

LaGrange County 4-H

New Family

Handbook!

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Hello!

Welcome to LaGrange County 4-H! We are so excited that you (and your child) have decided to join our 4-H Program!

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world. Our vision is to strive to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

When your child joins 4-H, they are joining a network of more than 6 million youth, 540,000 adult volunteers, 3,500 professionals and 60 million alumni (including me)! 4-H delivers research-based programming around positive youth development. 4-H is provided through 109 land-grant universities and the Cooperative Extension Service- reaching every corner of our nation. In Indiana, 4-H can be found in 92 counties delivered through Purdue Extension. Community Clubs, afterschool programs, school enrichment, camps/workshops, and special programs are all ways youth across Indiana can be involved with the 4-H program.

As you go through this handbook, I hope it will not stir up fear or anxiety, but relief! The first year (or first few years) of 4-H can be overwhelming to some. This handbook is a help and a way to ensure you have a positive 4-H experience! Always feel free to contact our office if you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

I look forward to getting to know you!

Brittany Gilger

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Purdue Extension- LaGrange County 4-H Youth
Development Educator



4-H Basics:

I pledge...

my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

my **HEART** to greater loyalty,

my **HANDS** to larger service,

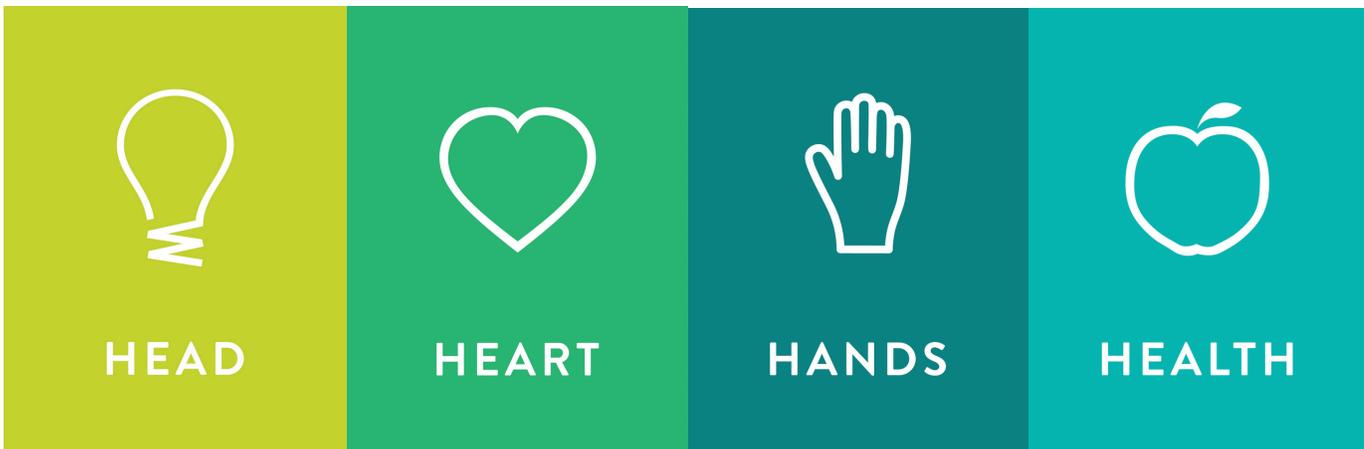
my **HEALTH** to better living,

for my club, my community, my country and my world.

4-H Motto: To Make the Best Better

4-H Slogan: Learn by Doing

4-H Colors: Green and White



The Indiana 4-H Mission and Vision:

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LAGRANGE COUNTY 4-H CLUBS AND LEADERS

TOWNSHIP CLUBS:

Springfield Sidewinders

Deb Lewis

(260) 351-2722

Panther Pack

(Mini 4-H Members)

Currently looking Leader

Stroh Sunny Spotlighters

Jeff and LeAnn Anders

260-351-1535

Stroh Straight Shooters

Barbara Howe

260-499-1571

Topeka Happy Workers

Vacant

PROJECT CLUBS:

Dog

Sharritta Lawson-Carpenter

260-336-4211

Horse & Pony

Benjamin Beard

260-336-2807

Junior Leaders

Brittany Gilger

260-499-6334

Stacy Hanaway

260-350-0993

Shooting Sports

Dennis Kratz

260-367-1088

Livestock Club

Cierra Young

260-499-1649



What club can I join?

