

TO: 4-H Llama/Alpaca Exhibitors  
RE: 4-H Online Livestock Identification (Enrollment)

April 2022

Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe that May is right around the corner. As a reminder, all other livestock (except cat, dog, and poultry) will need to be identified in the 4-H Online system by **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022** in order to be eligible to show at both the County and Indiana State Fairs. *Because this date falls on a weekend, 4-H Online will remain open through Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> statewide for members to complete all Animal ID information.*

Enclosed with this letter are step-by-step directions for identifying your **Llama & Alpaca** Animals on 4-H Online. Since there are NO paper copies of the enrollment forms available for large livestock, it will be **YOUR** responsibility to enter your livestock's information onto 4-H Online. There will be laptops and assistance available at tag-in to help you enter your animals' information. *Note:* This year you will receive individual mailings of all livestock species you are in. For example, if someone in your family is involved in Beef and Swine, you will receive one packet for Beef and one packet for Swine. If your family does not receive the instruction packets for livestock that you plan to exhibit, please call the Extension Office to get the correct copy and to double check that you signed up for the project. **Additionally, the Extension Office will also be open until 6 p.m. on May 16th to help you with your 4-H needs.** You will be able to enter information on 4-H Online, purchase manuals, buy poster board, or get anything else you need for 4-H!

Please note the following important information for your **Llama & Alpaca** livestock:

- *Llama & Alpaca animals must be entered into 4-H Online **no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>**.*
- *TWO color pictures must be uploaded for each Llama or Alpaca-regardless of going to the State Fair or not.*
  - One picture needs to be from the front showing the head and all 4 legs
  - One picture from the side showing the head and all 4 legs.

#### **Animal Lease Agreement**

- Should you choose to lease an animal for this 4-H project, please find enclosed the ANIMAL LEASE AGREEMENT. This agreement is the **only agreement recognized by Indiana 4-H for animal leases**. A copy of the lease agreement is due in the Extension Office by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **Fair Entry 2022**

- After entering information on your animal, livestock members will once again be asked to sign up for **Fair Classes via FairEntry starting June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Animal information MUST be entered into 4-H Online first before it is able to be entered into classes on FairEntry. More information will be sent to you late-May about FairEntry.

#### **2022 4-H Project Updates**

- ***Be sure to check the handbook for project updates for your specific species this year!*** Livestock members must once again complete 7 activities in order to exhibit at the county fair. Hard copies of the handbook are available in the Extension Office. Digital copies available on our website: <https://bit.ly/2022HC4H>. Be sure to read the general guidelines as well as project specific rules!

#### **2022 Grooming Rule**

- Per our handbook, *"4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family who are no more than two (2) generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from approved 4-H Adult Volunteers that participated in the 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference who are from the 4-H member's county of enrollment. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and the relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. Thus, we have worked on an adaptation to the grooming rule. This is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family structures differ greatly depending on the situation. Obviously, the intent is to include step, half and in-law relatives. Approved Hendricks County 4-H Livestock Species Leaders are also eligible to assist 4-Hers with grooming of that species. Example: Approved Sheep Leaders may help groom Sheep on day of the Sheep Show. Any person that does not meet the guidelines listed above may assist with grooming if they have completed and pass the Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program paperwork and application by June 15th of the current year. Those who are a part of the Grooming Assistance Program agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed in the handbook and*

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*program paperwork. The Hendricks County Fair Officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s)."*

- The Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program application is included in this packet. It is also available online at: <https://bit.ly/2022HC4H> and in the Extension Office. All people who apply for the program must provide a copy of a valid, Indiana Driver's License. This program is very similar to the Indiana State Fair, but **does not register the individual for the Indiana State Fair** Grooming Assistance Program. If they are interested in the State program, they must complete a State form, and complete training every 2 years. To find the Indiana State Fair form and training modules, visit the Indiana State Fair website.

### **2022 Fair Information**

Mark your calendars!!

- **Check-in** for the 2022 Hendricks County 4-H Fair for **Llama & Alpaca** will be **Saturday, July 16th from 10 am to 2 pm.**
- The 4-H **Llama & Alpaca** show **Monday July 18, 2022 at 5:30 pm.**

If you are interested in exhibiting a poster, notebook, or display related to a species you are presenting during the 2022 Hendricks County 4-H Fair, you will need to enroll in the "Animal Education" Project in addition to this species. It is allowed to both show a live animal and exhibit a poster/display/notebook, but do not have to do both.

More details about shows and other Fair information will be sent at a later date.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- Monday May 16, 2022- Extension Office Open Late until 6:00pm
- Monday May 16, 2022- State 4-H Livestock Identification Deadline (4-H Online)
- Thursday May 19, 2022- Llama & Alpaca Workshop 6:00 pm, Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- Thursday June 16, 2022- Llama & Alpaca Workshop 6:00 pm, Hendricks County Fairgrounds

If you have additional questions or need further assistance entering your animal on 4-HOnline, please contact the Extension Office – 317-745-9260.

Thank you for all you do for OUR 4-H Program!

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Enclosures: Animal Identification in 4-H Online; Hendricks County 2022 Required Animal ID per species; Grooming Assistance Application, Animal Lease Agreement