February 5, 2024

Dear 4‑H Goat Member:

Welcome to the 2024 4-H Goat Project! We are looking forward to a great year. This letter contains important information about the goat project so please read all of the information and hold onto it for future reference.

**HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE PROJECT**

* All members must be enrolled in 4hOnline.
* All goat project members should attend two (2) goat workshops each year.
* Members must have their goat in their possession by May 4, 2024.
* *ALL GOATS* that are to be exhibited at the LaPorte County Fair must be micro-chipped.
	+ *If you were in the Goat Project last year and your doe was micro-chipped, these animals do not need to come to the May 4th I.D. Day. Please make sure to list the micro-chip numbers on the Goat ID Worksheet and turn in the worksheet.*
	+ If your wether has been micro-chipped by a veterinarian they must still come on I.D. Day.
* Remember that all wethers must be dehorned and castrated before ID Day!
* All members will need to complete either Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock or YQCA.
* All animals will need to be entered into 4hOnline by May 15th.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

* Tuesday, March 12, 2024
	+ - Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. held in the Community Building
* Saturday, May 4, 2024
	+ - I.D. Day from 8:00 a.m. to NOON held at the Goat Barn
		- There will be an $8.00 cost per head
* Saturday, May 18, 2024
	+ - Workshop from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. held at the Livestock Show Arena
* Saturday, June 15, 2024
	+ - Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. held at the Livestock Show Arena

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

* **Goat ID Worksheet**

Enclosed is a Goat ID Worksheet for your record keeping and to assist you while enrolling your animals in 4hOnline.

* This is ***NOT*** an animal enrollment form nor does it enroll your animals!
* You will need to bring it with you to the fairgrounds on May 4th.
* Your copy *MUST* come with you to check in at the fair.
* **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA Requirements**

Each 4-H member who is participating in Beef or Dairy Feeder, Sheep, Goat, Swine, and Poultry projects will need to complete a quality assurance program by June 14th.

1) The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. These trainings will all be held in-person for the upcoming year and information will be posted when available.

2) YQCA certification (online only) will be accepted. Please visit [yqcaprogram.org](file:///%5C%5C42laporte.boilerad.purdue.edu%5Chome%5CShared%5C4-H%20Youth%5CLetterhead%20%26%20Templates%5C2020-2021%5Cyqcaprogram.org) to take the online training. Once completed it is your responsibility to send a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office so they have record of completion. Those certificates can be sent directly to woznia11@purdue.edu

* **Animal Enrollment in 4hOnline**

**All Animals will need to be entered into 4hOnline before May 15th.** The 4-H’er or a family member will need to visit <https://v2.4honline.com/> to enroll your animal.

* **FairEntry**

FairEntry is the second step in being able to exhibit animals at the LaPorte County Fair. All 4-H members will need to enter the animals that they intend to bring to the fair exhibition in Fair Entry by June 14, 2024.

You will use the same email and password that is used with 4hOnline when visiting <https://fairentry.com>

* **State Fair**

Indiana 4-H & BOAH require any Boer goat showing at the state fair to have a LaPorte County tag and an 840-RFID tag will be used. Cost of the tag will be determined. We will let you know the cost as soon as it is known.

If you have any intentions of exhibiting at the 2024 Indiana State Fair, you will need to contact Fred Matuszak at (219) 544-1069 by April 15th so the correct number of tags can be obtained from the state. **May 4th is the only day that you can tag animals going to the State Fair!**

Please remember -

***It is your responsibility*** to bring all un-chipped animals in on Saturday, May 4th as well as register your goats online using their microchip numbers by May 15th.

There is no other date to I.D. animals, and the committee will not go to any individual's home to chip goats. Please inform any new 4-H members about chipping.

Sincerely,

Fred Matuszak Kelsey Guadarrama

Goat Superintendent 4-H Extension Educator