation for 2 weeks. Written notification of the probation will be given to the 4-H member. The 2-week period will start upon written notification to the 4-H member. While on probation, the 4-H Dog Personnel and the 4-H member and parents will work together to determine the best course of action for the dog. This may include (but is not limited to) working individually with the dog and 4-H member, asking the 4-H member to use a different dog or having the 4-H member attend events without their dog. At the end of the designated probation period, 4-H Dog Personnel will decide regarding the dog's return to 4-H Dog Events.

Dogs that are removed from a 4-H Dog Event twice will be immediately excused from the 4-H program and will not be allowed to re-enter. Excusing a dog from the 4-H Program is rare but could be necessary for the safety of 4-H members, volunteers, and other participating dogs. Should a dog be excused from the program, it must be remembered that the action is against dog and not the 4-H member. 4-H Dog Personnel should look at many solutions and encourage the 4-H member to attend classes without their dog while training it at home or potentially bringing another dog to 4-H events. 4-H members will always be welcome in every other part of the dog project.

In the event that a dog is removed from a 4-H Dog Event or excused from the 4-H program, 4-H Dog Personnel should report such to the State 4-H Office so that the information is available at all county 4-H dog programs and the Indiana State Fair.



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**Indiana 4-H Aggressive Dog Policy Incident
Reporting Form**

Date of Incident: _____ County: _____

4-H member name: _____ Breed of Dog: _____

Dog Color and Markings: _____ Dog's Name: _____

Microchip number (if applicable): _____

Description of Incident:

Action Taken:

Person Completing Form: _____ Role: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

This completed form should be turned into the Purdue Extension County Office within 24 hours of the incident. It should then be forwarded to the State 4-H Office.

Floyd County 4-H Livestock Rules and Regulations

Any discussions and/or concerns of 4-H Livestock Rules and/or Regulations and their interpretation, or the granting of exceptions, must be brought to the Livestock Committee in written form and signed by the person requesting consideration of the request.

To be eligible to show at the Floyd County 4-H Fair, all Livestock Members must enroll animal online using <https://v2.4honline.com> **AND** <https://fairentry.com/> for each species being shown and must include all animals being brought to the Fairgrounds. This online enrollment must be completed by 11:59 pm on May 15. Instructions and other important livestock information are found <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/> by clicking on the Animal Science tab.

Animal Trainings must be completed by May 15 or will not be able to bring animals NO EXCEPTIONS! Check the Trainings tab in 4-H Online to verify the current year is recorded.

YQCA vs Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (QLC)

All 4-H'ers in grades 3-12, who wish to show animals (except Dog, Horse, Pony, Llama & Alpaca) at the 2026 Floyd County 4-H Fair Showcase **MUST** take either the YQCA **OR** the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (QLC) before May 15. If taking the YQCA or the QLC at another county, 4-H'er must provide completion certificate to the Floyd County 4-H Office to file in 4-H Online. To verify current training was recorded, check 4-H'ers profile under the Trainings tab.

In-Person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training (QLC) is for those showing at a county level (excluding Dog, Horse, Pony, Llama and Alpaca). **4-H'ers must register in 4-H Online under Events before the deadline.** Training is free and only offered in-person. By attending, our office will record it in 4-H Online for you if you sign in when you arrive at training. **Must be completed by May 15 or will not be able to bring animals -NO EXCEPTIONS!** To verify current training was recorded, check 4-H'ers profile under the Trainings tab.

OR

Online YQCA Certification - Must be completed by May 15 or will not be able to bring animals NO EXCEPTIONS! This is a new state 4-H requirement. YQCA (Youth Quality Care of Animals) is for those showing animals all year round. This is only offered online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and there is a fee for animals (excluding Dog, Horse, Pony, Llama and Alpaca.) Once taken, 4-H'ers are responsible for **emailing a completed certificate to denglema@purdue.edu or bring a printed certificate to the Floyd County Extension office by May 15 to be recorded in 4-H Online.** For more information, please contact your specie superintendent or 4-H Extension Educator. To verify current training was recorded, check 4-H'ers profile under the Trainings tab.

Pet classes cannot compete for Grand Champion placement.

Beef and Dairy Beef Market Steers to be identified in <https://v2.4honline.com> by May 15.

Rabbit enrollment is done in 4-H Online and in Fair Entry by May 15 by the 4-H'er.

Poultry enrollment is done in 4-H Online only by May 15 by the 4-H'er. A poultry enrollment form, found on the website, needs to be given to the poultry superintendent instead of Fair Entry.

