

General Livestock & Animal Information

It is the 4-Her's and their Parent's responsibility to Read and Know this Information.

- The following rules and guidelines pertain to all livestock species in whole or in part (beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry). Following the general information are sections dealing with each species. Refer to project pages for specific guidelines for horses, cats, dogs, and pocket pets.
- The Ohio County 4-H Youth Advisory Board reserves the right to examine and/or test any 4-H animal for tampering, altering, misrepresentation, unethical fitting, natural or foreign substance, to include but not limited to artificially introduced air, blood, oil, water, drugs, steroids, or chemicals. The submission of any 4-H entry to the fair by an exhibitor grants the Youth Advisory Board the right to conduct such tests. **Refusing such tests or blatantly disregards above rules will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all entry fees, awards, and participation in the auction.**
- **4-H members will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.**
- 4-H animals are expected to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them (unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the YAB) from the animal enrollment deadline until the conclusion of the county and/or State Fair.
- No animals may have horns on tag day or at the fair. **SCURS** over 1" are considered a horn and must be removed. **Except: Pygmy Goats and Boer Goats in Breeding Classes.**
- **4-Her's must only bring animals to the fair grounds at check-in day during the fair that they intend to show.**
- All male animals except rabbits and poultry must be castrated by tag day.
- **4-Her's are expected to handle their own animals. If the livestock chairman, species chairman or the Extension Educator feels an animal threatens the safety of 4-Her's the animal will be removed from the fair.**
- If there are a large number of entries in a particular class, the class may be divided. The number of classes and size of the classes will be determined by the species chairman with the approval of the livestock chairman and Extension Educator.
- To complete an animal project, if not able to exhibit, the 4-Her must do a poster, demonstration, or essay to complete but will not be able to compete in the animal project.
- Any 4-H member exhibiting animals at the fair is expected to wear proper show attire. For example jeans, boots, a shirt with a collar, and a belt. No hats allowed; this excludes the Horse Show only. Please see species for additional information.
- All 4-H members exhibiting animals at the fair **MUST** attend the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care or Training meeting YQCA Online. If unable to attend the 4-H member must contact the Extension Educator in writing. If the member does not attend the meeting, they will be allowed to exhibit the animal but not participate in the auction.
- Do not feed other animals that are not yours without permission from the 4-H owner.
- Large non-auction animals are allowed to leave after their respective show or Friday morning between 8-10am or after the auction. Small animals (rabbits and poultry) are allowed to leave Friday between 8-10am or after the auction.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. This is an annual program that can be completed via face-to-face trainings. There is an annual fee associated with this requirement. 4-H members will be required to register and pay for trainings prior to the training. The goals of having 4-H members complete the program include ensuring that

- Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors.
- Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care.
- 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.

For more information about trainings, please contact the Ohio County Extension Office.

Homegrown Rules for Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goat

- If animal is born on 4-H member's family farm it can be shown in homegrown.
- Any homegrown animal must be identified at tag day that it is going to show as a homegrown animal.
- All homegrown animals will exhibit in weight or breed class with other animals.
- After the selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champions the highest placing homegrown animal from each class will then be exhibited again for champion and reserve homegrown.
- All homegrown animals must abide by county and state rules.

Health Regulations

Some animals are required to be tested and/or have health certificate in order to be shown at the fair. The following are the current guidelines, but it is the 4-Hers responsibility to contact their veterinarian to find out the up to date regulations.

1. Rabbits do not require a health certificate, but a qualified person will check for ear mites and other communicable diseases at the fair check in. Rabbits infected will not be able to show and will be sent home.
2. Chickens and turkeys must provide a certificate stating that their birds originated from a Pullorum-Typhoid free flock. If a certificate is not available one chicken or turkey from flock to be tested at the fair check-in day.
3. Waterfowl have no requirements.
4. All breeding age female Goats and Sheep are required to have a Scrapies tag.
5. **Livestock must come from a farm with a valid Premise ID number. A valid Premise ID number must be entered in 4-H Online. Anyone exhibiting animals MUST have a valid Premise ID.**

*****The State Fair has many specific requirements for showing, ownership and exhibition of 4-H animal projects. If you plan on showing your animal at the State Fair please call the office or go online for all guidelines, rules and procedures. ****

SCRAPIES

A Scrapies tag alone is not appropriate identification for Goats and Sheep at the State Fair. Participation in the Scrapies program is an Indiana Board of Animal Health Program, not a 4-H program. **All Scrapie tags must be placed in sheep and goats by Spring Tag Day.**

Ohio County Guidelines are as follows.

- All Sheep and Goats entered in at the Ohio County Fair **MUST** have a 5-digit County Ear Tag beginning with numbers 58, or a Tattoo.
- This Ear Tag or Tattoo is either put in or onto the animal at Spring Tag day or for older Breeding animals and Pygmies had been done at a previous year's tag day.

Scrapie Identification Information for Producers

In an attempt to clear up confusion about the Scrapies program the following information from the Indiana Board of Animal Health outlines the State Guidelines.

(15 November 2006)—The interstate identification rule is a federal requirement and official identification cannot be removed legally. Official identification includes the flock ID (Scrapies Tag) and individual production number. The flock ID number is the number that must appear on producers' tags and/or tattoos and records/paperwork (including certificates of veterinary inspection). BOAH will provide/approve the Flock ID number for each site. In most cases, this number includes the state postal code and county number.

For more information, contact:
Indiana State Board of Animal Health

Identification Days

All 4-H animals are required to be identified and enrolled on the published tag day. Each animal is to have an individual county 5 digit tag or tattoo for identification purposes.

If a 4-H member intends to show at the State Fair, special rules and procedures must be followed on tag day (i.e. RFID tags and DNA samples.) It is the 4-H member's responsibility to inform the Extension Office and species chairman BEFORE tag day that they intend to show at the State Fair. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to know State Fair regulations and to be sure they are followed.

No animals will be replaced after original is tagged. This means that if an animal dies or gets injured and cannot be shown at the fair another animal cannot be tagged to replace it. Youth Advisory Board recommends the 4-H member tag extra animals if they think animal health may be a problem.

All livestock will need to be entered online by May 15th.

Animal identification days are set by the Fair Board livestock committee. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to know when the tag days are and to get their animals to the tag site. Please know the age and breed of your animals on tag day.

Animals that have been shown at the Ohio County Fair in a previous year do not need to be brought to tag day, but must be enrolled in 4-H Online by May 15th.

Winter Identification Day – For all beef and dairy animals

- **All animals must be haltered with lead.**
- Steers will be tagged and weighed.
- All steers and all heifers will be RFID tagged. 4-H members MUST provide Premise ID numbers in 4HOnline.
- All commercial heifers will be tagged (unless they already have a tattoo) and weighed. Registered heifers will be tagged with RFID tags and must present registration form at tag day. All heifers must be permanently identified with a tattoo or 5-digit county tag, in order to meet federal health requirements.
- Cows for the cow/calf project must be enrolled in 4-HOnline by May 15th. The calf will be tagged at the fair prior to unloading.
- ALL BEEF must be entered in 4HOnline by May 15th.
- Dairy heifers must be tagged if not previously done. All dairy cattle must be entered in 4HOnline by May 15th.
- For State Fair: RFID tagged and DNA must be collected.

