

April 2022

TO: 4-H **Swine** Exhibitors
RE: 4-HOnline Livestock Updates

Happy Spring!

It's hard to believe that May is right around the corner. As a reminder, all livestock (except cat, dog, and poultry) will need to be identified in the 4-HOnline system by **MAY 15TH, 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 16th statewide for members to complete all Animal ID information.*

Enclosed with this letter are step-by-step directions for identifying your **SWINE** Animals on 4-HOnline. 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-HOnline. *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-HOnline, purchase manuals, buy poster board, or get anything else you need for 4-H!

Please note the following important information for your **SWINE** livestock:

Tag-Information for 2022

**** Due to supply-chain issues there is a shortage of RFID tags. Please only request the absolute number you/your family needs. ****

- All pigs must have an 840 RFID tag entered into 4-Honline when you enter the ear notches (**by May 15th**). Be sure to double check the information you put in to 4-HOnline. Missing information can result in County and/or State Fair disqualification.
- All swine must be entered into 4-HOnline no later than **May 15th!** In order to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, swine must have an 840-RFID tag **and** DNA hair sample submitted to the County Extension Office by **May 15th**. RFID tags, hair sample envelopes and further instructions are available for pick up at the Hendricks County Extension Office. You can pick up your tags beginning **May 2nd** after you have turned in your tag/envelope request sheet. We have included a SWINE TAG-IN SHEET in this letter for your use, if needed. The first two tags (per family) are free and additional tags may be purchased for \$3/each.
- We can not stress enough that **You will NOT be eligible for County Fair or State Fair if you do not have your RFID tag and pig information entered into 4-HOnline by May 15th.**
- Swine must have an 840 RFID tag in the ear before arriving on the fairgrounds to check-in the pigs at the fair. The same RFID tag that you pick up from the Extension Office must be in the animal's ear when they unload at the County Fair.
 - **EXAMPLE:** If **Pig #1** has tag #12345 on 4-Honline, then **Pig #1** should come to the fair with tag #12345 in its ear. It does not matter which ear you place the tag into, however, it must be in the ear. This tag number should also match the Pig information included in 4-HOnline. You

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will also need your premise ID number. If you do not have one or do not know yours, you may contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2400.

- **TAG REQUEST NOTE:** The due date for tag requests on the form is APRIL 29TH- this is for pre-orders. Forms will be taken after that date, but not guaranteed to be filled the same day. Tags may still be obtained/purchased until May 16th.

Pig Ear Notches and DNA Envelopes

- We have included information on reading SWNE ear notches-If you need a reminder.
- **Be sure to check your pig's ear notches.** Don't take your information only from animal registration paperwork!
- **DNA Hair Envelopes** are currently available at the Extension Office or can be picked up when you pick up your tag in the Extension Office.
- DNA is due to the Extension Office by May **15th**! This is only a requirement for animals you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair.
- Please review the enclosed animal ID chart for which animals need this item.

Fair Entry

- After entering information on your animal, livestock members will once again be asked to sign up for **Fair Classes via FairEntry starting June 1st**. 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.

Auction 2022

- The information related to the livestock auction is **incorrect** in the 2022 handbook. This page was overlooked during our update, so we apologize for any confusion. The new auction information is being finalized, but a few things we can tell you: it is a no kill auction (animals are not required to be sent to market), there will be trucks available for animals (sheep, goats, pigs) that 4-Her's would like to ship, there will be a virtual portion and a limited in-person portion, and you will still need to claim which animal will go
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through the auction on FairEntry as this animal will not be eligible for the Indiana State Fair. Be on the lookout for final updates related to the auction soon!

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/>.

2022 Fair Information

Mark your calendars!!

- **Check-in** for the 2022 Hendricks County 4-H Fair for **Swine** will be **Tuesday July 19th from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m.**
- The 4-H Swine Show is set for **Thursday July 21 at 8 a.m.**
- The 4-H Swine Showmanship is set for **Thursday July 21 at 2 p.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:

- Friday April 29, 2022 Pre-orders for Swine Tag/ DNA information due in Extension Office.
- Tuesday May 2, 2022 Begin Pick-up for Swine Tag/ DNA envelopes
- Thursday, May 5, 2022- YQCA Training 5-6 00 pm or 7-8:00pm.- Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- Wednesday May 11, 2022 Swine Club Meeting- Classrooms A, B & C 6:30pm
- Friday May 13, 2022 Last day submit Swine Tag/ DNA envelope requests Extension Office
- Monday May 16, 2022- Extension Office Open Late until 6:00pm
- Monday May 16, 2022- State 4-H Livestock Identification Deadline (4-H Online)
- Wednesday June 8, 2022 Swine Club Meeting- Classrooms A, B & C 6:30pm
- Wednesday July 13, 2022 Swine Club Meeting- Classrooms A, B & C 6:30pm

If you have questions about tag information or ear notches please contact FairBoard Member- Robert Mathis at 317-446-3972.

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; Tag In/DNA Form; Swine Ear Notch Reference; Grooming Assistance Application, YQCA training flyer