February 6, 2025

Dear 4-H Goat Member:

Welcome to the 2025 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.

## Project Highlights

- ***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 3, 2025.
- ALL GOATS that are to be exhibited at the LaPorte County Fair must be micro-chipped.
  - *All does need to receive a micro-chip on I.D. Day.  If your doe was previously micro-chipped, you do not need to bring her to ID day.  If your doe is pregnant, you must declare that on the Goat ID Worksheet.  Please make sure to list the micro-chip numbers on the worksheet as well.*
- If your wether has been micro-chipped by a veterinarian they must still come on I.D. Day for identification by the committee.
- All bucks or males that are intact, must be castrated or banded *before* I.D. Day.
- All goats must be dehorned *before* I.D. Day with the exception of all percentage & registered Boer goats.  You must show proof of registration papers in the 4-H'ers name or lease papers.
- All members will need to complete either Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock or YQCA by June 13th.
- All animals will need to be entered into 4hOnline by May 15th.

## Important Dates

**May 3rd** | *Goat ID Day* | 8:00 AM – NOON | Goat Barn
**May 15th** | *ALL livestock must be entered and identified in 4HOnline*
**May 15th** | *DNA hair sample due for State Fair (turn in at the Extension Office)*
**June 13th** | *All Livestock entered in Fair Entry (these are the specific animals you will be bringing to fair)*
**June 13th** | *Complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA Online*
**July 1st** | *State Fair Entry Deadline*
**July 4th** | *Goat Check-In* | *5:00 PM – 8:00 PM* |Goat Barn
**July 5th to 12th** | *LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR*
**July 6th** | *4-H Goat Show* | *8:30 AM* | Livestock Arena Show
**July 8th** | *4-H Mini Goat Show* | *6:00 PM* | Livestock Show Arena
**July 8th**| 4-H Goat Agility | *7:00 PM* |Livestock Show Arena
**July 11th** | *ALL DAY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION*
**July 11th** | *Release of 4-H Goats* |*7:00 – 9:00 PM* | Goat Barns
**July 12th** | *Release of 4-H Goats* |*8:00 – 10:00 AM* | Goat Barns
**August 1st to 17th** | *Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)*

## Workshop Dates
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025
    - Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. held in the Small Projects Building
- Saturday, March 29, 2025
    - Tentative Workshop with Kalmbach Feed – more information to come
- Saturday, May 3, 2025
    - I.D. Day from 8:00 a.m. to NOON held at the Goat Barn
    - There will be an $8.00 cost per head
    - This is the ONLY day to I.D. your animals!
- Saturday, May 17, 2025
    - Workshop from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. held at the Livestock Show Arena
- Saturday, June 7, 2025
    - Workshop from 10:00 a.m. to NOON 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 3rd.
- Your copy _MUST_ come with you to check in at the fair.

## YQCA or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (I4HQLC) 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 13th.

- 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.
- YQCA certification (online only) will be accepted.  Please visit [yqcaprogram.org](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](woznia11@purdue.edu)

## Animal Enrollment Requirements

- Any youth that plans on exhibiting livestock this year at the county and/or State Fair will need to enroll their animals in the 4HOnline system.
- Animals will need to be enrolled online by the 4-H or family member by going to the following website address:  [https://v2.4honline.com.](https://v2.4honline.com.)
- Animals can be enrolled in 4HOnline NOW!  **Deadline to enter all Animals is May 15th!**

## Fair Entry

- Fair Entry is the second step in being able to exhibit animals at the LaPorte County Fair.
- Declare the division (class) that you plan to show as on fair entry, these will be final and not changed at check-in.
- If there are questions about breed guidelines visit the state fair website specific to your breed, which is what we will be using if there are any questions at the fair.
- Deadline is June 13, 2025 by 4:00 PM
- You will use the same email and password that is used with 4hOnline when visiting https://fairentry.com

## County Fair

- LaPorte County Fair dates for 2025 are July 5th – 12th.
- Check in will be on Friday, July 4th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 4-H Goat show will be held on Sunday, July 6th starting at 8:30 am in the Livestock Show Arena
- Wash racks will be available this year to wash your goats.

## State Fair

- If you have any intentions of exhibiting at the 2025 Indiana State Fair:
  - Any Market Goat Wethers and Does will need to have an RFID tag.
  - Boer Goats females need a DNA hair sample.
- Contact Fred Matuszak at (219) 544-1069 to let him know you plan to attend the State Fair.
- **May 3rd 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 to I.D. day on Saturday, May 3rd.
- register your goats online using their microchip numbers by May 15th.

Sincerely,

Fred Matuszak                                    Kelsey Guadarrama
Goat Superintendent                         4-H Extension Educator