Spring Identification Day – For all goats, sheep, swine, and Horse and Pony

- **Horse & Pony MUST be enrolled in 4-HOnline by May 15th.**
- Animals will be tagged with a 5-digit county unless they are already tagged.
- All swine must have ear notches and tag numbers records in 4-HOnline.
- Female sheep and goats need to be declared for market class or breeding class.
- **Goats, Sheep, and Swine MUST be enrollment in 4HOnline after Spring ID Day by May 15th.**
- Sheep, Goats, and Swine planning to attend the State Fair must have RFID tag, 5-digit county tag, and DNA Hair Samples.
- **Females that have been previously shown or that are registered do not need to be brought to ID day, just the 4-H member needs to fill out the enrollment information in 4HOnline.**

Summer Identification Day – For poultry and rabbits

- Rabbits will be tattooed with individual identification (left ear preferred)
- **4-H members are permitted to exhibit 2 sets of meat pens (6 rabbits) however only 8 rabbits can be brought to Summer ID Day to enter as possible meat pens. Of those eight only six will be**

exhibited as meat pens at the fair. All meat pen rabbits MUST be brought to summer tagging if they are not tagged at home.

- Rabbits previously tattooed do not have to be brought, BUT it will be necessary to enter them in Fair Entry and in 4HOnline.
- **Gage request will be assigned from 4HOnline and Fair Entry enrollment. Must be entered in Fair Entry by June 1st.**
- **Auction order numbers will be drawn at the fair during rabbit and poultry check-in.**
- Commercial Chickens and turkeys must provide a certificate stating that their birds originated from a NPIP Certified hatchery or flock at tag day.
- All Exhibition Poultry will be blood tested at check in (unless you have a certificate that they originated from an NPIP Certified hatchery or flock) on the Monday at Fair. No need to bring Exhibition birds to ID day.

Substitute Livestock Exhibitor

Each 4-H member is expected to show their own animals. If this is not possible **another 4-H member from Ohio County can be the substitute exhibitor.** Permission to substitute an alternate 4-H member must be granted by the Youth Advisory Board. Job related exceptions will not be made.

A completed record sheet for each animal project must be in your green records folder. For market beef, swine, sheep, and goats a market price will be posted on livestock Check-in day at the fair. The market price section of your record sheet **MUST** be completed immediately following your livestock check-in. They will be checked by a volunteer the day of weigh in at the fair.

Showmanship

- Showmanship is voluntary.
 - You must use the animal that was shown by you for this class.
 - The Species Chairman is responsible for showmanship classes.
 - Youth will be registered and need to scratch from showmanship class on the day of show
- Showmanship Class will be divided into four groups for each species of livestock as follows:
- **Rookie showmanship:** First year in project for youth in grades 3-5.
 - **Junior showmanship:** 4-Her's in grades, 4, and 5. (Previous showmanship winners must show in intermediate showmanship class).
 - **Intermediate showmanship:** 4-Her's in grades 6, 7, and 8. (Previous showmanship winners must show in senior showmanship class).
 - **Senior showmanship:** 4-Her's in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 will compete in this class thereafter.

A 4-H member that has gone through the proper procedures to enroll in the project and has a completed record sheet as well as completed a poster, demonstration or essay, but due to unforeseen circumstances, is unable to participate in that species show, may enroll in the showmanship class. Written permission from the species chairman must be obtained, and the 4-H member may use another 4-H member's exhibited animal of the same species. Written permission must also be obtained from the 4-H member that owns the animal.

Supreme Showmanship Contest

In order to compete in Supreme Showmanship, you must complete the form on page 143 and turn in to the Extension Educator or a member of the Supreme Showmanship Committee Prior to the conclusion of the last livestock show.

Who Participates?

1. Senior Showmanship champion of Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Market Goat, Dairy Goat, Horse and Pony, Rabbits and Poultry.
2. If any champion chooses not to participate, the second place Sr. Showman is permitted. If the runner up has already qualified then 3rd, 4th, 5th place etc. is eligible.

3. Any final year senior 4-H member who has completed at least one livestock project that year.
4. Expert Showmen are eligible to participate in Supreme Showman Contest more than once if they continue to be a winner of the species.
5. If a showman qualifies in more than one species, then they will represent the specie of their choosing. Unless they have qualified in a specie with only one participant, then they will automatically represent that specie.

Livestock Used for the Contest:

1. Livestock Species Chairman of each species will contact various exhibitors for permission to use their animal. The livestock chairman will get permission signatures (from parent and child) complete with tag numbers and pen numbers prior to the contest.
2. Species Chairman of selected animal is to bring animal and equipment necessary for showing to the show arena at time of the show. If this is not possible other arrangements are to be made ahead of time, and communicated to the Supreme Showmanship Committee.
3. Animals should be clean, but no extensive grooming is to be done. Species chairman must stay nearby to insure safety of the animal, equipment and spectators, and to return the animal to the stall after contest.
4. Participants will be required to authorize use of their animals for the contest (in the absence of injury or severe behavioral issues which will be confirmed by the species chairman).

Animal Selection for Contest Participants:

1. Animals will be chosen by the Species Chairman. Each animal will be given a number and the contestants will draw for their animal.
2. Participants will not be allowed to show their own animal, a sibling's animal, or any animal that has been under his or her care. In the event that a participant draws their own animal a redraw will occur.

Grooming and Necessary Equipment:

1. Only light grooming is necessary by contestants. Brush visible dirt or straw off.
2. Contestants are responsible for providing their own equipment. (Show sticks, Brushes, Combs, etc.)
3. Cages for rabbits and poultry will be provided.

Judging:

1. There will only be one Supreme Showmanship winner.
2. The judge will determine his or her own scoring methods. It is up to the judge's discretion whether he/she or a member of the supreme showmanship committee tabulates scores.
3. In the event of a tie the Judge will determine the winner at his/her discretion.
4. **THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.**

Guidelines for Clean Pens and Animal Care

Each animal exhibited at the fair will have a stall identification card posted above the animal's pen. In the bottom right corner of the card will be the species chairman daily inspection chart. In the morning and afternoon, the species chair will inspect the barn and mark cards that need improvement with their initials. Guidelines are as followed:

1. First box initialed by the chairman is a warning.
2. Second box initialed by the chairman there will be a meeting between the 4-H member, the 4-H Parent, the chairman, and the livestock chairman.
3. Third box initialed the 4-Her will take animal home and forfeit any awards received.

Fair Clean Up

All home animals must leave after the auction. All empty pens and under cages must be cleaned before leaving with home animals.

Livestock Committee Responsibilities:

ALL Livestock committee members will be responsible for attending livestock meetings prior to Fair Board meetings during the program year, attend Bio-Security Trainings, pen assignment meeting, identification days, livestock unloading, livestock weigh-in, and livestock loading. They will also be responsible for providing animals for Supreme Showmanship and Livestock Judging during the fair. Failure to meet these responsibilities will result in replacement of species chairman. They will also work with the Auction Committee to be sure all animals are accounted for during the fair and after the auction. All Species Chairman will serve as a member of the Animal Biosecurity Team that works with the Extension Educator to address biosecurity issues or needs as they arise.

Livestock Judging Contest

Livestock Used for the Contest:

1. Livestock Species Chairman of each species will contact various exhibitors for permission to use their animal. The livestock chairman will get permission signatures (from parent and child) complete with tag numbers and pen numbers prior to the contest.
2. Species Chairman of selected animal is to bring animal to the show arena at time of the contest. If this is not possible other arrangements are to be made ahead of time, and communicated to the Livestock Judging Committee.
3. Animals should be clean, but no extensive grooming is to be done. Species chairman must stay nearby to insure safety of the animal, equipment and spectators, and to return the animal to the stall after contest.

Ohio County Fair Auction

Please Note: Once an animal has been entered into the Auction it becomes the property of the Ohio County Fair Board. At this point the 4-Her and their family do not have any property rights to that animal. Once the animal has been sold at auction it becomes the property of the Stockyard. Any buy-backs done outside the presence of the Fair Board are invalid and absolutely not allowed.

Please note the following...