Join the club that works best for you!

It is not required to join your township club. You may join a club based on your friends already in the club or if the club meets a time that fits your family's schedule better.

LaGrange County 4-H Projects Leaders

Aerospace - Paul Knapp
Arts & Crafts - Crystal Lue
ATV - Travis Zook & Beth Hochstetler
Beekeeping - Vacant
Cake Decorating - Hailey Wisler & Laura Phillips
Cat - Kathy Park
Clover Buds/Mini 4-H - Deb Lewis & Krysta Schrock
Collections, Health - Vacant
Computer- Vacant
Consumer Clothing - Jennifer Young
Creative Writing, Reading - Theresa Noll
Crops, Genealogy - Bryan McCoy
Demonstrations, Public Speaking - Kurt Stump
Dog - Sharrita Carpenter
Electric - Vacant
Entomology, Geology - Randy Younce
Farm Tractor - David Perkins
Fashion Revue, Sewing - Jennifer Young
Floriculture (Flowers) - Vacant
Foods - Brenda Avery & Deanna Engleking
Forestry, Soil & Water Science - Becky Younce
Garden & Potato - Vacant
Child Development, Gift Wrapping - Vacant
Home Environment - Vacant
Horseless Horse - Connie Mireley
Junior Leadership - Stacy Hanaway
Lawn & Garden Tractor - Vacant
Microwave - Vacant
Photography - Benjamin Beard & Corrina Beard
Recycling - Kathy Hopper
Scrapbook - Vacant
Sewing - Jennifer Young
Shooting Sports Education - Dennis Kratz & Shay and Russel Owsley
Sport Fishing, Wildlife - Vacant
Sports - Vacant
Veterinary Science - Vacant
Weather & Climate Science - Brent Gilliland
Woodworking - Audrianna Sturm
Quilting - Becky Courtright



2024–2025 Species Committee Members

Beef

Brian Gilliland
Dr. Alex Hegg
Chad Neff
Erin Sherman
Curtis Sherman*
Bret Howe

Dairy

Mitch Perkins
Brittany Eash
Riley Lewis
Theresa Noll *
Kevin Eash
Glenn Noll

Dairy Beef / Started Calf

Aaron Smith
Mark Howe
Toby Hayward
Travis Zook
Roy Howe*
Dereck Young

Dairy Goat

Jeff Anders*
Nate Mauck
Kimberly Yoder
Vicky Martin
Robin Byler
Cecelia Nuzum

Draft Horse

Brandee Hoffman
Jessica Certain
Mike Howe
Justin Hoffman
Danessa Hoffman
Benjamin Beard

Horse & Pony

Benjamin Beard
April Klopfenstein
Abigail Klopfenstein
Lynsey Hochstetler
Nikki Helmuth
Nevaeh Hoyer
Ryan Spencer
Jake Miller
Joni Straw

Meat Goats

Glen Miller *
Catrina Miller
Sheri Miller
Tanner Miller

Poultry

Adam Young
Krystal Bassett*
Joe Cassell
Kenneth Myers
Melissa Raber
Misty Miller

Rabbits

Adam Allen
Becky Courtright*
Paige Courtright*
Pam Keeslar Lydia
Allen
Joshua Phillips

Sheep

Erin Sherman*
Jerold Mishler
Kyle Gage
Brandon Mauck*
Brandt Norberg

Swine

Jim Mireley
Kyle Sherman
Todd Bontreger*
Brandon Howe
Paul Coffman
Mylana Fought



*denotes project superintendant

2024-2025 LaGrange 4-H Association

Tammy Kauffman- President / Greenfeild
Ken Martin - Vice President / Past President
Sally Hall - Treasure / Clay
Diane Mackey - Secretary / Lima
Mack Grobis - Assistant Secretary / Bloomfield
Sam Lovelace- Assistant Treasure / At Large
Brian Gilliland - At Large
Adam Allen - At Large
Morgan Alexander- At Large
Brenda Avery - At Large
Matt Helman - At Large
Travis Hostetler - Clearsprings
Mark Howe - At Large
Roy Howe - Livestock Committee President/At Large
Pam Keeslar - At Large
Angie Keim- At Large
Crystal Leu - At Large
Kevin Myers - Springfield
Amy Newby- Milford
Sam Sharp- Eden
Aaron Smith - At Large
VACANT- Newberry
VACANT- Van Buren
VACANT- Johnson



