

# 2026 4-H Livestock Handbook



## Pulaski County

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**Livestock members exhibiting animals at the Pulaski Co. 4-H & Community Fair**

**Must Register them online at: [pulaskicountyin.fairentry.com](http://pulaskicountyin.fairentry.com) by June 6th, 2026**



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### 2026 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2026 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

Species	For State Fair	For County Fair	State Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	10 total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and Tattoo and Registration Papers	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and Animal's Registered Name and Registration Number (or dam's reigstration number)	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered Wethers	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Meat Goat Wethers (Including Myotonics)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag	40 meat goats total	May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	Breed Registry Tattoo		
Myotonic Goat Females, Registered	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample			
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)		5-digit County Tag		
Pygmy Goats Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches Registration Papers	40 total	May 15
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo		
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs and Wether Dams	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag	30 sheep total	May 15
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official Scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample	5-digit County Tag/or Official Scrapies Tag		
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	ID that matches Registration Papers		
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch (ifpurebred: registration pages required)	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

## **Livestock Committee Protocol at Fair Animal Check-in**

All check-ins will begin at the set time as proposed by the Fair Board in the schedule.

The conclusion of all check-ins at the Fair will end at the set time that is on the schedule.

- 15 minutes before the conclusion of check-in, all livestock committee chairs or co-chairs are to make a call to all members who have not arrived to determine their location.
- The only exception of late entry is if families notify species committees prior to the time of ending check-in. Phone calls must be made in an attempt to leave a voicemail. If no answer, following up with a text message is encouraged. Proof of attempted contact is all that is required.
- Note on the member list the time the call was made and who you spoke to.

When problems or issues arise during check-in/weigh-in at the Fair:

- Discussions should not happen in front of the family and the 4-H member. Families and 4-H members should be told that their issue will be discussed at the end of check-in.
- No arguing or yelling should occur during the weigh-ins /check-ins by the committee members.
- All issues should be discussed as a committee upon completion and notes recorded. Educator, Fair Board president should be part of this meeting if issue arises with a 4-H member's animal. The discussion of the group is then the Educator and Species chairman responsibility to talk to the family/4-H member. NOT the committees.
- All families and 4-H members are to be treated equally and with respect.

## **Livestock Meeting**

All livestock committees will need to attend a pre-fair meeting the week leading up to the fair. This meeting will be held at the fairgrounds, and all committees can then assist with building set-up. At this meeting, rules, policies, etc. will be reviewed.

## **Animal Handling by Volunteers, Parents, and Youth**

All animals should be handled with respect and care. This reflects our program and the state program. If issues arise with animal handling, that individual will be verbally warned about their behavior having a negative impact on themselves, their family, and the 4-H program. This warning comes from the Educator. He/She is the only one who enforces the behavioral expectations. If they mishandle again, the Educator will discuss and document their final warning. They may be required to attend an animal well-being clinic. This is up to the discretion of the 4-H Youth Educator.

## **RULES FOR ULTIMATE LIVESTOCK SHOWMAN CONTEST**

The purpose of the Ultimate Livestock Showmanship Contest is to

1. Develop and improve showmanship skills and techniques of all species.
2. Develop an appreciation of all other livestock species
3. Develop a cooperative spirit among 4-H members.

One showman from each of the following species is eligible to compete: (9 showman will show 8 species)

- Beef
- Dairy Heifer
- Goats
- Horse & Pony
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine

Dairy Steer (Dairy heifers will be shown; dairy steers will not be shown).

EXCEPTION: If beef has no representative, then the dairy steers will be shown and beef steers will not.

Each livestock committee is responsible to do the following:

1. Supply the animals to represent their species.
2. Supply all the show equipment used to show their species.
3. Supply ring people to work the ring and assist the judge while their species is being shown.

It is strongly encouraged that each livestock committee conduct their own portion of the show exactly as it was when their Showman was selected.

If a Showman is selected to represent more than one species, then that Showman selects which species they wish to represent.

A Showman cannot show any of their own or immediate family member's animals at any time during the show.

The order will be at the option of the Ultimate Livestock Show Committee.