Swine that will not be auctioned should leave the fairgrounds 72 hours after check-in as BOAH strongly recommends this to prevent the spread of Swine flu.

Goats & Sheep. Please read **BOAH** requirements for tagging of goats and sheep. Rules for identifying each species can be found at www.extension.purdue.edu/floyd. All animals brought to the Fair must be properly identified. Questions regarding tagging should be directed to the specie superintendents. **Goats must be a year old or under.**

All animals brought to the Fair must be checked by a veterinarian and Livestock Superintendent **before** they are unloaded. If a vet is unavailable, the final decision will be made by the superintendent and the 4-H Educator. Livestock that originated from out-of-state **MUST** have health certificate with the animal at time of check-in. Livestock pens will be assigned by superintendent.

Livestock Pen Tags

All Livestock pens must have a Livestock Member Tag above each pen. These are green, full sheet, cardstock signs, that identify the 4-H'er exhibiting the animal(s). They will be available from Livestock Superintendents at check-in.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS: Grade in school on January 1 of the current year.

Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in grades 3-5 are eligible.

Intermediate Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in grades 6-8 are eligible.

Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible.

A Master Showman of each specie is determined through a final round of showmanship which the Champion of each class will compete.

4-H Fair Rules and Regulations

1. No smoking of any kind in the barns.
2. No alcoholic beverages permitted on the 4-H Fairgrounds.
3. If bedding is available, Floyd County Livestock Committee will provide the bedding for stalls. In the event that bedding is not provided, livestock exhibitors will provide bedding for their animals. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their stall/pen area and aisles clean.
4. All animal stalls must be cleaned before animals leave the Fairgrounds.
5. No animals forward of cattle barn (between cattle barn or grass show ring, and front entrance).

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6. No leaving the Fairgrounds with animals during the Fair. Animals needing to be removed from the grounds prior to release time due to illness must be approved by Livestock Committee.
7. All personal property must be kept neat and locked up. Floyd County 4-H and Fairgrounds are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
8. Barns and stalls must be clean and neat by 9:00 AM. and kept clean all day. Superintendents will be making rounds in the barns to ensure 4-H members are completing this task.
9. Don't forget to feed and water animals on a regular schedule.
10. No dogs allowed on Fairgrounds unless they are in a 4-H Dog Show or service animals.
11. No pregnant/lactating animals are to be shown at the fair.
12. All 4-H members and parents or guardians must abide by all rules or they will be asked to leave with their livestock. **NO QUESTIONS ASKED.**
13. No vehicles parked around the barns after 4:00 pm during the Fair. Vehicles should be moved to the designated parking area before 4:00 pm.
14. Only verified 4-H Volunteers will be allowed to be in show areas during 4-H shows. Sign up by May 1 at <https://v2.4honline.com> to become an approved screened 4-H Volunteer.
15. The 4-H animal exhibitor may receive clipping and grooming assistance only from their **immediate family** which is defined as father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, legal guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, grandfather, step-grandfather, grandmother, step-grandmother, aunt, uncle, first cousins or from another Floyd County 4-H exhibitor. Floyd County 4-H Animal Superintendents may assist an exhibitor. Guardianships granted on a temporary basis for the purpose of circumventing these terms and conditions will not be recognized as family. **A 4-H animal exhibit may not be maintained at a professional fitter's facility. Violator's animal(s) will be disqualified from respective specie show and not allowed the privilege of participating in the 4-H Livestock Auction.**
 - A. **A professional groomer may assist in grooming as long as they are an approved volunteer through v2.4honline.com.**
 - B. **All grooming must be completed no later than 30 minutes before the start of an animal show.**
16. Animals cannot be tied to any of the 4-H Fairgrounds' fences or fence posts.
17. Shoes MUST be worn at all times while on property. If you are working with animals, closed toe shoes are required. (No Crocs, flip flops or sandals). Due to safety issues any individuals not wearing appropriate footwear will be asked to leave if they cannot comply.
18. Show birds will need tested. This only includes one bird per flock located on property.

Testing can be completed during ID day or scheduled with the poultry superintendent on barn set-up days.