Ways Parents Can Help

- Help your child select one or more suitable 4-H Projects to complete. Support your child's 4-H project work.
- Make sure your child attends the 4-H Club meetings. Post and help your child use the club calendar. Provide or arrange for transportation. Club calendars are published in our newsletter. Attend at least three Club meetings (the first and two others) with your child.
- Help your child to complete any 4-H responsibilities he or she may have volunteered for, been elected to, or selected for.
- Help with at least one 4-H club activity during the 4-H year. Don't wait to be asked.
- Read the newsletter, especially the calendar to be aware of dates important to your 4-Her.
- Help your child gather any materials needed for their project.
- Help your child complete one or more articles for exhibit and make sure that they can exhibit them at the County 4-H Fair. Provide transportation and encouragement.
- Help your child complete and turn in on time, 4-H project records.
 - Help your child learn and grow, share experiences with your child, improve relationships with your child, make a contribution to youth in your community, and develop a sense of accomplishment.
- Be an example! Help your 4-Her to be a good sport, and appreciate the successes of others.
- Support 4-H by sponsoring awards and the 4-H Association.
- Help your 4-Her find a way to participate in special events that interest him/her such as county contests, camps, Fairs, displays, or shows.
- Support your local 4-H leaders. Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.
- Talk with the Extension Educator and offer your services to assist the local 4-H program. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.
- Remember that the real object of 4-H is to develop your child into finer citizens. How they work on projects, participate in meetings, and conduct themselves at competitive events, etc., will help set work and character standards for the rest of their lives.



Important 4-H Dates and Deadlines:

October 1: Enrollment Opens You have (probably) already completed this step. Yayy! Enrollment is a yearly event. A \$15 annual program fee to join. This enrollment fee is a state fee that helps provide the 4-Her accident insurance and covers some of the cost of running the 4-H program.

January 9, 2025 - New Member Family Night

January 15: Enrollment Closes The enrollment window for 4-H “technically” closes January 15th. We accept enrollments after this date; however, enrolling by January 15th ensures that you receive all the communication, emails and postcards, from our office.

February, March, April:

New Members Meeting: Preparing for Fair: April 17, 2025

Livestock Identification Day:

Beef: March 1, 2025, 8:00 -9:00 a.m.

Dairy Beef: April 19, 2025

Dairy Goat: April 26, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Sheep: May 3, 2025 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Meat Goat: May 10, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Animal ID Deadline: May 15, 2025

Quality Livestock Trainings are in April and May. Training is REQUIRED to exhibit a livestock project (dairy, beef, swine, rabbits, poultry, goats and sheep) Registration for QLC is on 4-H Online. You may attend the program without registering, but be sure to sign in to receive credit. QLC is an in-person training that is \$3 per participant. YQCA online training is another option for completing the training requirement. The online fee is typically \$12 for the course. One of these trainings must be completed before unloading animals at the fair.



← YQCA Training Link
Quality Livestock Training Link -->



Confirmed Quality Livestock Training Dates for LaGrange County:

February 17, 2025 - 11:00 AM - LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds

February 20, 2025 - 5:30 PM - LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds

March 17, 2025 - 5:30 PM - LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds

April 4, 2025 - 11:00 AM - LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds

April 8, 2025 - 5:30 PM - LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds

April 11, 2025 - 11:00 AM - LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds

We will also advertise other counties dates. If you attend in another county please let the Educator know to contact Brittany Gilger at bgilger@purdue.edu with your name and date that you attended.

ATV Project typically starts their rides in April/May.