Showman must secure training on their own.

The winner of the Ultimate Showman can no longer participate in showmanship for the species in which they represented.

Showmanship committees consist of the committee chairmen and the 4-H Youth Educator.

## 2026 PULASKI COUNTY 4-H GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

(Revised January 2026)

**For the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse & Pony, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine Projects**

**All animals exhibiting at the Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair must register online at:  
in.4honline.com by May 15<sup>th</sup> and pulaskicountyin.fairentry.com by June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

All final decisions will be determined by the Species Committee/Chairman and the 4-H Educator concerning any problems that arise during fair or any concerns, questions, or suggestions that may occur.

1. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and parents to know the livestock rules of Pulaski County and/or the Indiana State Fair.
2. All livestock must be enrolled on 4-H online by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Poultry will continue to use paper animal enrollment. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor not being allowed to exhibit livestock at the fair. The 4-H member can still complete their project.
3. All 4-H members who plan to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry, and rabbits, must be certified through either an in-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training **OR** an online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training by June 1st. If you choose to complete an online YQCA training, please submit your certificate to the Extension Office.
4. All members exhibiting at the fair may complete a General Livestock Feed Record Sheet and Species Specific/Age Specific Activity Sheet. If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the record sheet and grade specific activity sheet for completion.
5. Livestock will be entered, weighed, and released on the date and times stated in the fair schedule. No animals will be entered/released before or after the designated times in the fair schedule unless cleared by the species chairman and 4-H Educator. If an animal is examined by a veterinarian for medical reasons, then the family must consult with the species chairman and 4-H Educator. Animals are not to leave the fair grounds for breeding related purposes. You are allowed to AI at the fairgrounds if needed. If a non-auction animal leaves the fairground without the consent of the species chairman and 4-H Educator, the 4-H members forfeit their winnings and/or their privilege to auction an animal.
6. All animal owners will be held responsible for their own liabilities.
7. Indiana state health regulations will govern requirements for health certificates. Health papers are not required, but vet checks are strongly recommended 30-60 days before fair check-in. There will be a health determination at entry. All Indiana Exhibitors have to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for beef and dairy cattle, goats, swine, and sheep. To obtain a Premises ID #, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 877-747-3038. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at [www.in.gov/boah](http://www.in.gov/boah).
8. If a 4-H exhibitor has an animal disqualified from showing for any unethical reason, the 4-H'er will be disqualified from showing in any other livestock class and the auction.
9. Any oral or injected medicine administered once animals are on the fairgrounds must be approved and administered in the presence of that project committee species chairman and 4-H Educator. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of all livestock entered in this project by the individual. Injected medicines include anything administered with a needle or forced fluids administered to the animal. Oral medicines include medicated feeds. Medicated feeds that have a withdrawal period listed may not be used during the fair and/or before the fair if withdrawal period would not be over by the time of the auction or going to market.
10. All animals must be shown by a Pulaski County 4-H member. **4-H members are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the owner may request another Pulaski County 4-H member to serve as a substitute.** Substitute showmen must be approved in writing by the 4-H Educator and species chairman, 24 hours prior to showing of the animal(s) needing a substitute showman. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances deemed unavoidable by the 4-H Educator and species chairmen. **Failure to be excused from a job and/or participation in a non-4-H-related creative arts or sporting event or practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.** (This does not apply to members who have multiple animals in a single class or a grand drive. However, if showing multiple animals, please plan ahead and have alternate showmen (Pulaski County 4-H members) prepared to show, if needed. Those showing must be dressed in show attire.)
11. All livestock exhibitors are required to feed, water, and clean their pens daily or the animal(s) will not be allowed to be sold in the 4-H Auction. All 4-H exhibitors are required to clean up their pens as well as their grooming & fitting area. Exhibitors must shovel bark out 2 feet from the wall. This must be completed on the night of the auction.
12. Two hours before any livestock show, only 4-H members and immediate family members are allowed in the respective area of the barn until the conclusion of the show.
13. For showmanship guidelines, please see the respective species' rules. **During showmanship classes, there will be no coaching from the sidelines.**
14. Appropriate and safe attire is expected of all 4-H'ers at all 4-H functions.
15. No reserved pens or stalls. The stalls will be assigned by the livestock committees. Please see your specific species' rules for bedding

requirements.

