

General Rules for Animals Housed at the Fair

1. All 4-H General Rules apply as well as County and State 4-H Livestock Rules.
2. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Requirement (YQCA): To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through YQCA. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in person training. In person training dates will be communicated to all 4-H members and their families through the LaGrange County Extension Office by the newsletter, postcards and Facebook post. All 4-H members exhibiting the species listed above must be certified through YQCA. Livestock participants must present certification for their species prior to unloading their animal(s) at the fair. Any member not able to present the required proof of YQCA certification will not be able to unload their animals. If certification is presented before the end of scheduled unloading times, livestock can be unloaded.
3. All animal projects housed at the fair must arrive at the designated time, as determined by the species project committee, pending fair board approval by March fair board meeting, for check in for the 4-H fair. All animal projects housed at the fair (beef, swine, etc.) have not gotten fair board approval must be penned by 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the first Saturday of fair. With the exemption of horse and pony which can start entering Friday at 6 p.m. Failure to do so will result in your animals not being able to unload
4. All exhibition animals must be permanently identified by an acceptable method. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA. Official ear tags must bear the US shield to be considered official identification. Official identification acceptable for specific species of livestock exhibited in Indiana are as follows:
 - Swine: official 840 ear tag (electronic - RFID or visual tag); NUES tag, plastic or steel; official premises ID number (“PIN”) tag; ear notch, if the notch has been recorded in the book of record of a purebred registry association; or tattoo, if the tattoo is registered with a swine registry association.
 - Cattle: 840 tags (15 digits, beginning with 840) may or may not be RFID; NUES (brite) tags, steel or plastic; or official USDA program tags, such as orange calfhood vaccination tags.
 - Sheep and Goats: scrapie program flock tags; electronic implant (goats only) for breed registered animals only when noted on registration paperwork; tattoo if accompanied by

registration papers with tattoo noted; tattoo of scrapie flock ID number along with an individual animal ID number; wethers younger than 18 months of age must bear a unique, permanent ID of any form (not necessarily an official/scrapie tag).

5. Any livestock shown at the 4-H fair (except rabbits and poultry) must be identified in the 4honline Animal Identification area prior to May 15th, and must include the Premise ID# of the location of the animals. IN BOAH requires premise registration of all sites associated with the sale, purchase, and/or exhibition of cattle, swine, sheep and goats. Rabbits and poultry should be registered with their respective project committees and the Extension Office by the same May 15th deadline. No changes to the animal identification allowed after the May 15th deadline.
6. The 4-H'er is responsible for proper feed, water, and care of their animal(s) on a daily basis at the 4-H fair. If the species project committee finds that neglect is taking place, the following actions may be initiated:
 - Step 1: Verbal Warning
 - Step 2: Removal of some/all awards received in that animal species.
 - Step 3: Ineligibility to participate in current year's 4-H auction.
7. All livestock must be owned by the 4-H member and under the 4-H member's daily care by the livestock identification deadline.
8. During the 4-H fair, all livestock is to stay in provided housing except during the show, exercising, grooming, and other scheduled 4-H activities. The livestock committee will designate all exercise areas and any other needed space.
9. All animals listed in a family profile may be exhibited by any siblings on that family profile. However, on July 1 for the project/class entry deadline of FairEntry animals must be listed by the youth who will be the exhibitor at the LaGrange County 4-H Fair.
10. Any exhibitor or family member who abuses an animal will be eliminated from showing and further disciplinary/legal action may be taken.
11. Release time: Animal exhibit release time will be 12:00 am on the final Saturday of the fair, until the end of the auction on Saturday morning/afternoon. No animal project of any species shall be released before midnight on the final Saturday of fair unless:
 - The animal is determined to be too ill to remain at the fair.
 - The animal poses a health risk to other animals at the fair.

These decisions must be made by the species superintendent, the president of the livestock committee, the president of the fair board, and the county 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. No animal may be removed from the fairgrounds early without the consent of these individuals.

Exemptions have been made for:

Production cows (milking cows) who will do a show and go.

State Fair bound Animals: The member must register any possible animals going to state fair with the extension office by July 1 to be eligible to be released early. The member must then pay a refundable \$100 deposit per animal at the time of removal off of fairgrounds. Animal will have to leave the fairgrounds within the hours of 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Exhibitor (and/or) parents must meet with the livestock committee president (currently Brian Gilliland) before removing animal from fairgrounds. Exhibitor will then need to provide proof that animal went to state fair to get deposit back.

The Grand and Reserve Grand of all species (with the exception of production cows) must remain on the fairgrounds until the release time of 12:00 a.m. on the final Saturday of fair.

12. If an exhibitor or a representative of the exhibitor removes an animal from the fairgrounds early without the consent of the above listed individuals, the following consequences will be assessed:

- The exhibitor will be removed from the current year's 4-H auction.
- The exhibitor and/or their representative will be assessed a \$500 fine **per animal removed** to be paid to the Fair Association by August 1 of the current year.
- If the assessed fine is not paid to the Fair Association by August 1, then the exhibitor will be prohibited from exhibiting the species in question for the next project year.