19. No Billy Goats.

Overnight Stays

1. A parent or legal guardian must accompany members staying overnight. Aunts/Uncles do not qualify. There will be no liability coverage provided to 4-H leaders and staff during overnight stays at fairs unless the 4-H Youth participant(s) are accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian at all times.
2. The time normally associated with overnight is that time when the fair shuts down for the evening or by midnight and until early morning feeding of animals (early morning is normally construed as morning light in our summer season).
3. Adults/parents officially assigned to watch 4-H projects overnight at county/state fairs are still covered by Purdue University liability insurance. However, this is not to be confused with the aforementioned policy regarding 4-H youth.
4. 4-H members must be in the barn by 11:00 PM. After lights out, no one will leave the barns without permission.
5. Final authority will rest with the Security Officers. Abide by the rules or 4-H members will be asked to leave with their livestock. **NO QUESTIONS ASKED.**

Livestock Auction Rules

1. A 4-H member must show his/her own animal at the auction in order to sell. Exceptions must be brought to the Livestock Committee.
2. For a 4-H member to have the privilege of selling in the auction, they must have at least one (1) indoor project at Newlin Hall.
3. To sell an animal the 4-H exhibitor must have been in a Showmanship Class for that species being sold.
4. The following species may be sold through the Auction: Beef, Goat (either sex), Poultry Meat Pen, Rabbit Meat Pen, Sheep, and Swine.
5. A 4-H member may sell up to three animals at the auction, limit of two per species, and only one of which may be a market steer. Poultry meat pens, (between 6 & 8 weeks) = 2 animals in a cage. Rabbit meat pens (between 8-10 weeks old) = 3 in a cage. Examples could include 2 meat pen cages & 1 swine or 2 goats & 1 meat pen cage or 1 steer & 2 swine or 1 swine, 1 goat & meat pen cage. **Goats must be a year old or under.** A 4-H member selling a market steer may sell two animals of another species. A Rabbit Meat Pen or a Poultry Broiler Pen count as one animal. The Poultry superintendent will be taking orders by March 10 and delivered the 3rd week of April.
6. **An auction fee of \$25.00 and form must be paid for each animal placed in the auction. Make check payable to the Floyd County 4-H Corporation Board, Inc. and**

mail to P.O. Box 6805, New Albany, IN 47151 or dropped off at the Floyd County Extension Office. No fees or forms will be accepted after animal check in.

7. After weigh-in if an animal is listed on the auction list, it must go through the auction. (With the exception of swine not meeting weight requirements.)
8. Species sale order will be determined by the Livestock Committee.
 - Swine weights are recommended between 200 and 300 pounds to sell in the auction.
 - Swine weighing over 300 pounds may still sell, but their weight will be listed on the auction bill as 300 pounds.
 - Grand, followed by Reserve Grand Champions will sell first in the Auction, then Division Champions sell first when their species sell, then all others sell according to the drawing for auction sale order.
9. 4-H members must get their seller's photo sign from check-out table and deliver to their buyer in the stands after selling their animal.
10. Upon sale of animal, the animal becomes the property of the buyer. **HOWEVER**, the 4-H member will be expected to maintain the animal and deliver animals upon buyer's request.
11. 4-H members may obtain their checks for sale animals once all barns, 4-H Fairgrounds, Newlin Hall, and the fairgrounds property are adequately cleaned.
12. Checks will be traded for a thank you note to buyers, to be mailed by 4-H Extension Educator.
13. Mini 4-H members cannot sell in Auction but may show livestock with signed Mini Liability Form.
14. Animals that are returned to child during the auction, that youth is responsible for the animal.
15. Any animal sold and returned to child during auction **CANNOT** be shown at State Fair.
16. As of 2019, Floyd County 4-H Fair Auction is premium only. The buyer may have the option of keeping the animal or returning to child. If an animal is auctioned, it is not eligible to participate in the Indiana State Fair.
17. To participate in the livestock auction, a 4-H member must wear either a 4-H t-shirt or a button-up dress shirt, nice jeans and closed toe shoes. No Crocs, flip flops or sandals.
18. 4-H'ers should stand beside animal when in the auction ring.
19. 4-H youth **CANNOT** request that their animal be returned to them during the auction. **DO NOT SELL YOUR ANIMAL IF YOU DO NOT WANT IT TO BE SENT TO THE PROCESSOR.**

Llama and Alpaca 4-H Biosecurity Procedures

Training & Animal Etiquette

- No open-toed shoes when working with the animals.

- Please do not feed or work with someone else's animal unless you have owner's permission.
- Make sure animal's halter fits correctly and is not restricting breathing.
- Animals should be in good health and pass a FAMACHA and Body score test with no visible skin infections or parasites.
- No jerking animals on lead or abusive behavior toward an animal will be allowed.
- If proper desensitizing has not taken place during training meetings, Pack and Costume class will not be allowed during any shows.
- When grooming animals, please use only your farm's belongings.
- When working at the fairgrounds, please help with cleaning up the property when training is completed.
- Parents or Guardians are NOT allowed to assist other youth (not their own) during training or fair unless verified as a Floyd County 4-H Volunteer. Please call (812)948-5470 for registration information.

