Dear 4-H Sheep and Committee Members,

IMPORTANT PROJECT INFORMATION:
- All members must be enrolled in 4HOnline.
- All market lambs must be born after January 1 and be in the member's care by May 1.
- All sheep must be entered into 4HOnline before May 15th. _It is the responsibility of the 4-H member_ and or family to enroll their animals online. Instructions are enclosed but can also be found at: https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/projects/animal-identification/animal-id-instructions.pdf
- 4-H members may have up to 10 market lambs enrolled, but may show only 5 animals at the fair. They must weigh at least 70 lbs. at fair time. Only 3 may be sold in the auction.
- 4-H members may enroll 2 breeding animals per class.
- 4-H Market Lambs, commercial (Non-registered) and registered breeding stock must be tagged on May 3rd or May 4th.
- If any of your sheep losses an ear tag, contact Jake Salisbury or Don Stoner.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- **Friday, May 3, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**
  - I.D. Days at the Draft Horse Barn. Animals with sore mouth should arrive toward the end of the times listed. Please inform the volunteers tagging your animals that day that your sheep are infected because sore mouth can be contracted by humans.
  - The 4-H Sheep Committee will be ear tagging all market lambs. A charge of $6.00 per lamb will pay for tags and supplies.
  - Enter the fairgrounds off of Zigler Road at Grandstand Drive and proceed west to the Draft Horse Barn. Trucks and trailers will enter the west end of the Draft Horse Barn and exit on the east end of the Draft Horse Barn after animals are identified.
- **March 14th at 6:30 pm; Community Building @ LaPorte County Fairgrounds**
  - Selection of lamb and review paperwork for tagging and enrollment
- **Sunday, June 23 at 2:00 p.m.**
  - Set up pens & discuss unloading procedures

ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS:
- **Market lambs**
  - County Fair: A 5-digit county tag will be used.
  - State Fair: An 840 RFID tag, 5-digit county tag and DNA hair sample.
- **Commercial ewes**
  - State Fair: An 840 RFID tag, and 5-digit county tag or an official scrapies tag and DNA hair sample.
- **Registered ewes**
  - State Fair: An 840 RFID tag and ID that matches registration papers and a DNA hair sample.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION
- **CARCASS CLASS**
  There will be a carcass class again this year as part of the show. Each 4-H sheep exhibitor is entitled to exhibit no more than two carcass lambs (in addition to five (5) others that may be shown in 4-H classes). The first 12

lambs that place in the carcass class will be taken to slaughter. 4-H members must secure their own buyers for the animals except for the grand and reserve champion carcass winners. If you have specific questions about the class, ask a committee member at the I.D. Day.

- **COUNTY BORN & BRED**
  This year a new class is being offered to Market Lambs. The lamb must be bred and born in LaPorte County and possess an appropriate county scrapie tag. The lamb must also be entered in 4HOnline as a County Raised and will have to list their breeder in FairEntry.
- **SHEEP ID WORKSHEET**
  Enclosed is a Sheep ID Worksheet for your record keeping and to assist you while enrolling your animals in 4HOnline.
  - o This is *__NOT__* an animal enrollment form nor does it enroll your animals!
  - o You will need to bring it with you to the fairgrounds on May 3rd or 4th.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK 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 registration is open in 4HOnline, under Events, look for LaPorte County – Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care.

2) YQCA certification (online only) will be accepted. Please visit yqcaprogram.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

FAIR ENTRY
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
You may enroll 30 total sheep. For State Fair all market lambs and breeding ewes (including registered ewes) must be tagged. State Fair entry information may be found at: https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-competitions-entry-information

Please remember -

It is your responsibility to bring your animals to the Fairgrounds for tagging on either Friday, May 3rd or Saturday, May 4th. No other day will be scheduled! The committee will not go to an individual's home to tag after the deadline. Please inform any new members about this date.

4-H members will need to make arrangements with someone else to have their animals taken to the fairgrounds on these dates if they are unable to attend.

Sincerely,

The Sheep Committee

Enclosures: ID Worksheet/ ID Day/ Animal Identification