- All animals sold at the auction are automatically considered the property of the Stockyard (Market) unless otherwise noted to the Fair Board by the buyer.
- A buyer is encouraged to declare with the Fair Board before the auction at buyer check-in that they would like to process the animal and where.
- All checks written to the Fair Board **MUST** have the animal Tag Number in the memo line of the check.
- If the buyer decides to sell back or give back the animal to the 4-Her, that 4-Her and the parent **MUST** go to the Species Chairman before removing animal from the fairgrounds. Auction Chairman **MUST** also be notified.
- Only the PARENT of the 4-Her may buy back an animal and **MUST** accompany the buyer to the Fair Board Desk to complete the necessary paperwork. No other checks will be accepted by the Fair Board for any animal except a registered buyer or in the case of a sell back, the parent of the 4-Her
- Groups of buyers that go into together to buy an animal must submit **ONE** check or cash all together in one envelope to the Fair Board. Only one check (or one envelope of cash) will be permitted per animal. These checks **MUST** have the tag number of the animal in the memo line of the check.
- Buy-backs or parking lot deals create havoc with the Stockyard, the Fair Board, and to the Extension office. The Ohio County Fair Auction is **NOT** a 4-H event. Most people involved are volunteers and these people and their policies **WILL** be respected. These “deals” only hurt our Auction and are **prohibited**.

Ohio County Fair Auction Guidelines for 4-Hers:

1. **To sell an animal in the livestock auction the 4-H member must attend at least 3 regular 4-H club meetings.**
2. **4-H member MUST complete livestock record sheets to sell in the auction. However, youth can attend an educational workshop in the place of a livestock record sheet. (Example if 4-H member exhibits swine and attends a swine workshop he/she does not need to do swine record sheet) YQCA and QLC does not count as it is required to exhibit.**
3. **A 4-H member can attend another club meeting, Mandatory Livestock Meeting, Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, educational county workshop or activity to count for 1 of the 3 required meetings. The leader of the visiting club or Extension Educator must sign the form in the handbook and the youth return it to the Extension Office within 30 days of the event.**
4. **A 4-H member must meet the meeting requirement by Exhibit Hall project check in day.**
5. **If a 4-H member would like to switch clubs they can do so by the project drop/add deadline of May 15th.**
6. **4-H members are expected to wear show attire when taking auction pictures and during the auction. For example, jeans, boots, shirt with collar, and belt. No hats will be allowed during pictures or in the auction. Auction pictures are required to be picked up after leaving the auction ring and given to buyer.**
7. **Any 4-H member selling animals in the auction must complete and exhibit an exhibit hall project!** 4-H member who has satisfied the requirements of their project may participate in the Ohio County Fair Auction.
8. A 4-H member:
 - a. may sell one of the following: steer, market hog, market goat, market lamb, pen of meat rabbits (must also show a senior buck or doe to sell meat pen project), pair of turkeys, pair of commercial chickens, pair of commercial waterfowl, gallon of milk representing champion or reserve champion dairy cow, or a dairy goat product representing the champion or reserve champion dairy goat. The only way to sell multiple entries in the auction is if a 4-H member wins Grand and/or Reserve Grand in multiple species/areas, but cannot sell Grand and Reserve

Grand in the same species. **The Winning Sweepstakes Item is eligible to sell regardless of any livestock in the auction.**

9. Livestock project members are encouraged to invite buyers to the auction.
10. All auction paper work must be completed and turned in by the announced deadline. This includes the destination of all animals at the fair need to be noted on entry cards at the time of weigh-in for large animals or check-in for rabbit and poultry exhibits.
11. **\$25 will be held from the 4-Her's auction check to help purchase auction pictures for the buyers and for fair improvements. These pictures must be handed to the buyer by the 4-H member after the item is sold.**
12. Beef, swine and sheep will have Check-Off Marketing fees subtracted from the check.
13. Every 4-Her is expected to thank the buyer orally after the sale.
14. **The 4-H member must exhibit the animal during the Ohio County Fair to be eligible to auction the animal in the livestock auction.**
15. **Only healthy animals that meet all withdraw times are allowed to participate in the livestock auction.**
16. Each 4-Her selling an animal is expected to buy/sell pork chop BBQ Dinner tickets.
17. A written thank you with an addressed and stamped envelope is to be brought to the Achievement Night Banquet when you pick up your auction check.
18. All auction checks must be claimed and cashed by October 15th.
19. Any animal or item that goes through the auction is not eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

4-H Livestock Sale Order

2025
Dairy
Rabbit
Beef
Market Goat
Dairy Goat
Swine
Dairy Market Goat
Waterfowl
Sheep
Turkey
Poultry
Sweepstakes Item

Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be sold as the first and second animal respectfully of the species being sold.

Buyers will bid on a "Premium Money" Basis.

Buyers have the option of paying the **Premium Bid Money** plus the **appraisal price** to keep the animal and **take possession**. The purchaser may have it sent to any of the slaughter houses in the area. Arrangements are normally provided for transportation to one of the area slaughter houses and the animals will be removed the following morning.

Rabbits and poultry are the buyer's possession and it is up to them to return them to the 4-Her if they please. These animals are not sold to the stockyard or market.

As a 4-H member, you are expected to thank the buyer orally and write a card response. Thank the many volunteers that donate time, labor and equipment to promote a successful auction. Do not forget the auctioneer, ring helpers, 4-H Leaders, Youth Advisory Board & Fair Board members and other volunteers.

Animal Biosecurity Plan Ohio County 4-H Program

PURPOSE

The Ohio County Biosecurity Plan is in place to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans which can be transmitted to and from farm animals. The plan is also in place to ensure the most up-to-date standards are followed regarding the wellness and care of animals.

ANIMAL DISEASE OUTBREAK

In the event of an animal disease outbreak, the Animal Biosecurity Team (Members: livestock chairman, all species chairman, along with the Extension Educator) will consult with the local veterinarians to determine the appropriate action steps to be taken.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

The Ohio County Fair has identified several ways in which we can best prevent transmission of diseases.

1. Hand Washing/ Hand Sanitizing – Will be at the exits of each of the livestock barns.
2. Maintaining General Cleanliness of Animal Areas – Daily sweeping and sanitizing of aisle ways between livestock pens.
3. Education and Training Programs – Opportunities for education will be offered by Teen Biosecurity Team.

Maintaining General Cleanliness of Animal Areas

Maintaining the general cleanliness of all fairground areas is of the utmost importance. Manure must be cleaned up immediately in order to minimize the chance of visitors coming in contact with manure contaminated by pathogenic bacteria or parasites

Operations where animals are involved:

Animal Biosecurity Team

1. Walkways and pedestrian gathering areas around the animal areas will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
2. All gates, railings, and other surfaces that visitors come in contact with must be disinfected. Additionally, because animals lick or defecate on these gates, railings, or miscellaneous surfaces, the surfaces must be disinfected regularly.
3. All pens and stalls will be washed down and disinfected veterinary disinfecting cleaning solution before storage.
4. Animal manure must be cleaned up from aisles and walkways immediately. Spraying with a veterinary disinfecting cleaning solution will take place daily.
5. Manure dumpsters are to be monitored closely and emptied on a timely basis. Additionally, the exterior surfaces of these manure dumpsters are to be rinsed and disinfected.
6. Wash racks, both inside and outside of the barns, must be monitored and cleaned throughout the day and disinfected regularly.
7. All members of the Animal Biosecurity Team are to be observant of any cleanliness or health-related situations that need to be addressed. They are responsible for bringing any such situations to the attention of the entire team as soon as they arise.
10. Hand disinfecting/washing stations are to be located at entrances and exits and next to food areas and must be monitored constantly to ensure they remain working and effective.
11. All members of the Animal Biosecurity Team must wash their hands after coming in contact with the animals and before leaving the designated animal areas.
12. All food is to be kept in designated areas and away from the animal areas.

Exhibitors

1. Exhibitors are encouraged to keep their areas clean and to clean their pens and stalls often, as well as keeping the aisle way in front of their pens and stalls neat.
2. Exhibitors are expected to remove and replace bedding that becomes covered with animal waste.