16. Wash racks are to be used only to wash animals. No animals are to be fed at the wash racks.
17. Good sportsmanship is expected from all 4-H'ers and parents at all times.
18. All livestock must be housed and cared for by the 4-H member.
19. Members cannot enroll their animal in another county, under a different 4-H member. 4-H animals exhibited after May 15<sup>th</sup> at any show by anyone other than the individual whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4-H Online will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects.
20. **PURE-BRED REGISTRATION:** 4-H members showing registered beef, boer goats, dairy, dairy goats, sheep, and swine must present a registration certificate (no photocopies, carbon or fax copies, except from a fax/email directly from the national breed association to the Extension Office). The animal must be registered in one of the following ownership methods: in the 4-H member's name, John Smith and Sons; John Smith Sons and Daughters; John Smith and Family; the listing of a brother and sister; family corporations/partnerships with 4-H member and family member. Animals that are registered in the parents name ONLY or other entities that do not contain the 4-H members name or relation will NOT be accepted. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

#### AUCTION

21. A 4-H'er may sell at the auction any combination of 2 species, with only 1 animal per species allowed, from the following list: **Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy Heifer, Feeder Calf, Sheep, Swine, Duck, Turkey, Rabbit (meat pen or single fryer only), Chicken (broilers or roasters only).**
  - a. Dairy Doe participants may sell either their goat or a basket of dairy items.
22. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal, are considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction".
23. All animals will be sent home after the auction.
24. You will have one hour after your species livestock show to sign up for the auction.

#### MINI 4-H

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See Mini 4-H manual for project requirements.

## 2026 4-H BEEF RULES

(Revised August 2025)

If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the general record sheet and grade specific activity sheet.

These rules are to be used in addition to the GENERAL LIVESTOCK rules

1. February 21st is the deadline for all steers & heifers born between **1-1-25 and 12-31-25** to be enrolled for the official 2026 Beef project.
2. All CATTLE (Includes steers, commercial, market, and registered heifers) to be shown at County and State Fair must be RFID tagged and weighed (registered heifers do not need weighed). Any animal not tagged is ineligible for County and State Fair show. Weigh in date is February 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 A.M. – 10 A.M EST at the fairgrounds or highway garage. Steers and commercial/market heifers must have 5-digit county tag and RFID tag. Registered heifers must have tattoo AND RFID tag. It is strongly suggested by the Beef Committee that all animals be halter broken and able to be led by this date! *Weather date is February 28<sup>th</sup> 8-10am.*
3. Registered heifers that have discrepancies on their registration papers at the State Fair check-in will be sent home unless they have an RFID tag. Therefore, ALL registered heifers are required to be RFID tagged.
4. 4-H Exhibitors may show only six (6) steers and six (6) heifers. If more than this number appears on the form, only six of each will be eligible.
5. All registered heifers must have registration papers to show at the Pulaski County Fair. To be eligible for the State Fair, all purebred animals must have registration papers from their association and be identified by a registration number or dam registration number and birth date at the time of enrollment. Consult ISF rules for a complete listing of recognized breeds.
6. All cattle must be dehorned to be able to be unloaded.
7. Crossbred heifer classes will be divided by weight rather than age.
8. Project animal age: All steers and crossbred heifers must not be born before January 1st of the prior year and have milk teeth in place or will be sent home.
9. There will be breed classes for steers and heifers - these classes will be established after weigh-in. There will also be a British Breed Champion that will be chosen between Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorns. They must be purebreds.
10. There will be a County Bred Class. Eligible calves must be bred, born and raised in Pulaski County and exhibited by a Pulaski County 4-H member. This is determined at the time of the animal's online enrollment by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
11. All fans to be hung on lead side. No butt fans.
12. Butt fans and generators are allowed for show day only, but must stay outside the barn.
14. All Beef cattle that are exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must turn in DNA hair samples into the Extension Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Purebred Heifer Classes:**

