

2024 General Rules for Animals Housed at the LaGrange County 4-H Fair

1. All 4-H General Rules apply as well as County and State 4-H Livestock Rules.
2. Quality Assurance Training Requirement: To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and/or rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through a quality assurance training. Youth now have the option to take Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program is an in-person quality assurance training. YQCA is the alternative online option for quality assurance training and will not be available in-person. Youth can choose whichever option works best for them. These trainings will be required annually to show the above listed animals. In person training dates will be communicated to all 4-H members and their families through the LaGrange County Extension Office by the newsletter, email, postcards and/or Facebook post. All 4-H members exhibiting the species listed above must be certified in one of the quality assurance trainings **by June 24. Youth who choose to take YQCA must present certificates to 4-H Educator or Livestock Superintendent by June 24.** YQCA certificate can be emailed to bgilger@purdue.edu, at the time of completion. Any member not able to present the required proof of YQCA certification or QLC training by **June 24** will not be **eligible to show at the 4-H Fair.**
3. All animal projects housed at the fair must arrive at the designated time, as determined by the species project committee, pending approval by the **4-H Association** by March meeting, for check in for the 4-H fair. All animal projects housed at the fair (beef, swine, etc.) have not gotten **4-H Association** 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. until 10 p.m. Friday night and resume 6:00 a.m. and will need to be stalled by noon on Saturday. 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. All animals listed in a family profile may be exhibited by any siblings on that family 4-H Online profile. Animals going to the fair need to be entered FairEntry by **June 24**. Animals will need to only be entered one time on FairEntry. **Animals that are not entered into FairEntry by midnight on June 24 will be shown in an exhibition only class and will not have an opportunity to place in their class, but will receive feedback from the judge.** **Youth may still have the opportunity to compete fully in showmanship class.** Animal will need to be assigned to the specific youth in their family by 3:00 p.m. on day of weigh-in.
 7. 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.
 8. All livestock must be owned by the 4-H member and under the 4-H member's daily care by the livestock identification deadline.
 9. 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.

10. Any exhibitor or family member who abuses an animal will be eliminated from showing and further disciplinary/legal action may be taken.
11. Not abiding by Youth Behavioral Expectations (signed when enrolled in 4-H) will result in being excused by 4-H Educator from all 4-H fair activities for the remainder of the year.
12. Mini 4-H Showmanship: Enrolled Mini 4-H'ers (grades K, 1, and 2) may partner with a 4-H animal mentor (current 4-H animal project members). Mini 4-H'ers will be allowed to exhibit/show in the Mini 4-H Animal Exhibition Classes with their assigned mentor during the LaGrange County 4-H Fair. Mini 4-H'ers will NOT be allowed to bring their own animals to the Fair.
13. All animals must be shown by the 4-H member making the project enrollment, except when a member exhibits more than one animal in a particular class, in which case the additional animal(s) may be shown by another 4-H member (not a Mini 4-Her) enrolled in LaGrange County. Any other exceptions to this rule will be made only by the superintendent.
14. All Exhibitors will show their own animal with no additional help showing or setting up an animal during livestock shows, unless due to extenuating circumstances or disability. Additional help will need to be a current LaGrange 4-H member and will need to be prearranged with livestock species committee before the show begins.
15. 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 12:00 a.m. on the final Saturday (unless otherwise announced/notified by the Livestock Committee Superintendent), 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.

Animal health 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.

With the exemption of horse and pony and draft horses, 4-H Exhibitors that prove state fair show entry, with state fair entry receipt, to their species superintendent at weigh-in, may leave following their show. Trailers are only allowed at the barns from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. the following day. Animals may walk (or carry) to trailers near campground gate (northwest gate) at any time following their show.

16. Per state fair rules, an animal that has been designated “sold” at a county fair, will not be eligible for state fair. The animal that is designated for the auction must stay until the release time of 12:00 a.m. on Saturday (unless otherwise announced/notified by the Livestock Committee Superintendent).
17. 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 for all species.
 - The exhibitor will be prohibited from exhibiting the species in question for the next project year.