

Jennings County 4-H Information Packet



What You Need to Know 2025-2026

**Please contact the Jennings County Purdue Extension Office
with any questions.**

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This is a quick reference guide, please see 4-H handbook for full details.

Who is who in 4-H

- Extension Educator
 - Rebekah Cartwright, 4-H Youth Development, bargerr@purdue.edu
- Extension Office Manager
 - Stacey Lane, lane155@purdue.edu
- 4-H Council Members
 - Adult volunteers who work together to make decisions, raise money, and volunteer time for the Jennings County 4-H program
- Livestock Committee Members
 - Adult volunteers who work together to make decisions, raise money, and volunteer time for the Jennings County 4-H livestock projects
- Livestock Superintendents
 - Adult volunteers that help to organize animal ID/tagging days, fair check-in, fair livestock shows, fair check-out, and answer questions about their specific species
 - Beef – Jenny Vogel
 - Dairy – Jess Bailey
 - Meat Goat – Mark Biehle
 - Dairy Goat – Josh Sharp
 - Horse & Pony – Brandi Coleman
 - Poultry – Andrew Boyd
 - Rabbit – Kristie Asbury
 - Sheep – Alisa Gasper
 - Swine - Stephanie Applegate
 - Llama & Alpaca – Michelle Vanosdol
- Club Leaders
 - Adult volunteers who help to run 4-H clubs and get information to 4-H members
- Junior Leaders
 - A club of 4-H members, in grades 7-12, who help out in many different ways throughout the year
- Junior Livestock Committee Members
 - A group of 4-H Livestock Members, in grades 7-12 who represent a certain species with their experience to advocate for the youth in the 4-H Livestock Program
- 4-H Member – Any 3rd-12th grader enrolled in 4-H for the program year
- Mini 4-H Member – Any K-2nd grader enrolled in the 4-H for the program year
- Adult 4-H Volunteers
 - Adult volunteers approved in 4-H Online to fill roles for the 4-H program

Vocabulary

In the following section you will find a list of important terms that we use in 4-H. Some of these things can be difficult to differentiate between so please get in contact with a club leader or the Extension Office if you have questions.

- **4-H Online (The website is not intended for mobile use. Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox are the recommended web browsers.)**

An online system where you enroll in 4-H, choose your club and the projects you want to exhibit at the fair, and register for any 4-H event. You will also enter your animal's identification in 4-H Online after each animal ID/tagging day.

To reach the 4-H Online website go to: <https://v2.4honline.com>



- **4-H Club**

A 4-H Club is a group of 4-H members who gather together for meetings, do activities, participate in service projects, and so much more. This is a great way to get to know other 4-H members and get help from other members if needed.

- **Club Meeting**

Club meetings are gatherings where club members meet to get information, ask questions, and have fun. 4-H members must attend at least three club meetings each year to be eligible to sell in the livestock auction.

- **Fair Entry (This program is not intended for mobile use. Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox are the recommended web browsers.)**

An online system where you enter exactly what animals and projects you are bringing to the fair in more detail. Fair Entry opens for approximately one week after May 15th and needs to be completed before the deadline to ensure projects are eligible to be exhibited at the fair.

To reach the Fair Entry website go to: <https://jenningscounty.fairentry.com>.



- **4-H Binder/Handbook**

The Jennings County 4-H Binder/Handbook is a binder that includes project requirements and rules for Jennings County. Please note that Jennings County and the Indiana State Fair livestock requirements and rules are not always the same. You can find the State Fair livestock rules on their website. A hard copy of the handbook can be provided to you at our office or you can view the PDF version on our website.

- **Project Manuals**

Project manuals include project ideas, practice activities, and several helpful bits of information. Project manuals may be picked up from the extension office. These are given out at each level or division of a project; therefore, you should keep your project manuals from year to year. Not all of the projects available have a manual. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

- **Project Information Cards, Skills Sheets, Knowledge Charts**

You will find some project guidelines require project information cards, skills sheets, and/or knowledge charts be attached to your project. We have those available for pick up at the Extension Office. Families may also access them on the Indiana 4-H website, <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>.

- **Exhibit Tag**

A 2 ¾ "x 5 ½" exhibit tag will be printed by the Extension Office using information you have selected in FairEntry. You will pick up your exhibit tags at project check-in and attach to each project. This tag is used to identify each community building project. The exhibit tag will display the 4-H members name, project, and project division.

Timeline Overview

The following is an overview of the things that need to be completed throughout the year as well as a general outline of when you should consider beginning to attend meetings, start projects, etc. Specific instructions for some of the online registration and entry items are attached as links throughout this section.

