

March 17, 2026

Dear Parke County 4-H Sheep & Goat Members,

- Tag-in, **Saturday, May 2, 2026** from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 4-H Sheep & Goat 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline – Due **May 15, 2026**

4-H Sheep & Goat Tag-in

The 4-H Sheep & Goat Tag-in will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the 4-H Fairgrounds Sheep and Goat Barn**. Animal identification requirements are included with this mailing. If your animal needs a county tag or RFID tag, you must bring it to tag-in. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions about identification. We will also weigh animals for rate of gain. All exhibitors will be charged \$3.00 per animal at tag-in. Please bring cash or check with you.

4-H Sheep & Goat Enrollment: (Due May 15, 2026)

4-H Online Sheep & Goat Enrollment Instructions are enclosed. All 4-H Sheep & Goats are required to be enrolled by May 15 via your 4-H Online profile at v2.4honline.com. **Note:** After May 15th, the system will close and NO animals can be enrolled.

Premise Identification: If you do not have a premise identification number for where your animals are located, then you need to complete a request form via the Board of Animal Health website or contact them via their office. All this information can be obtained via the website at <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration/>. Your premise ID will be required for 4-H Online entries for county and state fairs. If you have already obtained a premise ID number, you would use that number each year.

Indiana State Fair Entry: (Make Sure You Read the State Fair Handbook to understand the entire entry and livestock qualifications. The book can be found via the Indiana State Fair website.)

If you plan to show at the Indiana State Fair, you must complete all enrollment requirements. All meat goats require a DNA sample be submitted by May 15 to the Extension Office. DNA envelopes can be picked up at tag in or from the Extension Office.

Health Requirements

Health forms are not required for the 2026 Parke County Fair. However, the Parke County 4-H Sheep & Goat superintendents have the right to deny entry of any animal that may have an infectious or communicable disease such as ringworm, sore-mouth and foot rot.

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA

To exhibit a sheep or goat at the Parke County or Indiana State Fair, you must also complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA certification. Instructor led trainings will be offered at the fairgrounds or you may complete the YQCA training online at yqcaprogram.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Trainings will be held in Parke County on the following dates in the 4-H Building:

April 22nd, at 6pm

June 10th, at 2pm

We are glad you have decided to take the 4-H Sheep and/or Goat project. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the Extension Office or the 4-H Sheep/Goat Volunteers. The following are the 2026 Sheep and Goat Committee Volunteers:

Sheep

John Pratt, Superintendent – 765-366-0699

Michele Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent

Elise Pratt

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Shawna Crowder, Superintendent – 765-376-2364

Derek Mace, Assistant Superintendent

Matt Wirth

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Sincerely,

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