Shooting Sports typically starts in April. May 15th:

ADD/Drop Project Deadline, Animal ID Deadline!! May 15th is an important date you will want to add immediately to your calendar, especially if you are showing livestock! Animals (except, rabbits, poultry, dogs and cats) will need to be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th. This is a deadline that we do not budge from and if not complete the animal will not be eligible to show at the fair.

State Fair Livestock: If you are showing at State Fair and your species requires DNA that must be turned into the Extension office by May 15th. Static Projects will need to be added or dropped from 4-H Online by May 15. You can call the office for help with this.

June:

June 4-6 4-H Camp for Grades 3-6. More information to come out in March.

Mini 4-H Camp: Grades K-2, Date and More information to come.

Last week of June:

FairEntry Deadline:

When registering for 4-H you selected projects. The FairEntry.com website helps us to know exactly what you will be bringing. FairEntry is REQUIRED to achieve recognition beyond a blue ribbon. FairEntry will open June 2 and will close on June 24, 2025. Failure to register in FairEntry will result in the exhibitors ability to receive recognition beyond a blue ribbon on their static project, and their livestock will participate in a exhibition-only class. We are happy to enter items into FairEntry. Give us a call if you need any help.

July: LaGrange 4-H Fair, July 5-12, 2025

More information in Detail in the following pages but here is an overview of Fairweek!

Please note these are tentative dates and could be subject to change.

Pre-Fair Set Up July 1, 2025

Turn in Static Projects: July 1st, 4:00 p.m.-6 p.m. or July 3rd, 2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Static Project Judging: July 3rd, 5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. with Fashion Review Following

5:00-7:00 PM: Judge:

Aerospace, Arts & Crafts, ATV Posters, Bee Keeping, Cake Decorating, Child Development, Creative Writing, Collections, Computer, Consumer Science, Crops, Dog Posters, Electric, Entomology, Flowers, Foods (All), Forestry, Garden & Potatoes, Geology, Genealogy, Gift Wrapping, Health, Home Environment, Horseless Horse, Photography, Reading, Recycling, Soil and Water, Shooting Sports, Sports, Sports Fishing, Sewing, Vet Science, Weather, Wildlife, Woodworking

7:00 PM: Fashion Review (Held on Stage in Livestock Arena), Demonstrations, and Public Speaking (Held in Exhibit Building)

(Mini 4-H Projects can be turned in before judging on Saturday)

Important Dates and Deadlines: Continued

Fair Week:

Check in Livestock Projects: July 5th, 6:00 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Enter and Judge Mini 4-H Projects: July 5th, 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

Typical Show times/days: Shows happen every day of Fairweek.

Static Project Check-out: July 11, 6-10 p.m.

Animal Project Check-out: July 11 12:00 a.m.

Auction: July 13, Starting at 9:00 a.m. Fair Clean-up: July 15 5:30-7:30 p.m

Livestock Banquet: Typically the second Sunday in August. Date TBA

Indiana State Fair- August 1st -17th 2025

State Fair Static Project Dates:

Please know, we will transport most projects. Projects that are large will not be brought by our office to the state fair. If your project is questionable please ask during the LaGrange 4-H Fair. Projects must be packaged in a way to keep them safe. We will not be responsible for any lost or damaged projects. Families can transport projects to state fair on their own if they choose so. Please keep an eye out at the fair and online for drop off dates.



4-H Fair Judging

In LaGrange County, we practice open judging which basically means you, as a 4-H member, have the opportunity to have an open conversation with the judge of your project. It is a great learning experience in which you can ask questions and obtain constructive criticism and genuine praise regarding your project and your efforts. Parents are not permitted to speak with the judges during open judging as it is a prime time for youth to shine on their very own, explaining what they learned and how they accomplished their goals.