Junior heifer calves born January 1 to March 31, 2026

Winter heifer calves born November 1 to December 31, 2025

Senior heifer calves born September 1 to October 31, 2025

Late summer yearling heifers born July 1 to August 31, 2025

Early summer yearling heifers born May 1 to June 30, 2025

Spring yearling heifers born March 1 to April 30, 2025

Junior yearling heifers born January 1 to February 29, 2025

Senior yearling heifers born September 1 to December 31, 2024

### **FEEDER CALVES**

Male and female feeder calves born between January 1-May 1 of the current year, with a 600 lb. weight limit, can be shown. Calves must be castrated. Calves will be shown by weight. All calves must be RFID tagged and weighed, at the fairgrounds on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8-10am EST by the Beef Committee. The starter calf can be from the cow-calf pair if submitted as a starter and a cow-calf pair on the Online State Beef Enrollment Form. *Weather date is May 9<sup>th</sup>*. Starter calves that are not weaned can be brought in 1 hour before the Beef show with the cow tied at the trailer. Feeder calves will be shown as feeder steers or feeder heifers.

### **COW-CALF PROJECT**

The cow-calf project involves a 4-H heifer and her calf. The heifer must have been enrolled on a State Enrollment Form in previous years. The pair must be enrolled by the same 4-H member. A cow is only eligible to be shown as a cow-calf pair for the two years following being shown as a heifer at the fair. This project should be submitted on the Online State Beef Enrollment Form by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Calf is included and enrolled as unborn. The calf from a cow-calf pair can also be shown as a starter, but must be enrolled online for the project and must be weighed at both the starter calf weigh-in by May 4<sup>th</sup> and fair weigh-in. Cow-Calf pair can be brought in the day of the show. Check with the beef chairman for most up-to-date information on time, or they can be there the whole week.

### **BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitors (4-H animal owners) may only show their own animals in Showmanship classes. Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year) Below are the divisions but the showmanship order will start with senior showman and run oldest to youngest.

- A) Junior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, 5th grade is eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.
- B) Intermediate Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Junior Showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that member must compete in the Senior Division of the showmanship category in subsequent years.
- C) Senior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous years Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Beef Showmanship class.

D) Champion Beef Showman - Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners, may compete for the "Champion Beef Showman" title. The Champion Beef Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition. Champion Beef Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition representing the Beef Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Beef Showmanship classes.

**Mini 4-H**

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

Mini 4-H members can show a calf already enrolled and being exhibited by another member in the Beef project or can bring their own. Beef can be housed all week or just for the day of the show.

**2026 4-H DAIRY PROJECT RULES & GUIDELINES**  
**(Revised September 2025)**

If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the general record sheet and grade specific activity sheet.

1. Any and all animals not fitting the rules outlined will be placed in a class at the discretion of the committee.
2. Fans are allowed on lead side only. NO butt fans or on the floor, unless committee approval is granted in excessive hot weather or extreme conditions.
3. Bedding will be provided.
4. All Dairy Beef Market Steers that are exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must have DNA hair samples turned into the Extension Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Dairy Feeders Steers hair samples are due into the office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DAIRY HEIFER RULES:**

1. County Fair Class:
  - A. Spring Calf- born 3/1/26 or later
  - B. Winter Calf- born 12/1/25 –02/28/26
  - C. Fall Calf- born 09/01/25-11/30/2025
  - D. Summer Yearling-06/01/25-08/31/25
  - E. Spring Yearling-03/01/25-05/31/25
  - F. Winter Yearling- 12/01/24-02/28/25
  - G. Fall Yearling- 09/01/24-11/30/24
2. County Fair Class:
  - H. Junior Two Year Old Cow- 03/01/24-08/31/24
  - I. Two Year Old Cow- 09/01/23-02/28/24
  - J. Junior Three Year Old Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey and milking Shorthorn- 03/01/23- 08/31/23
  - K. Senior Three Year Old Brown Swiss, Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey and milking Shorthorn – 09/01/22-02/28/23
  - L. 4 year old cow— born 9/1/21 to 8/31/22
  - M. 5 year old and over—born prior to 8/31/2021
  - N. Dry cow—years old or older but not in production—all breeds
3. Both purebred and grades can be shown at the Pulaski County Fair, but only purebred animals can be shown at the State Fair.
4. Leasing a dairy cow/dairy heifer will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the heifer, regardless of where the heifer is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the cow/heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15<sup>th</sup> until the dairy show at the county or Indiana State Fair.
5. All dairy animals must be dehorned, except spring calves and winter senior calves.
6. Milking and dry cow class entries must arrive a minimum of one hour before the official starting time of the dairy show, and shall be released a minimum of one hour before the end of judging.
7. All registered 4-H Dairy animals must be identified by a RFID tag, the animal's registration name and registration number (or dam's registration number). All grade dairy heifers need an RFID tag.