ANIMAL-RELATED EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

If an animal related emergency occur, the Animal Biosecurity Team has an action plan to address each situation.

Animal Illness

- The local veterinarians are charged with making the decision of the animal's ability to be treated on site or of its need to be removed from fairgrounds.
- All animal medical needs will be under the direct order of the local veterinarians.
- Should an animal be required to be removed from the fairgrounds, the owner must immediately make accommodations to remove the animal. This is the sole responsibility of the animal's owner.
- All treatments and recommendations shall be documented.

Animal Injury

- The contract veterinarians are charged with making decision of animal's wellness and care.
- Should the animal need to be removed from public view, the following will be mindfully followed:
 - Ohio County Fair provided tarps will be used to shield from view of public
 - Under animals own power, machine power, or human power, the animal will be taken out of public view and evaluated
 - Appropriate treatment (including euthanasia) will be determined by the attending veterinarian with consultation of the animal's owner
 - Once animal is stabilized, the animal should be returned to owner's exhibition site within barn or taken to owner's trailer. Degree of injury will dictate said action as determined by the local veterinarians
- All events leading up to the injury, as well as, actions taken by the local veterinarians, shall be documented.

Animal Death (natural or euthanasia)

- The local veterinarians are charged with determination of need for euthanasia
- The local veterinarians shall deem if appropriate for animal's body to be submitted for necropsy
- In order to remove the animal's body from public view, the following will be mindfully followed:
 - Ohio County Fair provided tarps will be used to shield from view of public
 - By means of machine or by human power, the animal's body shall be removed from the area
- All treatments and recommendations shall be documented.

Beef

A State Fair Project

Project Purpose: To teach basic skills about how to raise beef cattle.

General Requirements:

1. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.
2. A market price for steers will be posted on livestock check-in day at the fair. Complete this section of your livestock records. You may want to bring a calculator.

Project Requirements:

1. Beef animals **cannot** have horns on tag or show day. Scurs over 1" long is considered a horn and must be removed to show.
2. All steers must be weighed and tagged at winter tag day.
3. All males must be castrated by winter tag day.
4. All heifers not previously shown must be tagged at winter tag day.
5. Junior calves not identified at tag day must be identified before fair weigh-in.
6. Beef cattle must be weighed and identified at winter tag day. **RFID Tag** is required of all beef animals. All 4-H members **MUST** provide a Premise ID in 4HOnline. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to make sure the tagging information is correct in 4HOnline and DNA has been collected for State Fair.
7. The 4-H member is responsible for transporting their animals to the tagging site and meeting the beef enrollment deadline.
8. The 4-Her is expected to handle their animal. If the species chairman, livestock chairman or the Extension Educator feels an animal threatens the safety of the 4-Her and/or others, the 4-Her will be asked to remove the dangerous animal from the fairgrounds.
9. Following the auction each 4-H member is responsible for removing their halter and putting onto their animal the rope halter provided by the Fair Board.

Market Steer: Teaches 4-Her how to produce a steer finished for market at fair time.

Project Requirements:

1. A 4-H member may show two steers.
2. Steers must be born after January 1st of the previous year.

Breeding Heifer:

Project Requirements: Select a female and show her at the fair.

1. Heifers may be purebred or crossbred.
2. A 4-Her may show a maximum of 3 heifers.
3. Identification: All heifers must be identified with a RFID tag and a tattoo or County Tag. This number must be recorded winter tag day. Registered heifer's tattoo number must match registration papers.
4. Heifer classes will be shown by breed and age. Crossbred is considered a breed and will be shown by weight.

Heifers Classes:

- a) Junior heifer calves born January 1 to March 31
- b) Winter heifer calves born November 1 to December 31
- c) Senior heifer calves born September 1 to October 31
- d) Late summer yearling heifers born July 1 to August 31
- e) Early summer yearling heifers born May 1 to June 30
- f) Spring yearling heifers born March 1 to April 30
- g) Junior yearling heifers born January 1 to February 29
- h) Senior yearling heifers born September 1 to December 31

Beef Cow/Calf Project

Purpose: Teach 4-Her how to manage a cow/calf enterprise and to improve economic/performance traits through selection/culling practices.

Project Requirements:

- Cows for the cow/calf project **must** be enrolled at the Winter ID Day. The calf will be tagged at the fair prior to unloading.
 1. Calf must be born January 1 or after of the current year.
 2. Cow must be calf's natural mother (no embryo transfers or adopted).
 3. 4-Her and beef female must have shown in approved 4-H heifer class previously to be eligible for project.
 4. A heifer calf can be shown as the second female in the breeding heifer class.
 5. Another 4-H member only may help with cow or calf in the show ring.
 6. In the event there is a lack of barn space, cow/calf projects may be released after the beef show.

Showmanship Class: All 4-H beef project members are encouraged to participate in the beef showmanship class. An explanation of rules and classes are in this handbook.

Starter Feeder Calf:

- A. Calves must be born between January 1st and May 1st of the current year.
- B. All Feeder Steers must be castrated by May 15th.
- C. Animals must be owned by the 4-H member and feed records started no later than May 1st of current year. 4-H member wishing to show a feeder calf **must be enrolled in the beef project. 4-H member must pick up a 5-digit County Tag from the office and properly identify steer in 4HOnline by May 15th.**
- D. The animal can be crossbred or purebred beef.
- E. The calf must meet all current Indiana Board of Health regulations.
- F. Calves will be shown by weight. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from class winners.
- G. Feeder Calves will arrive during the designated beef check-in time.

*****All exhibitors are expected to attend Fair set up and clean up days. The dates will be advertised in the monthly newsletter. *****

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is an annual program that can be completed via face-to-face trainings or online modules. There is an annual fee associated with this requirement. 4-H members will be required to register for trainings online and pay the fee online when they register. The goals of having 4-H members complete the YQCA program include ensuring that

- Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors.
- Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care.
- 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.

For more information about trainings, please contact the Ohio County Extension Office.

Cat A State Fair Project

All cats must be spayed or neutered unless they are a registered pure breed being used as a breeding animal.
NO lactating or pregnant queens.

*****All cats must have a negative fecal exam within 6 months of show.**

Exhibit in these classes:

Kitten:		4-8 months by July 1 of current year
Adult Cat:	Domestic:	9 months or older (House cat or barn cat)
	Purebred:	must have registration numbers

Depending on number of entries several classes might be formed including, bi-color, tri-color, solid color, long hair or short hair classes.

1. Each member may show only his/her or the family cat.
2. To be eligible, the cat must be in possession or born by April 1 of the year it is shown.
3. All 4-H cats must have a valid certification of vaccination for the 4-H Cat project (4-H 777). The certification of vaccination must be signed by a licensed, accredited veterinarian and it must be available at check-in.
4. The 4-H member may exhibit only one entry in the Cat Show. This one exhibit may enter only one class.
5. No cat may be devocalized.
6. The 4-H member will stay while his/her cat is being judged. Each member must exhibit an animal in the Cat Show and submit a Cat Record Sheet in order to complete the project.
7. All cats must come to the show in a carrier and leave in their carrier. The only time it should be removed is for showing or last minute grooming.
8. The owner must take the cat home immediately following the Cat Show.
9. All 4-H cats must have their nails clipped. This is a safety factor for both member and judge.
10. The cat must be fed and cared for by the 4-H member.
11. 4-H cats must be free of fleas, fungus, ear mites or other communicable diseases.
12. Pregnant or lactating female cats will not be permitted to show.
13. Each 4-Her's cat will be judged on 1)health, 2) cleanliness, 3)grooming, 4) personality and 5) if all categories are equal, the judge will choose a winner by its "Star Quality"
14. It is not necessary for a 4-H cat to have been selected as a county winner to enter and compete at the State Fair. Any eligible 4-H cat project member may elect to exhibit their 4-H cat in State Fair competition.

