

April 2022

Dear 4-H Poultry and Waterfowl Members,

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-HOnline 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-HOnline 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 **Poultry/ Waterfowl** Animals on 4-HOnline. It will be **YOUR** responsibility to enter your livestock's information onto 4-HOnline. **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-HOnline, purchase manuals, buy poster board, or get anything else you need for 4-H!

*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.

Please note the following important information for your **Poultry/ Waterfowl** livestock:

**Hendricks County 4-H Poultry and Waterfowl Ownership Form and Pigeon Ownership Form:**

- The Hendricks County 4-H Poultry and Waterfowl Ownership Form is enclosed with this communication.
  - If you need more than one entry form, please make a copy of your original before completing your form.
  - Follow the example(s) listed on the form and complete all the necessary information.
  - Refer to the 2022 Hendricks County 4-H Handbook for possible classes and breeds.
  - If you need help completing your form, please contact the Extension Office or your poultry superintendent **Amy McKamey** ([amy@heritagemeadowsfarm.net](mailto:amy@heritagemeadowsfarm.net)).
  - There is also the Standard of Perfection Book available at the Extension Office for use
  - The Indiana State Poultry Association has issued the 2022 Purdue Extension Indiana County Fair Poultry Booklet for review or you can check with your Project Leader **Amy McKamey** at [amy@heritagemeadowsfarm.net](mailto:amy@heritagemeadowsfarm.net)
- **Forms must be filled out and returned to the Extension Office by mail or email by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If they are turned in late, you will not be able to exhibit a live bird.** However, you will be able to exhibit a poster or action demonstration.
- **You will only be able to exhibit animals listed on the Ownership Forms!**
- **The office will be open late on May 16<sup>th</sup> to accept forms.**

**2022: Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) Testing:**

- The Indiana State Poultry Association has reinstated the P-T testing rule due to the increased availability of antigen once again.
- We will be offering (P-T) testing this summer. The date for these opportunities will be sent in the near future. Be sure to be on the lookout for more information.
- A **POULTRY EXHIBITOR FORM for P-T** has been included in this mailing for your use.
- **You MUST have this done before coming to fair! No tests will be given AT fair. Paperwork will be checked upon arrival.**

### 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-HOnline 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 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.

### YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

- YQCA is an exhibit requirement for any 4-H member in Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine. Members only need to complete the training once for the year (NOT once per species).
- Members may attend one of the meetings offered in person through our county or other participating counties, or they may take the training online. This training **MUST** be completed in order to exhibit at the Hendricks County Fair.
- A list of trainings in our county and surrounding counties is included in this packet! YQCA has updated their website and you will need to register for a new account with them in order to sign up for trainings. You can find information on how to sign up and about the training on their website: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>.

### Recommended Practices to Protect Avian Health at Indiana Poultry Shows and Exhibitions:

The Board of Animal Health (BOAH) has released recommendations to keep your animals healthy while preparing for show. Below are some suggestions of steps to take before exhibition.

- Birds travelling to Indiana from other states must comply with Indiana’s poultry health importation requirements, including a certificate of veterinary inspection written within 30 days and/or NPIP flock status documentation (such

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as the 9-2 or 9-3). Specific details are online at: [www.in.gov/boah/2391.htm](http://www.in.gov/boah/2391.htm).

- Consult a veterinarian to understand and implement applicable biosecurity and bird health practices at home.
- Minimize contact with wild birds and waterfowl.
  - House poultry indoors or, at minimum.
  - Remove food and water sources that attract wild birds.
- Minimize the number of people who have contact with your birds; particularly limit contact between your flock and other people who own birds.
- Avoid personal contact with birds other than your own.
- Avoid personal contact with wildlife, especially wild birds and waterfowl.
- Keep tools and equipment clean.
  - Clean cages and food and water containers daily.
- Wash hands with soap and water and wear clean boots and clothing to work with your birds.
  - Wash and disinfect boots after working with birds.
  - Consider having dedicated boots and clothing for working with your birds.
- Become familiar with the clinical signs of highly pathogenic avian influenza in birds:
  - Sudden death
  - Wheezing, coughing, nasal discharge
  - Decreased energy
  - Decreased feed intake
  - Drop in egg production or egg quality
  - Swelling and/or discoloration of eyes, head, neck
  - Tremors, circling, drooping wings, twisting of head and neck
- Seek veterinary assistance if a bird becomes sick.
  - Isolate sick birds immediately by moving them away from other birds and placing in a separate pen.
  - Tend to sick birds after tending to healthy birds.
  - If any birds exhibit illness within 14 days prior to traveling to the show, no birds (healthy or sick) from your flock should be taken to any shows or exhibitions.
  - Personally, refrain from attending bird shows and exhibitions (even without birds) if your birds are sick.
- Understand the risks of taking a bird to an exhibition
- Ask the exhibition organizer about any specific actions that may be required if a bird becomes sick at the show.
- Refrain from attending another event with your birds for at least two weeks after returning from an exhibition to reduce the risk of spreading disease.

### **2022 Fair Information**

Mark your calendars!!

- **Check-in** for the 2022 Hendricks County 4-H Fair for **Poultry/ Waterfowl/ Pigeon** will be **Sunday, July 17th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**
- The 4-H Poultry/ Waterfowl Show is set for **Wednesday July 20 at 9 a.m.**

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**

- Thursday, May 5, 2022- YQCA Training 5-6 00 pm or 7-8:00pm.- Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- Monday May 16, 2022- Extension Office Open Late until 6:00pm
- Monday May 16, 2022- Livestock Enrollment Deadline (4-H Online)
- Wednesday May 18, 2022 Poultry Workshop0 Hendricks County Fairgrounds 6-9 p.m.
- Wednesday June 8, 2022 Poultry Workshop- Hendricks County Fairgrounds 6-9 p.m.
- Sunday June 26, 2022 Poultry Blood Testing and Health Check- Hendricks County Fairgrounds 6-9 p.m.

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- Monday June 27, 2022- YQCA Training 10-11am or 7-8pm- Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- Sunday July 10, 2022 Poultry Blood Testing and Health Check-Hendricks County Fairgrounds 12-4 p.m.
- Wednesday July 13, 2022 Poultry Workshop- Hendricks County Fairgrounds 6-9 p.m.

Please let our office know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Extension Educator

Enclosures: Animal Identification in 4-H Online; Hendricks County 2022 Required Animal ID per species; Grooming Assistance Application, YQCA flyer, Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form and Hendricks County 4-H Poultry & Waterfowl Ownership Form 2022 and Hendricks County 4-H Pigeon Ownership Form 2022