**DAIRY BEEF FINISHED STEER RULES:**

1. All animals may only be of the following 6 breeds: Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, or Milking Shorthorn. Animals must show breed characteristics. No beef crossed with dairy will be accepted or crosses between the 6 dairy breeds.
2. All dairy beef steers must be born after January 1st of the previous calendar year and must have milk teeth in place or be sent home.
3. All finished steers must have a RFID and county tag, and weighed on Saturday, February 21st 8-10 am (EST). at the fairgrounds. Weather date is Saturday February 28th.
4. All animals must be properly dehorned and castrated.
5. Dairy beef steer classes will begin with weights of 1000 lbs. on up and will be judged according to the weight classes at the discretion of the Committee.
6. Show sticks are optional for showing.

**DAIRY BEEF FEEDER CALF RULES**

1. All animals may only be of the following 6 breeds: Holstein, Guernsey, Jersey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, or Milking Shorthorn. Animals must show breed characteristics. No beef crossed with dairy will be accepted or crosses between the 6 dairy breeds.
2. All dairy feeder calves must be born after January 1 of the current 4-H year.
3. All starter calves must have a RFID and county tag, and weighed on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> between 8:00 —10:00 AM ET at the fairgrounds. Weather date is May 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. All animals must be successfully castrated/banded and cannot show any evidence of testicular tissue. This should be done by weigh-in.
5. Ideal weight for the animals at show times is 400-450 pounds. The maximum weight allowed to show as a feeder is 700 pounds.
6. Feeder calves will be judged according to weight classes at the discretion of the committee.
7. Feeder steers may not be groomed for showmanship or conformation (weight) classes, mineral oil and other grooming oils are permitted. Clipping of starter steers is optional, as is the use of show sticks.

**DAIRY HEIFER & DAIRY BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitors (4-H animal owner/lessee) may only show their own animals in Showmanship classes.

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year)

- A) Junior Showmanship-all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, 5th grade is eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.
- B) Intermediate Showmanship-all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Junior Showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that member must compete in the Senior Division of the showmanship category in subsequent years.
- C) Senior Showmanship-all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Dairy Heifer/Dairy Beef Showmanship class.
- D) Champion Dairy Heifer/Dairy Beef Showman-Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners, may compete for the "Champion Dairy Heifer Showman" and "Champion Dairy Beef Showman" titles. The Champion Dairy Heifer Showman and the Champion Dairy Beef Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition. Champion Dairy Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition representing the Dairy Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Dairy Showmanship classes.

#### **DAIRY & DAIRY STEER HERDSMANSHIP**

1. Any empty feed and water pans shall be removed.
2. Bedding of animals must be kept clean at all times.
3. Animals must be clean at all times.
4. If show blankets are used, they shall be removed from animals between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. EST except the day before and the day of the show.
5. Aisles must be clean and swept.
6. Equipment, hay, feed, etc. must be stored neatly and out of the aisle.
7. Exhibitors will be courteous and polite to all Fair visitors.
8. Water fights, fighting, foul language, etc. will not be allowed in the barn.
9. Decorations are not required but encouraged. If decorations are used, they must be kept neat and clean. If they become drooped, worn, torn, soiled, etc., they must be replaced or repaired. Grading will be conducted throughout the fair.
10. Extra effort on the part of the 4-H'er will be noticed.
11. Animals should not be left tied outside the barn unattended.
12. Consideration will be given on the day of the show.