4-H CAT IN STATE FAIR COMPETITION:

NOTE: Responsibility for correctly entering appropriate State Fair lot number (s), class letters and class names rests with the 4-H member. Any correction will be at the discretion of the 4-H show manager.

If you plan on exhibiting your cat at the State Fair Please come in to the Extension Office to receive your free copy of the State Fair Handbook with all the policies, requirements, procedures etc.

Record Sheet Required

Dairy
A State Fair Project

Project Purpose: To acquire sound business principles in the operation and management of a dairy herd while learning the life skills of responsibility, planning, budgeting and leadership.

General Requirements:

1. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
2. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.

Project Requirements: Exhibit not more than two animals, (females only).

1. Dairy animals must be enrolled on the State Dairy enrollment form.
2. Female dairy cattle not previously shown in Ohio County must be tagged during the Winter Tag Day except for Dairy heifer calves born after tag day.
3. **No** bulls will be shown.
4. No horns allowed on dairy animals.
5. Scurs over 1 inch long will be considered a horn and cannot be shown.
6. Classes will be arranged according to breed and age of animals.
7. 4-Her may exhibit a maximum of three females.
8. Only registered dairy cattle are eligible to show at the State Fair.
9. Grade dairy (female) cattle are eligible to show at the Ohio County Fair.
10. Grade and registered dairy cattle will show in the same class.
11. Classes will be divided by breed and age for each recognized dairy breed.
12. A gallon of milk, representing the grand champion dairy female, will be sold at the 4-H auction.
13. **Health Requirements:** All health rules will correspond with the Indiana State Fair rules and the Indiana State Board of Animal Health guidelines.

Dairy Classes: (Females Only; No Bulls Allowed)

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| 1. | 4-Year old and over cow | Born on or after August 31 to four years ago. |
| 2. | 3-Year old cow | Born 9/1 four years ago to 8/31 three years ago. |
| 3. | 2-Year old cow | Born 9/1 three years ago to 2/29 two years ago. |
| 4. | Junior 2-year-old cow | Born 3/1 two years ago to 8/31 two years ago. |
| 5. | Fall Yearling | Born 9/1 two years ago to 11/30 two years ago. |
| 6. | Winter Yearling | Born 12/1 two years ago to 2/28(29) previous year. |
| 7. | Spring Yearling | Born 3/1 previous year to 5/31 previous year. |
| 8. | Summer Yearling | Born 6/1 previous year to 8/31 previous year. |
| 9. | Fall Calf | Born 9/1 previous year to 11/30 previous year. |
| 10. | Winter Calf | Born 12/1 previous year to 2/28(29) current year. |
| 11. | Spring Calf | Born 3/1 or later current year. |

Dairy Poster: Complete an educational poster that displays a topic discussed in your manual. Follow the poster guidelines as outlined in this handbook. These are entered on Saturday with Exhibit Hall projects.

Showmanship Class: All 4-H dairy project members are encouraged to participate in the dairy showmanship class. An explanation of the rules and classes are in this handbook.

*****All exhibitors are expected to attend Fair set up and clean up days. The dates will be advertised in the monthly newsletter.*****

Dairy Steer

1. Must be 100% Dairy blood, but do not have to be registered animals.
2. Must exhibit dairy breed characteristics of one of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn
3. Must exhibit dairy breed characteristics in their head, neck, and body and muscle structure.
4. Must not exhibit any signs of crossbreeding with any beef breed.
5. Crosses of beef and dairy breeds will not be allowed.
6. Dairy feeder steers will be shown according to weight. Feeder steers must weigh from 300-750 lbs. during check-in.
7. Dairy feeder steers may not be groomed for showmanship or conformation classes, however, mineral oil and other grooming oils are permitted. Clipping of 4-H dairy feeder steers is optional, as is the use of show sticks.
8. No dairy feeder heifers will be allowed to show in this project.
9. Dairy steers will not be allowed to be sold in the Rotary 4-H Livestock Auction

*****All exhibitors are expected to attend Fair set up and clean up days. The dates will be advertised in the monthly newsletter. *****

Dog Obedience
A State Fair Project

Dogs must be spayed or neutered, unless they are registered pure breeds used for breeding. NO lactating or pregnant dogs allowed.

Project Purpose: To develop dog obedience training expertise in the 4-Her and to expand the feelings of accomplishment and reward by working together with his or her dog. To learn the life skills of planning & organization, learning to learn, communications, relations to others, leading self & others, and making decisions.

General Requirements:

1. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
2. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and will be checked the day of show.

Project Requirements and Guidelines:

1. Both purebred and mixed breed dogs may be shown in the dog project.
2. Dogs must be a **minimum of six months of age** by March 1 to be trained and exhibited. Exceptions must be approved by dog leader and YAB.
3. The 4-Her must identify and own the dog they will be showing by April 15.
There will be no changes after April 15. (YAB Nov. 97)
4. 4-H members must participate in training classes scheduled by the project leader.
5. In the obedience classes, the dogs will be expected to respond to the commands of **Heel, Sit Down, and Stay**.
6. Dogs must be on a leash with a slip chain (choke chain) or a flat buckle collar.
7. Aggressive dogs will be removed from the show for safety reasons.
8. Female dogs in heat may not be shown. The 4-Her will be completed if they have turned in their completed manual and record sheet.
9. **Health Requirements:** ALL dogs must have been vaccinated against rabies within the past 12 months and have an annual Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus, Leptospirosis, & Kennel Cough (Bordetelia) certificate of vaccination signed by a licensed veterinarian. **You must have "Certificate of Vaccination" (4-H 671) when entering your dog for the 4-H dog show. Do NOT put the completed certificate in your green record folder! Hand carry this paper to the dog show with you.**

<p>Special Note: Certain required vaccinations have not been proven effective in wolf-Hybrids, therefore, wolf-hybrids cannot meet the vaccination requirements of the Indiana Board of Animal Health, wolf-hybrid dogs cannot be shown in the 4-H Dog Program. State rule 9/2001</p>
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10. Exhibitors will declare with the dog leader which classes they wish to enter before the fair. The dog leader will clarify classes and class assignments for the 4-H Fair Dog Show.

Showmanship Class: All 4-H dog project members are encouraged to participate in the dog showmanship class.

- Divisions are: Junior: grades 3-7
Senior: grades 8 -12+

4-H Dog members must pre-register their dogs for the State Fair by July 1.

Goat State Fair Project

General Requirements:

1. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
2. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.
3. A market price will be posted when the market goats are checked in at the fair. Your green record folder will be given to you so you can complete your records. Fill out the record sheet as if the goat was sold that day and return it to the person in charge.

Project Requirements:

1. All male goats must be castrated, there for there will be no male goats in the breeding class.
2. **Wethers do not need to be dehorned but they must be de-horned if interested in exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair. Pygmy goats and boer goats in breeding classes do not have to be as long as the horns do not point up.**
3. **840-RFID tag, 5-digit county tag, and DNA Sample are now required for market goats for the Indiana State Fair. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to make arrangements with the Extension Educator as soon as possible so that requirements are met.**
4. Goats must be in 4-Her's possession by Spring Tag Day.
5. **All female goats must have a Scrapie Tag by Spring Tag Day, but a scrapie tag alone is neither appropriate nor acceptable form of identification.**
6. **Health Requirements:** All 4-Hers should follow the Indiana Board of Animal Health Guidelines for Exhibiting and Selling Livestock in Indiana. Premise ID's are required for all goat exhibitors.