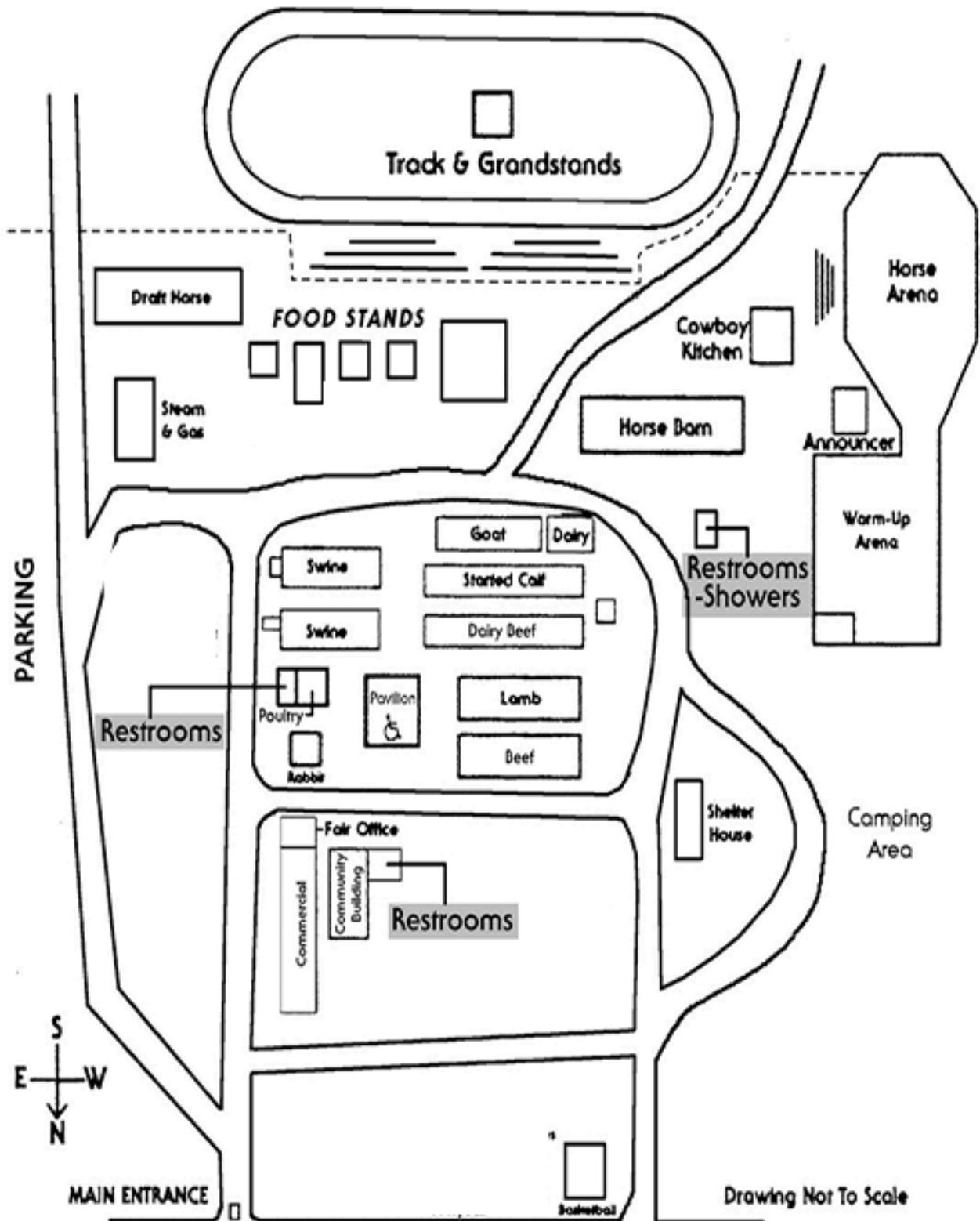
Youth may be asked questions such as:

- What new things did you learn?
- Have you taken this project before?
- How much time did you spend on this project?
- What were your goals for this project?
- What would you like to change about your exhibit?
- Tell me something about this exhibit that you want me to know.
- What did you like best (or least) about this project?
- Did you do this exhibit at school or was it in a workshop setting?
- Did you have any difficulty with this exhibit, or do you have any questions that I may be able to answer?

4-H Ribbons

Ribbon placings are defined as follows: Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion: Exceptional work Champion/Reserve Champion: Outstanding work, well above the average of the group Honor Group: Very good work, above the average of the group Blue: A complete exhibit, meets exhibit requirements, well-constructed Red: adequately constructed or does not fully meet the exhibit requirements White: poorly constructed or barely meets the exhibit requirements.