Emphasis will be placed on cleanliness and appearance of exhibit. However, conduct of the exhibitor will be considered.

#### **Mini 4-H**

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

Mini 4-H members can show a calf already enrolled and being exhibited by another member in the Dairy project or can bring their own. Dairy can be housed all week or just for the day of the show.

**2026 4-H POULTRY RULES**  
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If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the general record sheet and grade specific activity sheet.

**Poultry Rules & Classes:**

1. 4-H members should refer to General Livestock Rules for enrollment deadlines and other pertinent information.
2. A separate Pulaski Co. Poultry Enrollment Form must be completed for each poultry category enrolled in. All members exhibiting in each class at the fair may turn in a completed Pulaski County Record Sheet for Broilers, Roasters, Pullets, Exhibition Chickens, Duck, Exhibition Bantam Duck, Turkey, Egg Class and Completed Poultry Activity Sheets.
3. All birds must be free of lice, external parasites, and any signs of diseases or bird will not be penned. All birds must comply with Indiana State Poultry Association/NPIP certification; by originating from NPIP Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid blood-test ninety (90) days preceding exhibition. This certificate and health form must be turned in with County Poultry Enrollment form by May 15th. Any bird not originating from NPIP Pyllorum-Typhoid clean flock, hatched the previous year or home hatched will need to be blood tested at a county poultry committee testing meeting prior to fair.
4. Judging will give special attention to cleanliness, growth, development and production qualities.

**4-H COMMERCIAL CLASSES:**

Pullet Classes: 2 pullets-----1 entry

Hatched between January 1 - May 15 of the current year.

Exhibit: One (1) entry.

Meat Classes: Meat classes Must Be enrolled on a Pulaski County Poultry Enrollment Form by May 15th.

A. Broilers: 2 Cornish-cross birds (same sex)-----1 entry

weight limit 3 1/2 to 6 lbs.; not over 9 weeks of age

Exhibit: One (1) entry.

B. Roasters: 2 Cornish-cross birds (same sex)-----1 entry

weight limit over 6 lbs. to 8 lbs.; not over 10 weeks of age

Exhibit: One (1) entry.

Commercial Chicken Egg Class:

Brown eggs-----1 entry

White eggs-----1 entry

Other Color Eggs-----1 entry

Exhibit: One (1) dozen eggs from your flock.

Duck Classes: (One male or female constitutes one entry)

Drake-----1 entry

Hen-----1 entry

Hatched between January 1 - May 15 of the current year

Exhibit: Only one (1) duck of suggested market weight 5 lbs. and over.

Turkey Classes:

Tom-----1 entry

Hen-----1 entry

Hatched between January 1 - May 15 of the current year

Exhibit: Only one (1) turkey.

Suggested market weights: Tom—18 lbs. and over, Hen—12 lbs. and over

\*\*No Turkeys weighing less than 12 pounds will be accepted\*\*

**\*\*\*4-H Exhibition Chicken Classes:** (Chickens bred for exhibition purposes)\*\*\*

\* These birds of recognized breeds will be judged according to the "American Standard of Perfection" as authorized by the American Poultry Association.

\* 4-H Exhibition Chickens --one bird constitutes one entry and can only be exhibited and judged in one specified class.

\* A 4-H'er may enter only 6 birds in any recognized Standard Breeds or Bantams and may enter only one entry per breed per variety per class.

\*Exhibition chickens are not eligible for auction.