Meat Goat Females

1. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 3 meat goat females.
2. Does will show by Full Blood (94% or greater Boar Goat Blood) or Percentage (Less than 94% Boar Goat Blood) and by age.
3. Junior Does
 - a. Does 3 months old to under 6 months of age
 - b. Does 6 months old to under 9 months of age
 - c. Does 9 months old to under 12 months of age
4. Yearling does
 - a. Does 12 months old to under 16 months of age
 - b. Does 16 months old to under 20 months of age
 - c. Does 20 months old to under 24 months of age
5. Senior Does
 - a. Does 24 months old to under 36 months of age
 - b. Does 36 months old and older.

Market Goat

1. A 4-H member may show 2 goats in the market goat class according to weight.
2. Goats must be under 1 year of age on show day.
3. Female goats may show in the market class if they meet the age requirement and are determined by the May 15th registration deadline.
4. Wethers do not need to be dehorned but they must be de-horned if interested in exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair.

Dairy Goat

Dairy Goat Females: Must have proof of registered parentage from the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) approved breeds. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 3 dairy goat females.
(dry)

Jr. Doe Kid – born on or after April 1 of current year

Intermediate doe- born March 1 to March 31 of current year

Senior doe- born Jan 1 to Feb 29 of current year

Yearling doe -1 year and under 2 years, Never Freshened

Aged Doe - over 2 years of age
Sr. Doe (Milking)
Doe-1 year and under 2 years
Doe- 2 years and under 3 years
Doe- 3 years and under 5 years
Doe- 5 years and over

Dairy Goat Wethers

1. Goats wishing to show in the Dairy Market classes must show proof of registered parentage from the ADGA approved breeds.
2. Suggested Birthdates for market goats: December of previous year to February of current year.
3. They will be exhibited by weight.
4. They are eligible for the auction.

Pygmy Goats

1. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 2 Pygmy Goats.
2. Junior Wether-Under 1 year of age on show day
3. Senior Wether-Over 1 year of age on show day
4. Junior Doe-Under 1 year of age on show day
5. Senior Doe-Over 1 year of age on show day

Mother Daughter Goat Class

- To consist of two does any age, as long as one is the daughter of the other. Entry must be in the name of the owner of the mother. The daughter must be owned by the exhibitor or member of the immediate family of the exhibitor.
- Each Exhibitor is limited to 2 entries per class. The focus should be upon herd development not just a collection of animals to make up a group.
- **All goats must be shown in single classes by a 4-H member before showing them in the Mother / Daughter Class.**
- The Mother / Daughter Class will occur directly before showmanship.
- All breeds of Mother / Daughter Goats will compete together. The purpose of this class is to demonstrate desirable genetic traits passed on from mother to daughter.

*****All exhibitors are expected to attend Fair set up and clean up days. The dates will be advertised in the monthly newsletter. *****

Horse & Pony A State Fair Project

Project Purpose: To care for, owned or leased horse or pony for completion at the fair. Animal must be the project member's responsibility

Project Requirements:

1. Complete the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
2. A completed record sheet must be in your green record folder and checked the day of show to be eligible to show.
3. Animals 56" and under and must be measured and verified by a certified measurer.
4. All horse and pony must submit ONE COLOR PICTURE that shows the facial markings and all four legs in 4-H Online. **If a bad photo is submitted no State Fair entry will be possible.**
5. All 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 or above certified helmet whenever mounted, or driving at a 4-H horse and pony event, show or activity. The 4-H member is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy is effective with the 2003 program year and applies to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities.
6. Boots with a heel shall be worn in all contesting, hunting type, and driving classes, as well as when animals are mounted on the fairground.
7. No professional trainer is to ride or train any 4-H Horse after May 1 until fair time, leased or owned. A professional trainer is any person who receives payment, compensation, or gratuities for training purposes of an animal.
8. Current Certification of Completion of Indiana 4-H Requirements for Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony (Vaccination form) is required for exhibition at the Ohio County Fair. These must be picked up from the Extension Office.

Lease forms and boarding contracts of agreement are due in the Extension Office by April 1st. Lease Agreement forms are available at the Extension Office.

General Rules:

1. All rules established in the current State 4-H Horse and Pony Handbook will be in effect and followed. It is the member's responsibility to obtain the rules. State rules for the County show will apply with the following county exceptions that supersede state.
2. Animals must be in the 4-H member's possession and records started by April 1.
3. Any animal exhibited must be shown by the 4-H exhibitor; but may be owned by a contestant's father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent or legal guardian or an approved lease agreement. Only siblings of 4-Hers may show each other's horse at any show after May 15th.
4. Only Ohio County 4-H horse and pony exhibitor may ride their horse on the fairgrounds on show day.
5. A health certificate is not required to exhibit horses in Indiana. A Coggins Test is not required but is recommended. **Vaccination Forms are required and will be checked on show day.**
6. Trails may be judged outside of arena (ring).
7. Horses located at the facility other than the 4-Hers residence or family member's property must submit a boarding contract or similar agreement from the boarding facility along with their Horse and Pony Enrollment Form. Lease forms are to be uploaded in 4-HOnline
8. **For Ohio County Only: Siblings can share one horse to show at the Ohio County Fair in multiple classes.**

Ohio County Fair Classes:

Classes are determined prior to the county fair by the Youth Advisory Board. The 4-H member may scratch or withdraw from any class the day of the show, provided they do so two classes prior to the class they wish to scratch. Opportunities are offered for halter, horsemanship, showmanship, equitation, performance, novice, and contesting. Classes are as needed by the number of participants.

Horse & Pony Classes:

****NOTE:** if you do any riding class that has a lope/canter involved, you may not enter in any walk-trot classes

Potential Classes to register for in Fair Entry

1. Groom & Clean (Cleanest horse and 4-H member wins essentially)
2. Halter (judging based on the horse confirmation): Divided by age, Pony (56 and under), Mare or Gelding
3. Showmanship (Judged on 4-H member) pattern included. Rookie (1st year showman 3rd-7th grade), Junior (grades 4 & 5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12)
4. Hand-in-trail (trail obstacle course 4-H member walking on ground): All ages
5. Trails (trail obstacle course riding *lope/canter involved): Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), Senior (grades 9-12)
6. Walk-Trot Horsemanship (pattern) Senior and Junior
7. Walk-Trot Pleasure – All Ages
8. Western Pleasure (walk/jog/lope on rail based on horse mostly): Pony (56 and Under) or Horse (over 56) Divided in the following way- Jr Rider/Jr horse; Jr Rider/Sr Horse; Intermediate Rider/Jr Horse; Intermediate Rider/Sr Horse; Sr/Jr Horse; Sr/Sr Horse
9. Hunter Under Saddle (English walk/trot/canter on rail based on horse mostly): Pony (56 and Under) or Horse (over 56) Divided in the following way- Jr Rider/Jr horse; Jr Rider/Sr Horse; Intermediate Rider/Jr Horse; Intermediate Rider/Sr Horse; Sr/Jr Horse; Sr/Sr Horse
10. Horsemanship/English Equitation (based on 4-H member) pattern included: Junior (grades 3-5); Intermediate (grades 6-8); Senior (grades 9-12)
11. Barrels (Run clover pattern around 3 barrels)
12. Poles (run a weaving pattern through 7 poles)
13. Flags (Run along outside of 3 barrels while grabbing a flag at the first and putting it back in the last)
14. Keyhole (Run into keyhole pattern on ground, turn inside of it and run back)

Possibilities if requested:

Jumping

Gated horse

Draft horse

Walk and Trot Class: for anyone inexperienced at riding (any age). 4-Hers will not be allowed to ride in any other performance class that requires a lope or canter.

Indiana State Fair Exhibition Form:

If you are interested in showing at the Indiana State Fair it is the 4-H members responsibility to be familiar with the State Fair entry rules and deadline.

Horse Showmanship Classes: **All Horse and Pony members are encouraged to participate in the horse and pony showmanship. An explanation of supreme showmanship is in this handbook.**

Horse & Pony Record Sheet Required.