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LaGrange County 4-H Fairgrounds

4-H FAIR SCHEDULE 2025

(Tentative and subject to change)

Pre-Fair Activities

Tuesday, June 24: 4-H Fair Entries Due in FairEntry; QLC/YQCA must be completed

Tuesday, July 1: Enter Static Projects 4:30-6:00 PM

Tuesday, July 1: Pre-fair Clean-up and Exhibit Building Set-up, 5:30 PM

Tuesday, July 1: 4-H Association Meeting 7 PM

Thursday, July 3- Project Judging Night

2:30-4:00 PM Enter Exhibits

5:00-7:00 PM: Judge:

Aerospace, Arts & Crafts, ATV Posters, Bee Keeping, Cake Decorating, Child Development, Creative Writing, Collections, Computer, Consumer Science, Crops, Dog Posters, Electric, Entomology, Flowers, Foods (All), Forestry, Garden & Potatoes, Geology, Genealogy, Gift Wrapping, Health, Home Environment, Horseless Horse, Photography, Reading, Recycling, Soil and Water, Shooting Sports, Sports, Sports Fishing, Sewing, Vet Science, Weather, Wildlife, Woodworking

7:00 PM: Fashion Review (Held on Stage in Livestock Arena), Demonstrations, and Public Speaking (Held in Exhibit Building)

(Mini 4-H Projects can be turned in before judging on Saturday)

Saturday, July 5

6:00 AM-11 AM: Swine are Weighed as Entered - Swine Barn

6:00 AM-11 AM: Dairy Goat Wethers are Weighed as Entered - Dairy Goat Barn

7:00 AM- 11 AM: Enter and Weigh 4-H Sheep- Sheep Barn

*All Livestock (except Dairy Cows) are to be caged/penned by Noon on July 6

12:00 PM: 4-H Fair Opens

12:00 PM- 3:00 PM: Enter and Judge Mini 4-H Projects

12:30 PM: Weigh Beef Projects- Started Calf Barn

1:00 PM: Weigh Started Calves and Dairy Beef - Started Calf Barn

1:00 PM: Weigh Dairy Goats- Sheep Barn

4:00 PM: 4-H Recognition Ceremony

7:00 PM: 4-H Dog Agility Show

Sunday, July 6:

9:00 AM-2:00 PM: 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship

6:00 PM: ATV Demonstration

Monday, July 7:

9:00 AM: Dairy Beef Show followed by the Started Calf Show

4:00 PM: Meat Goat Show and Showmanship

6:00 PM: Sheep Show & Future Show

Tuesday, July 8:

9:00 AM: Horse & Pony Halter, Showmanship and Western classes

9:00 AM: Poultry Show - In Poultry Barn

2:00 PM: Media Photos-Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Only

4:00 PM: 4-H Swine Show

2025 General Rules for Animals Housed at the LaGrange County 4-H Fair

General Rules for ALL animal exhibitors:

All 4-H General Rules and County and State 4-H Livestock Rules apply. The 4-Her and the parent/guardian are responsible for understanding the rules of each project they are participating in, as each species has its own rules and requirements to abide by.

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 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 online alternative for quality assurance training and will not be available in person. Youth can choose whichever option works best for them.
- These training sessions will be required annually to show the animals mentioned above. In-person training dates will be communicated to all 4-H members and their families through the LaGrange County Extension Office by newsletter, email, postcards, and/or Facebook posts
- All 4-H members exhibiting the species listed above must be certified in one of the quality assurance training sessions by noon on Saturday for animal check-in.
- Youth who choose to take YQCA must present certificates to the 4-H Educator and Livestock Superintendent by noon on Saturday of animal check-in. YQCA certificate can be emailed to bgilger@purdue.edu, at the time of completion.
- Any member unable to present the required proof of YQCA certification or QLC training by noon on Saturday of animal check-in will not be eligible to show at the 4-H Fair.