**I. Standard Exhibition Classes: (no crossbreds)**

A. Cock - a male bird hatched prior to January 1, this year; but less than 2 years of age.

Exhibit: 1 entry

B. Hen - a female bird hatched prior to January 1, this year; but less than 2 years of age.

Exhibit: 1 entry

C. Cockerel - a male bird hatched on or after January 1, this year.

Exhibit: 1 entry

D. Pullet - a female bird hatched on or after January 1, this year.

Exhibit: 1 entry

**II. Bantam Exhibition Classes: (no crossbreds)**

A. Cock - a male bird hatched prior to January 1, this year; but less than 2 years of age.

**Exhibit: 1 entry**

B. Hen - a female bird hatched prior to January 1, this year; but less than 2 years of age.

**Exhibit: 1 entry**

C. Cockerel - a male bird hatched on or after January 1, this year.

**Exhibit: 1 entry**

D. Pullet - a female bird hatched on or after January 1, this year.

**Exhibit: 1 entry**

**III. Exhibition Bantam Duck Classes: (no crossbreds)**

Breeds accepted are Call, East India, Bantam Mallard. These ducks are bred and exhibited for exhibition purposes and judged according to their respective breed standard. Not eligible for auction.

A. Drake - a male bird hatched on or after January 1st, this year.

**Exhibit: 1 entry**

B. Hen - A female bird hatched on or after January 1st, this year.

**Exhibit: 1 entry**

**POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

4-H'ers will demonstrate their ability to present birds that are clean and healthy, trained and manageable, along with the techniques of proper display. This activity provides an opportunity to demonstrate one's knowledge and skill in raising, conditioning, evaluating, and handling poultry. For more details, see 4-H manual 679, "Poultry Showmanship", also NCR 507, Level 1 Poultry Activity Manual.

Showmanship classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of current year.)

- A) **Junior Showmanship**- all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.
- B) **Intermediate Showmanship**-all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for any previous years Junior Showmanship winners.) Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that 4-H'er must compete in the Senior division of that showmanship category in subsequent years.
- C) **Senior Showmanship**-all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Poultry Showman class.
- D) **Champion Poultry Showman**-Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners may compete for the "Champion Poultry Showman" title. The Champion Poultry Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition. Champion Poultry Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition are no longer eligible to compete in future Poultry Showmanship classes.

**Mini 4-H**

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

Mini 4-H members must show an enrolled animal already being exhibited by a Pulaski County 4-H Poultry member.

## 2026 4-H RABBIT RULES & GUIDELINES

(Reviewed August 2025)

If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the Indiana 4-H Rabbit Record (4-H 517 W) and grade specific activity sheet. If exhibiting your animal, these are optional.

### **2025 4-H Rabbit Exhibit Classes:**

1. Senior Buck (8 months of age and older) - limit 1 entry
2. Senior Doe (8 months of age and older) - limit 1 entry
3. 6/8 Buck (6 months of age and under 8 months of age) - limit 1 entry
4. 6/8 Doe (6 months of age and under 8 months of age) - limit 1 entry
5. Junior Buck (under 6 months of age) - limit 1 entry
6. Junior Doe (under 6 months of age) - limit 1 entry
7. Meat Pen (not over 10 weeks of age) - limit 1 entry
8. Single Fryer (not over 10 weeks of age) - limit 1 entry

1. All rabbits must be in possession, owned and cared for by the 4-H Rabbit member by May 15th of the current year. All eligible rabbits must be enrolled online by May 15th of the current year at in.4honline.com.
2. All rabbits must be permanently marked (tattooed) for identification in the left ear with a letter, a number, or a letter and number. These numbers must be entered online by May 15th of the current year!
3. Those 4-H'ers who plan on exhibiting in the Meat Pen and Single Fryer classes must enroll all possible Meat Pens and Single Fryers with identification numbers online by May 15th of the current year! The tattoo number that you plan on using must be recorded).
4. All 4-H rabbits must be a fully recognized breed and variety according to the ARBA Standard of Perfection. All rabbits must have a three generation pedigree. All rabbits will be judged by their breed Standard according to age and weight, except in the Meat Pen and Single Fryer classes, which may be crossbred.
5. Meat Classes:
  - a) Meat Pen- A Meat Pen consists of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and same variety, each rabbit weighing a minimum of 3 1/2 pounds and a maximum of 5 1/2 pounds, and not over 10 weeks of age.
  - b) Single Fryer - A Single Fryer consists of one (1) rabbit weighing a minimum of 3 1/2 pounds and a maximum of 5 1/2 pounds, and not over 10 weeks of age.
  - c) Meat Pens and Single Fryers must be raised by the 4-H rabbit member. Six class breeds only. All breeds show together.  
All eligible Meat Pens and Single Fryers must be brought to and tattooed at the county tattoo meeting **two weeks prior to the fair.**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
6. First year 4-H rabbit members can show only one breed.
7. Second year through advanced 4-H rabbit members can show only two breeds and it is suggested and encouraged that all rabbits exhibited be raised by the 4-H rabbit member.
8. First year through advanced 4-H rabbit members can exhibit in the Meat Pen and Single Fryer class. All Meat Pens and Single Fryers must be enrolled by May 15th of the current year online.
9. All 4-H rabbit members are responsible on the day of judging for carrying their 4-H rabbits to and from the judging table.
10. Showmanship will be broken down for 4-H Rabbit members as follows:  
Level determined at time of enrollment.  
Novice- 4-H member in 3rd or 4th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Junior- 4-H member in 5th or 6th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Intermediate- 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Senior- 4-H member in 9th or 10th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Master- 4-H member in 11th or 12th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Showman with the highest-level score overall, will go on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showmanship Contest.
11. Only one Meat Pen or Single Fryer is eligible for auction. No disqualified Meat Pens or Single Fryers will be allowed to sell in the auction. 4-H'er may sell only 2 total projects in the auction.