Fair Week Requirements

- Species questions will be due at or before animal check in.
- Each Llama must pass an inspection from a vet which will be supplied by the club if available. If a vet is unavailable, the final decision will be made by the superintendent and the 4-H Educator.
- **Animals are to remain at the fair for the entirety of the event except for Swine who must leave 72 hours after check in. Animals are only allowed to leave property if ill, injured or deemed necessary by animal superintendent.**
- The vet or any livestock superintendent may ask you to quarantine/remove your animal at any time if there are any visible ailments that would put your animal or anyone else's animal at risk.
- You are responsible for care of your animals for the entire length of fair.
- Farms will be stalled with their animals only. No sharing stalls to ensure proper biosecurity measures are followed.
- No sharing of equipment, please label all your items.
- Each Llama should have their own tack, stall mats, water buckets and fans.
- You will be required to fill out your stall sheet daily to ensure animals are taken care of.
- Dress appropriately for all shows. Showmanship clothing should be business attire. No jeans. Performance shows should have attire that is appropriate for running and being active with animals.

2026 Floyd County 4-H Fair General Rules and Policies

Membership

1. 4-H members should enroll in a project or division of the project for which he or she is best suited. A member always exhibits in the highest division completed.
2. A 4-H member living in one county may be a member in another county.
3. Youth may become 4-H members when they enter the third grade and continue through grade 12. They may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) consecutive years. An individual will be considered in the grade they are classified regardless of the time of year they enroll in 4-H and will advance in grade when they enroll in school the next year.

Indoor Projects

1. Floyd County 4-H exhibits – All members will follow the instructions of their leaders for preparation of their projects for exhibit, transportation and release of projects. The project exhibit is prepared according to the 4-H guidelines.
2. Any project condoning or promoting the use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will not be accepted.
3. Any projects submitted after check-in can only receive a green participation ribbon.
4. Placing in all projects will be done on the Danish system. An exhibit may receive a blue, red, or white ribbon depending upon the quality of exhibits as indicated by the judge.
5. Judging will be based on project guidelines, workmanship, preparation of articles for exhibit, suitability for purpose, beauty and originality of design as well as harmony of colors and materials.
6. No article can be shown with a FOR SALE sign.
7. Club Projects – A Champion will be given to a group or club exhibit, but the exhibit will not be considered for a Grand Champion.
8. Open Judging -Only the 4-H'er who is the exhibitor of the project will be allowed past the door to discuss their project with the Judge. Adults are asked to wait behind the line.
9. Open Judging Exhibitors are strongly urged to dress in proper attire in a manner appropriated for your Open Judging Exhibit. The judge may take into consideration your attire when deciding final placings. Examples of such appropriate dress would include the following: Boys: Dress slacks or shorts, nice jeans, button down or collared shirt. Girls: Dress slacks or shorts, nice jeans, sundresses, skorts, skirts – all with appropriate tops. It is suggested that exhibitors NOT wear flip flops, Crocs, halter tops, baggy pants, cut-offs, midriff tops, or tops with spaghetti straps.

Livestock

10. All livestock exhibit classes will be placed first through final place, in addition to the Danish ribbon placing. In order for an exhibit to receive a Champion ribbon, an exhibit must be a blue-ribbon exhibit and worthy of a Champion as indicated by the judge.