Animal Check-in:

- 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 the March meeting, for check-in for the 4-H fair.
- All animal projects housed at the fair must be penned from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. by the first Saturday of the fair, with the exemption of horse and pony, which can start entering from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday and resume at 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning and must be stalled by noon on Saturday. Failure to do so will result in your animals being unable to unload.
- The animals checked in by noon on Saturday are expected to stay the duration of the fair unless properly documented to be a State Fair Exhibit. See the State Fair Exemption section of this document for further clarification.

Animal Identification:

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 is acceptable for specific species of livestock exhibited in Indiana and required for 4-H Online:

- Beef: All steers and heifers must be identified, tagged, and weighed on the date the 4-H Beef Committee designated. Cattle will be identified and tagged with a conventional 5-digit plastic ear tag and an electronic Radio Frequency Identification tag (RFID tag). Registered heifers will also supply a tattoo.
- Dairy: 840 RFID, C tag. Registered stock supply animals registered name and registration number.
- Dairy Beef & Started Calf: 840 tags RFID, Radio Frequency Identification tag, and/or 5-digit county tag
- Dairy & Pygmy Goats: scrapie program flock tags; electronic implant 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 must have a 5-digit County tag.
- Horse & Pony and Draft Horse: Two Colored Pictures including all 4 feet and head
- Meat Goats: 840 RFID tag, and/or 5-digit County Tag, and/or Breed Registry Tattoo and/or Scrapies tag
- Poultry: Exhibition Form, NPIP number, or Negative Pollurum Test within 90 days of the show
- Rabbit: must be tattooed
- Sheep: 840 RFID tag and/or 5-digit County tag and/or Scrapies
- Swine: official 840 RFID, Radio Frequency Identification tag, 5-digit county tag, official premises ID number ("PIN") tag, ear notch, or tattoo if the tattoo is registered with a swine registry association.

For additional clarification and State Fair identification rules, see the Indiana 4-H Animal Identification sheet and individual species rules.

Any livestock shown at the 4-H fair must be identified in 4HOnline and must include the Premise ID# of the location of where the animals are housed. This must be done by May 15th to be eligible to show. **NO** changes to the animal identification are allowed after the May 15th deadline.

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 May 15th deadline.

All animals listed in a family profile may be exhibited by any siblings in that family's 4-H Online profile. Animals going to the fair need to be entered in FairEntry by June 24. Animals will need only to 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. They will not have an opportunity to be placed in their class but will receive feedback from the judge. Youth may still compete in their showmanship class. Animals will need to be assigned to the specific youth in their family by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the weigh-in.

Care of Animals:

The 4-H'er is responsible for proper feed, water, and care of their animal(s) daily 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: Remove some/all awards received in that animal species.
 - Step 3: Ineligibility to participate in the current year's 4-H auction.
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- All livestock must be owned by, in the possession of, or under the care of the 4-H member by the livestock identification deadline.
 - 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 space needed.
 - Any exhibitor or family member who abuses an animal will be eliminated from showing, and further disciplinary/legal action may be taken.

Expectations of Showmen:

- 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-H'er) enrolled in LaGrange County. Any other exceptions to this rule will be made only by the superintendent.
- All Exhibitors will show their animals without additional help showing or setting up an animal during livestock shows unless due to extenuating circumstances or disability. Additional help must be provided by a current LaGrange 4-H member and must be pre-arranged with the livestock species committee before the show begins.
- Not abiding by Youth Behavioral Expectations (signed when enrolled in 4-H) will result in being excused by the 4-H Educator from all 4-H fair activities for the remainder of the year
- 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.

Animal Release:

Animal exhibits release time will be 12:00 am on the fair's final Saturday until the auction's end on Saturday morning/afternoon. No animal project of any species shall be released before 12:00 am on the final Saturday of the fair unless they meet the following criteria:

- Production cows (milking cows) are exempt as they will do a show-and-go.
- Secondary horses/ponies registered with the Horse & Pony Committee as show-and-go exhibits for Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday shows are exempt from the release rule.
- 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.
- State Fair documentation is properly presented at weigh-in

See the **State Fair Exemption** section of this document for further clarification.