- Annual Enrollment
 - Opens: **October 1st**. Youth may enroll in 4-H at any time during the program year, however, we encourage everyone to enroll as early as possible so you do not miss out on any of the opportunities 4-H has to offer. Enrolling no later than mid-January, will ensure your 4-H'er receives the majority of all mailings related to the county fair and other program activities.
 - This is where you enroll in 4-H, chose the projects you want to participate in, the club you would like to be a part of, and pay your enrollment fee. The enrollment fee can be paid online using a credit/debit card as soon as you enroll. If you prefer to pay with cash or check, you should bring the payment to the Extension Office as soon as possible once you have completed the online enrollment, the 4-H member will not be officially enrolled until payment is completed.
 - Enroll online at <https://v2.4honline.com>
 - Enrollment fee of \$20 per 4-H member (grades 3-12)
 - Mini 4-H Enrollment fee of \$5 per 4-H member (grades K-2)
 - Find 4-H online enrollment instructions at:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/membership-join-a-club.html#joinaclub>
- Attend Club Meetings
 - Each club has different meeting dates & times. Contact your club leader for more information. Attending club meetings is a good way to stay up to date with all things 4-H!
- Drop / Add Deadline
 - **May 15th!!!!**
 - It's a good rule of thumb to login in to your 4HOnline account at the beginning of May to review your projects. You can add or drop projects at any time after enrollment and before the May15th deadline, but you may not add livestock projects once the May 15th has passed. If a project is not selected in 4-HOnline by the May 15th, you will not be able to select it in FairEntry.
- Animal ID/Tagging Days
 - Different species have different Animal ID/Tagging Days. At these tagging days you will bring your animals to the fairgrounds (location sometimes varies). Animals are then weighed and tagged for the fair. After each tagging day you are responsible for entering your animals and their tag information into 4-H Online before the **May 15th Animal ID deadline**. Please pay attention to monthly newsletters, 4-H Online emails, mailings, and the Purdue Extension - Jennings County Facebook page for more information on tagging day dates, times, and procedures.
- Animal ID Deadline
 - **May 15th!!!!**
 - Immediately following each tagging day, you should input your animals and their tag information into 4-H Online.

- Animals must be enrolled in 4HOnline by May 15th (excluding: cat, dog, small critter, and poultry)
 - Instructions on how to enter poultry animal identification into Fairentry will be mailed to you prior to the poultry animal ID/tagging day.
- Pick Up Project Manuals, Project Record Sheets, Record Of Achievement Sheets, Etc.
 - Any time after enrollment, you may stop in the Extension Office to pick up your project manuals and record sheets (if requested) for the year. Project Record Sheets are no longer required by Indiana 4-H and do not get turned in. We will still offer them to families to use as tools to teach 4-H youth to track their progress, set goals, track expenses, reflect on learning, and develop valuable life skills. Project manuals are free to 4-H'ers thanks to the Jennings County 4-H Council. You may also purchase foam core poster board, poster sleeves at the Extension Office.
- Begin Projects
 - You may start projects as soon as you would like. The more effort you put into your projects the better they will be.
- Complete Fair Entry
 - Opens: **May 16th**
 - Closes: **May 22nd**
- Attend Indiana Quality Livestock Care (IQLC) In-Person Training or Complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Web-based Training
 - In order to exhibit animals (excluding: cat, dog, llama/alpaca, and horse) at the fair, you are required to complete one IQLC in-person training or a YQCA web-based training. We will offer 3 options for IQLC trainings in Jennings County for this program year. Dates and times are subject to change. Your 4-H'er will register for the IQLC trainings in 4-HOnline under Events. If your 4-H'er opts to take the web-based YQCA training, please turn in their YQCA certificate to the Extension Office by the training deadline.
 - **March 14th, 11:00 AM @ Jennings County Fairgrounds (Show Me The Way)**
 - **March 30th, 6:00 pm @ JC Government Center**
 - **May 6th, 6:00 pm @JC Government Center**
 - Instructions on how to register for a IQLC training
 - Sign-in to your 4HOnline account at v2.4honline.com
 - Select the person you are registering for a class.
 - Click on Events
 - Choose the IQLC date you would like to attend.
 - Follow the prompts
- Fairgrounds Clean Up Day
 - Clean up day is on **May 16th at 9:00am** This is where 4-Her's come to the fairgrounds to help prepare the grounds and buildings for the county fair
- Project Check-In
 - Check-in and judging will take place at the Fairgrounds. Early project check-in is Friday, June 5th, 5:00-7:00 pm. Open Project Judging and Check-In is June 6th from 8:30 -10:30 am. This is when you bring your static/community building projects to the fair. On the open judging day, 3rd-12th grade 4-H'ers will talk to a judge and answer questions about the project they made. You should have any required project paperwork with you when

you come to check-in your projects. Mini-4-H'ers will talk to a Junior Leader or an Adult 4-H volunteer about their projects.

- Livestock Check-In (This is when you bring your animals to the fair for the week)
 - The Extension Office will provide a Livestock/Fair Schedule providing more information on dates and times for livestock check-in
- Livestock Auction
 - The livestock auction is scheduled for **Friday, June 12th at 6:00pm**. This is when many business members/buyers come to the fair to bid on 4-H market animals. You will invite individuals and businesses to support you.
- Livestock Check-Out
 - Livestock Check-Out will take place on Saturday June 14th from 7 am – 10 am.
- Community Building Project Pick-Up
 - Project pick-up happens **Saturday, June 14th from 9 am- 12 pm**. This is when you pick up your community building projects from the fair. If you have a project that was eligible for State Fair you do not need to pick it up, but you do have the opportunity to take it home and make improvements if needed. If you choose to take a State Fair entry home, it is your responsibility to return it to the Extension Office by the set date for State Fair transport by the Extension office staff.

All dates and times are subject to change. To stay up to date on schedule changes, get reminders, and more information, please reference the monthly newsletters, 4-HOnline emails, our website, and follow the Purdue Extension Jennings County Facebook page.

Purdue Extension Jennings County Website:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/jennings/>

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