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11. There must be three (3) entries in a section or class for a Champion to be selected unless the judge warrants a special Champion.
12. After Champion is selected, the second-place exhibit in that same class automatically becomes eligible to show for Reserve; likewise, a Reserve Champion to an exhibit selected for Grand Champion becomes eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.
13. Club Projects – A Champion will be given to a group or club exhibit but the exhibit will not be considered for a Grand Champion.
14. **ALL MEMBERS MUST ENTER AND SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS.** Exception: If the member has more than one animal in a class. 4-H'er must get permission from Species Superintendent to have another Floyd County 4-H'er show their additional animal.
15. Records must be complete to be eligible for State Fair entry or to be eligible for Champion selection. Prior to judging, 4-H leaders will notify the Extension Office of incomplete records from their club and the highest ribbon received will be a red ribbon. Also, those exhibiting livestock with incomplete records in addition to the above will be ineligible to participate in the livestock auction.
16. All unauthorized personnel will vacate premises by midnight.
17. Any exhibitor using excessive abuse on his exhibit animals will be eliminated from the show. Excessive abuse shall include burning, stabbing, gouging, punching, use of electric shocker, etc., which is considered cruel and inhumane treatment of show animals.
18. No alterations to the buildings will be allowed without prior approval of the Corporation Board.
19. No pets or livestock on the 4-H Grounds unless being shown. (Excluding practice times)
20. **No skateboards or rollerblades on 4-H Grounds. Please do not ride bicycles past 4 PM, block the door or bring bikes inside Newlin Hall.**
21. No alcoholic beverages allowed on 4-H Grounds.
22. No smoking of any kind in any of the buildings located on the 4-H Fairgrounds.
23. 4-H members will be expected to follow the behavioral code of conduct.
24. Records must be complete to participate in the livestock auction.
25. 4-H animals exhibited after the May 15 animal enrollment deadline at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment forms, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animals.
26. 4-H livestock exhibitors are recommended to wear proper attire when exhibiting livestock in the show ring. Livestock exhibitors are strongly urged to dress in a manner appropriate to show livestock. Examples of such appropriate dress would include button down shirts, golf shirts with collar, jeans or long pants, and, if possible, work boots or work shoes to protect feet. It is suggested exhibitors not wear tank tops, T-shirts (4-H t-shirts are allowed), midriffs, halter tops, baggy pants, tops with spaghetti straps, shorts, cut offs. Sandals, Crocs or flip flops are not allowed. The judge may use these guidelines as criteria for final placings.
27. No clothing may be worn by an exhibitor that identifies farm name and/or breed during judged competition.

28. All equipment being used at the Fair must be safe to 4-H members, livestock and the general public. Any individual using heavy equipment MUST have special permission by the Floyd County Corporation Board before use. Unsafe equipment will be removed from the 4-H Grounds.

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4-H Youth Development Liability -Please understand that participating in 4-H activities can involve certain risks to your child. Those risks may include injury or harm, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, disability, exposure to COVID-19 and other viruses and or illnesses, and death. During virtual 4-H activities, understand that program staff are not providing supervision for your child during the online program, and the Released Parties do not have control over the information available through the internet or other electronic data sources beyond that which is a part of the 4-H activity. On behalf of your child, fully assume the inherent risks associated with your child participating in 4-H activities and assert that your child has chosen to participate in this program with your express approval. You hereby release and discharge Purdue University, The Trustees of Purdue University, the Floyd County Commissioners, the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service, and each of their trustees, officers, appointees, agents, employees, and volunteers ("Released Parties") from all claims which your child or you might have for any injury or harm to your child, arising out of your child's participation in any activity related to the 4-H program, even if such injury or harm is caused by the negligence or fault of any of the Released Parties. You do not, however, release these individuals and entities from liability for intentional, willful or wanton acts and this release shall not be construed to include such acts.

Mini 4-H'ers (Grades K-2)

Indoor hall exhibits can be entered in Fair Entry for the county fair and are not eligible for State. All Mini entries receive a blue ribbon. Mini's can bring any project they wish.

Mini's showing animals—Mini's may borrow another 4-H'ers animal, under 300 lbs. to show in the county showmanship class. They are not allowed to bring their own animals to the fair. Mini ribbons are awarded only in sportsmanship. Mini's do not participate in auction. All Mini's must sign a Mini liability waiver for every animal. This is found on the Floyd County website. If you have questions that are not addressed in this handbook, please call the office 812-948-5470 or contact Sam at mccolluj@purdue.edu.

Animal Identification Guidelines

Animal Type	Floyd County 4-H	Additional State Fair Requirements	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Dairy Feeder Steers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag		May 15
Commercial/Market Heifers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and tattoo	DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag	Registered Name and Number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Dairy Goat, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo		May 15
Dairy Goat, Unregistered	Official ID (scrapie ID or 840 ID)	Not State Fair Eligible	May 15
Dairy Goat Wethers	5-digit county tag and Official ID (scrapie ID or Registration ID or 840 RFID Tag)		May 15
Meat Goat Wethers and Market Does	5-digit county tag and Official ID (scrapie ID or Registration ID or 840 RFID Tag)	840 RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Meat Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Pygmy Goats	840 ID or scrapie ID or Registration ID (tattoo or microchip)		May 15
Horse and Pony	Color picture showing face and all four feet		May 15
Sheep: Market Lambs	Floyd County 5-digit county tag and Official ID (scrapie ID or 840 RFID Tag)	840 RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Sheep: Commercial Ewes	Floyd County 5-digit county tag and Official ID (scrapie ID or 840 RFID Tag)	840 RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Sheep: Registered Ewes	Floyd County 5-digit county tag and Official ID (ID matching Registration papers)	840 RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample	May 15
Swine	840-RFID tag and ear notch	DNA Hair sample	May 15

Livestock Committee

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