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

The consequences of animal removal before the animal release time are as follows:

If an exhibitor or a representative of the exhibitor removes an animal from the fairgrounds early without the consent of the species superintendent, livestock committee president, fair association president, and the county 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator, 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.

Tack Removal: Exhibitors may add or remove tack/feed with a vehicle/trailer for any/all of their livestock exhibits between 6:00 am and 8:00 am daily at their own discretion. At all other times, the tack **MUST** be walked out to the exhibitor's vehicle/trailer.

Vehicles and Trailers: Vehicles may only be at the barns between 6:00 am and 8:00 am, Sunday through Friday. During the time frame of 6:00 am to 8:00 am, additional feed, bedding, or equipment needed for the proper care of the animal may be brought into or removed from the barns.

State Fair Livestock Projects may also be moved from the 6:00 am to 8:00 am time frame with proper State Fair documentation that has been provided to barn superintendents on the first Saturday of the fair. See the State Fair Exemption section of this document for any further clarification.

State Fair Exemption:

4-H Exhibitors that prove State Fair Show Entry, with state fair entry receipt, to their species superintendent at weigh-in will receive a release ticket that will allow the State Fair entered animal to leave the fairgrounds from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. following the day of their show. **If the State Fair eligible animal does not leave the following morning, it must stay until 12:00 a.m. on Saturday.**

Tuesday Morning – Dairy Steer, Started Calf, Meat Goats, and Sheep

Wednesday Morning – Swine

Thursday Morning – Dairy and Beef

Friday Morning – Dairy Goat

AUCTION: Per state fair rules, an animal that has been designated “sold” at a county fair will not be eligible for the state fair. The animal designated for the auction must stay until the release time of 12:00 a.m. on Saturday.

If an animal is removed from their designated area before the 12:00 a.m. release time, the exhibitors will **NOT** be allowed to participate in the current year's auction. See this document's **Animal Release** section for all consequences and further clarification.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know what requirements/guidelines are needed for my child's project?

- All project guidelines are listed on our website. The link is found on the front cover. These guidelines are helpful in knowing what is needed for any project. We also put together a yearly project handbook with updated guidelines. This is typically done in January. We have online copies at our website or you can buy a printed version for \$5 from the office. As always if you have any questions on requirements call the office or talk to your project/club leader.

Why do we have to do 4-H Online and FairEntry?

- 4-H Online can be seen as a "Save the Date". We want to know all the possible projects that you are interested in. That way if we have pre-fair information about a specific project we can make sure to get it out to you. FairEntry can be seen as more of a RSVP. At this point you will know what projects you will be bringing to fair. This is important for us to know as we prepare and set up for fair week. Make sure to remember, 4-H Online is due May 15 and FairEntry is due June 24.

When and where do we pick up back tags for the fair?

- Back tags are worn when showing animals at the fair. They will be ready at set-up night on Tuesday, July 1st in the Community Building at the fairgrounds. If you do not get your back tags on the Tuesday, you can get a back tag during the fair at the fair office. It is best practice to pick up back tags the day before your show. That way you are not rushed on the day of the show.

Where and when do we get our Fair Passes?

- Fair passes are given to all 4-Hers, both mini and members. Fair passes are typically done by set up night which is July 1st this year.

Do parents get passes for the fair?

- Only enrolled 4-Hers get Fair passes. Parents will have to buy passes if they want to participate in fair activities. Parents can purchase tickets at the log cabin ticket booth. Prices of tickets will be announced at a later time.

How do we get our auction check?

- Auction checks are handed out at the livestock banquet, which typically is the second Sunday in August.

When do we get our list of buyers and thank you cards?

- The list of buyers and thank you cards can be picked up at clean-up night. If you do not get them then, you can pick it up at the livestock banquet.

What animals are eligible for auction?

- Market animals (goats, sheep, poultry, beef cattle, swine, and rabbits) are only eligible for the auction.

How do we get information about camping at the fair?

- The LaGrange County 4-H Association takes care of fairgrounds camping. The camping committee is being put into place now. Typically camping letters will go out in April/May. They go out to previous camping families first. If you would like to camp call the office in May and we will put you in contact with the camping committee.