Other Fowl

General Requirements:

1. Only bring birds planning to show to check in at fair.
2. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
3. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.

Project Requirements:

1. 4-Her may only enroll 1 entry per class but can enroll in more than one class and must be present for judging.
2. **Health Requirements:** Chickens and turkeys must provide a certificate stating that their birds originated from a Pullorum-Typhoid free flock. If a certificate is not available you must bring one chicken or turkey from flock to be tested at the fair check in day.
3. Members must care for their own animals during the fair.
4. Animals not properly cared for will not be allowed to show or sell.
5. All birds must be enrolled in Fair Entry by June 1st.
6. Gage assignments will be based on what is entered in Fair Entry by June 1st. Auction order numbers will be drawn at fair during poultry check in.
7. **On the day of show exhibitors need to wear jeans, boots, and a long sleeve white shirt.**

Exhibition:

1. Could include Pigeon, Dove, Guinea, Pea Fowl or other fowl not listed.
2. Must be shown as a pair.
3. Gender not specific.
4. Grand Champion and Res Grand Champion will be awarded.
5. Not eligible for auction.

Pocket Pets

Not a State Fair Project

Any pet that can fit in a pocket

Excludes: Any venous critters or any critter that has a dangerous bite
(i.e. tarantulas, scorpions, poisonous snakes, large iguanas)

General Rules:

1. The 4-H project member must be present at judging.
2. A 4-H project member may have only one exhibit per class.
3. A 4-H project member may be in two classes
4. Do the number of activities as stated in your project manual each year.
5. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and will be checked the day of show.

Activities are listed and explained in each manual according to your level.

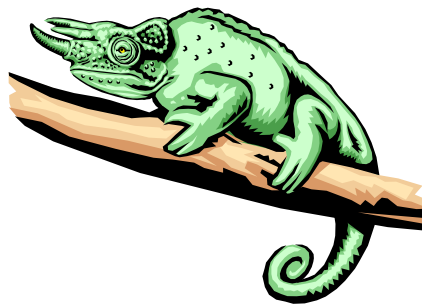
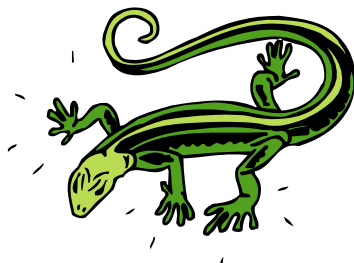
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Level 2: Grades 6-8

Level 3: Grades 9-12

Classes will be determined at contest

A Grand and Reserve Grand will be selected.



Poultry

General Requirements:

1. Only bring birds planning to show to check in at fair.
2. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
3. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.

Project Requirements:

1. Start with minimum of ten birds.
2. 4-Her may only enroll 1 entry per class but can enroll in more than one class and must be present for judging.
3. May sell one pair of commercial chickens (broilers or roasters) according to project requirements.
4. **Health Requirements:** Chickens and turkeys must provide a certificate stating that their birds originated from a Pullorum-Typhoid free flock. If a certificate is not available you must bring one chicken or turkey from flock to be tested at the fair check in day.
5. Members must care for their own animals during the fair.
6. All birds must be enrolled in Fair Entry by June 1st.
7. Gage assignments will be based on what is entered in Fair Entry by June 1st. Auction order numbers will be drawn at fair during poultry check in.
8. **Exhibitors may show 2 pairs of Commercial birds.**
9. **On the day of show exhibitors need to wear jeans, boots, and a long sleeve white shirt.**
10. **All animals must be dry when on the scales for check in and weigh in at the fair.**

Once a bird is at the exhibitor table at show, it cannot be exchanged, it must be shown in that class.

Poultry Classes:

Egg Production: Show a pair of birds of same breed & age.

- A. Pullets- a pair of females under 1 year of age and not yet laying eggs
- B. Hens- a pair of mature egg laying females.
- C. Champion and Reserve Champion Egg Production.

Commercial Class:

- A. Broilers- 2 birds of the same sex, 6-8 weeks of age and between 2 ½ and not over 5 ½ pounds on check in day. Birds not meeting the minimum weight will not be allowed to show or sell.
- B. Roasters- 2 birds of the same sex, 8-12 weeks of age, over 5 ½ pounds and up to 10 pounds at check in day. Birds no falling in the range will not be allowed to show or sell.
- C. If one bird is over 5 and ½ pounds and one is under 5 and ½ pounds then they will be shown as roasters.
- E. 4-Her must submit weight of birds on exhibit card.
- F. Judges may weigh birds at their discretion.
- H. Cornish crosses are strongly recommended for meat class.

Exhibition Poultry: Exhibit 1 bird per class.

- A. Bantam Exhibition Pullet- 1 pullet under 12 months of age.
- B. Bantam Exhibition Cockerel- 1 cockerel under 12 months of age.
- C. Bantam Exhibition Hen- 1 hen over 12 months of age.
- D. Bantam Exhibition Cock- 1 cock over 12 months of age.
- E. Standard Exhibition Pullet- 1 pullet under 12 months of age.
- F. Standard Exhibition Cockerel- 1 cockerel under 12 months of age.
- G. Standard Exhibition Hen- 1 hen over 12 months of age.
- H. Standard Exhibition Cock- 1 cock over 12 months of age.

Market Eggs:

- A. Brown eggs- exhibit a half dozen from your flock.
- B. White eggs- exhibit a half dozen from your flock.
- C. All other eggs- exhibit a half dozen of all other eggs including duck eggs.

Showmanship Classes: All poultry project members are encouraged to participate in the poultry showmanship.

*****All exhibitors are expected to attend Fair set up and clean up days. The dates will be advertised in the monthly newsletter. *****

Rabbits

General Requirement:

1. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
2. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.

Project Requirements:

1. All rabbits must have a legible individual ear tattoo (left ear preferred) **identified** by at the Summer I.D. Day. If not able to tattoo prior to ID day the rabbit will be tattooed at the ID day.
2. **4-H members are permitted to exhibit 2 sets of meat pens (6 rabbits) however only 8 rabbits can be brought to Summer ID Day to enter as possible meat pens. Of those eight only six will be exhibited as meat pens at the fair.**
3. **4-Her may only enroll 1 entry per class but can enroll in more than one class and must be present for judging.**
4. **All animals must be dry when on the scales for check in and weigh in at the fair.**
5. The Official weight of each meat pen rabbit must be at the time of judging by judge and helpers. Weighing will not be done at check-in, but a scale will be available for 4-Hers.
6. The three rabbits for meat pen class must be determined June 1 in Fair Entry.
7. Rabbits will be judged by class and gender.
8. No rabbits will be disqualified due to their qualities.
9. A 4-Her may exhibit in all classes but only sell a meat pen (3 rabbits) in the auction.
10. On the day of show exhibitors need to wear jeans, boots, and a long sleeve white shirt.
11. Once a rabbit is at the exhibitor table, it will not be exchanged, it must be shown in that class.
12. Rabbits that have been tattooed do not need to come to ID day. Cage assignments will be based on what is entered in Fair Entry by June 1st. Auction order numbers will be drawn at the fair during rabbit check in.

Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be selected from 6 Class and 4 Class Rabbits.

Exhibition Requirements:

6 Class: Rabbits with ideal weight of 9 pounds or over.

- A. Senior Buck -over 8 months old
- B. Senior Doe-over 8 months old
- C. Intermediate Buck-6 to 8 months old
- D. Intermediate Doe-6 to 8 months
- E. Junior Buck-under 6 months old
- F. Junior Doe-under 6 months old

4 Class: Rabbits with ideal weight of less than 9 pounds.

- A. Senior Buck-over 6 months old
- B. Senior Doe-over 6 months old
- C. Junior Buck-under 6 months old
- D. Junior Doe-under 6 months old.

Meat Pen Rabbit Classes:

- A. A meat pen must consist of three rabbits, (same breed, color, and variety)
- B. Exhibitors may exhibit 2 sets of meat pens at the fair.
- C. Meat pen rabbits must be in the possession of the 4-H member by ID day.
- D. Rabbits are **not to be over 69 days** of age and **must weigh 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds at show.**
- E. The three rabbits for the meat pen must be determined by June 1st in Fair Entry by tattoo number.
- F. Each meat pen will be officially weighed at the time of judging by judge and helpers.

Single Fryer Rabbit:

- A. Must be declared by June 1st by tattoo number in Fair Entry.
- B. A 4-H member may show one extra tagged meat pen rabbit in this class.
- C. This class is for non-auction rabbits.

Showmanship Contest: Rookie, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior.

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Sheep

General Requirements:

1. Do the required number of activities as stated in your project manual.
2. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.
3. A market price will be posted when the market wether or ewe are checked in to the fair.

Project Requirements:

1. All male sheep must be castrated.
2. Sheep must be in the 4-H'er possession by Spring ID Day.
3. All female sheep must have the IBOAH required PREMID tag effective 1/2002.
4. **Health Requirements:** Sheep and lambs are no longer required to have a health certificate. However, if an animal appears to be suffering from health problems it is the desecration of the Livestock Committee to decide if the animal can remain at the fair. All health rules will correlate with the Indiana State Fair rules and the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.
5. **840-RFID tag, 5-digit county tag, and DNA Sample are now required for market lambs for the Indiana State Fair. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to make arrangements with the Extension Educator as soon as possible so that requirements are met.**

Breeding Classes:

1. A 4-Her may show a maximum of 3 females in the breeding classes.
2. Female classes will be judged by breeds and age.
3. Cross-breeds are considered as one breed.
4. Breeding classes will be:
 - Ewe lamb – born during the current year
 - Yearling ewe – born during the previous year
 - Aged ewe – born prior to the previous year.

Market Lamb Classes:

1. A 4-H member may show two animals in the market classes.
2. Ewes must be declared as market or breeding on tag day.
3. Market lambs, either whether or ewe must be under one year of age on the day of the show.
4. Lambs will be shown by weight.
5. **All market lambs must be slick shorn for the show.**

Showmanship Classes: all sheep project members are encouraged to participate in the sheep showmanship. An explanation of classes and the rules are in this handbook.

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Swine

General Requirements:

1. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.
2. A market price will be posted at the shelter house when the market hogs are weighed at the fair.
3. All barrows and gilts must be born on or after December 1st of previous year to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair and the Ohio County Fair.

Project Requirements:

1. The 4-H member is responsible for transporting their animals to the tagging site and meeting the swine enrollment deadline.
2. All swine must be tagged at spring tag day. **Ear notches are required for State Fair exhibition, however for county fair only exhibitors please enter 5-digit county tag as identification in 4-HOnline. If you have questions contact the Extension Office.** At spring tag day, the 4-H member must inform the swine superintendent and the Extension Educator that they are considering going to the Indiana State Fair so DNA can be taken from swine. It is also the 4-H member's responsibility to make sure the tagging information is correct in 4HOnline.
3. The 4-Her is expected to handle their animals. If the livestock committee feels an animal threatens the safety of the 4-Her and/or others, the 4-Her will be asked to remove the dangerous animal from the fairgrounds.

Market Hog:

1. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 2 market hogs, either barrow or gilt.
2. Only one market hog may be sold at the auction.
3. Market hogs are shown by weight.
4. Classes will be posted in the show barn the day of the show.

Breeding Gilts:

1. A 4-H member may show a maximum of 3 gilts.
2. Gilts will be shown by breeds; cross bred gilts will be classified as a breed.
3. All class winners will compete for the grand champion gilt award.
4. All decisions for class participation for gilts need to be made by the May 15th livestock enrollment deadline.

Showmanship Classes: All 4-H swine project members are encouraged to participate in swine showmanship. An explanation of the rules and classes are contained in this handbook.

National Pork Board: Pork Checkoff Fact Sheet by Dr. Rosie Nold, University of Nebraska

Clipping Hair

A practice that is not done commercially, but is quite common with show pigs, is clipping hair. This may seem harmless, but it does cause concerns among packers because of the difficulty of removing the hair from these carcasses and meeting food safety regulations. Other concerns are that some observers of youth shows may be upset by the squealing that occurs when pigs are held to be clipped. Also, pigs that are clipped extremely short are susceptible to sunburn or chilling in cool conditions.

The Ohio County Youth Advisory Board has made a rule for all Ohio County youth exhibiting swine at the Ohio County Fair.

A minimum of one-half inch of hair length on the body is preferred by the packers that purchase and process these animals. Animals having less than one half inch of hair (in length) on their body may be condemned by the processor. 4-H members will not receive carcass payment for animals that are condemned.

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Turkey

Project Purpose: To teach life coping skills of responsibility, achievement, planning, sportsmanship and goal setting by raising turkeys to market weight for the fair.

General Requirements:

1. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.
2. 4-Her will only be permitted to bring to check in at fair the turkeys that will be shown!! No extras!
3. On the day of show exhibitors need to wear jeans, boots, and a long sleeve white shirt.

Project Requirements:

1. Start with a minimum of five turkeys.
2. **Health Requirements:** Chickens and turkeys must provide a certificate stating that their birds originated from a Pullorum-Typhoid free flock. If a certificate is not available a turkey from flock will be tested at check in day.
3. Gage assignments will be based on what is entered in Fair Entry by June 1st. Auction order numbers will be drawn at fair during poultry check in.

Market Turkeys:

1. Exhibitors may enter 2 pairs of toms, or hens that are finished to market weight at show time. (4 Turkeys total to exhibit for Market Turkeys)
2. Toms 30-40 lbs. under 1 year of age
3. Hens 16-18 lbs. under 1 year of age.

Exhibition Turkeys:

1. Exhibitors may enter a tom or a hen.

Showmanship Classes: All turkey, waterfowl and chicken exhibitors compete together for Poultry showmanship. All poultry members are encouraged to participate in the poultry showmanship. An explanation of rules and classes are in this handbook.

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Waterfowl

Ducks and Geese

Ohio County Waterfowl Record Sheet

General Requirements:

1. A completed record sheet for each project must be in your green record folder and checked on livestock check in day at the fair by a YAB member.
2. MUST only bring birds to check in at the fair that 4-Her is planning to exhibit.
3. On the day of show exhibitors need to wear jeans, boots, and a long sleeve white shirt.
4. Gage assignments will be based on what is entered in Fair Entry by June 1st. Auction order numbers will be drawn at fair during poultry check in.

Commercial Class:

- A. Start with a minimum of 5 waterfowl.
- B. Exhibit one duck or goose of either sex for one commercial class entry.
- C. Exhibitor may enter 2 commercial class entries
- D. Classes are as followed:
 - Young Duck and Young Goose– a female bird less than one year of age day of show
 - Old Duck and Old Goose– a female bird one year old or more day of show
 - Young Drake and Young Gander– a male bird less than one year of age day of show
 - Old Drake and Old Gander– a male bird one year old or more day of show
- E. Pekin breed is strongly recommended for meat class.

Exhibition Classes:

- A. Birds will be judged according to the Standard of Perfection.
- B. Classes are as followed:
 - * Young Duck and Young Goose– a female bird less than one year of age day of show
 - * Old Duck and Old Goose– a female bird one year old or more day of show
 - * Young Drake and Young Gander– a male bird less than one year of age day of show
 - * Old Drake and Old Gander– a male bird one year old or more day of show

Duck eggs may be exhibited in the all other variety class. See Market eggs in the poultry section for more information.

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