## **RABBIT AMBASSADOR CONTEST PROCEDURES**

Levels: Novice- 4-H member in 3rd or 4th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Junior- 4-H member in 5th or 6th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Intermediate- 4-H member in 7th or 8th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Senior- 4-H member in 9th or 10th grade on January 1st of current year.  
Master- 4-H member in 11th or 12th grade on January 1st of current year.

1. Test - 100 points
  - a. questions may be true-false, multiple choice or a combination
  - b. answers are recorded on your form
2. Breed Identification - 60 points
  - a. Identify and classify ten (10) rabbits according to breed, showroom classification, and class.
  - b. Answers are selected from choices presented with each rabbit and recorded on your form
  - c. Showroom classification refers to the term used to enter the rabbit in a show thereby indicating how it is shown. Specifically, the Netherland Dwarf rabbit is shown by variety and should be identified by variety only. The Jersey Wooly breed is shown by groups and should be identified by group only.
3. Showmanship - 100 points.
  - a. Each contestant must furnish his/her own rabbit contained in a solid bottom carrier.
  - b. Rabbit must be permanently tattooed.
4. 4-H publications may be obtained from your County Extension Office or State 4-H Office, Purdue Extension Education Store  
<https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/>. ARBA publications may be obtained from ARBA, PO Box 400, Knox, PA 16232.
5. Questions from the contest will be taken from the follow publications: For all levels:
  - a. ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide (Copyright 2018 issue)
  - b. Standard of Perfection (published by the American Rabbit Breeders Association)
6. Tie scores (among the top 5 placings) will be broken as follows:
  - a. highest test score, then if necessary,
  - b. highest breed identification score, then, if necessary,
  - c. oral test given by a committee of three (3) people appointed by rabbit ambassador chairperson.
7. Decision of the judges/Contest Committee shall be final.
8. In the event there is a conflict of information, the current American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard of Perfection is considered the authority.

### **Mini 4-H**

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

Mini 4-H members will not exhibit their own animal, but must show an enrolled rabbit already being exhibited by a Pulaski County 4-H rabbit member.

**2026 4-H SHEEP PROJECT RULES & GUIDELINES**  
(Revised September 2025)

If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the general record sheet and grade specific activity sheet.

1. All market lambs and commercial ewes must be tagged and weighed at the fairgrounds on **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00-10:00a.m.**, Commercial ewes must have a 5-digit county tag or a scrapie tag. Market lambs must have a 5- digit county tag. The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair.
  - Market Lambs - 840 RFID Tag, and 5-digit County Tag.
  - Commercial Ewes - 840 RFID Tag, and 5-digit County Tag/ or scrapie tag with shield.
  - Registered Ewes - 840 RFID Tag, and ID that Matches Registration Papers.
  - All sheep must be DNA Hair Sampled by May 15, to be eligible for the State Fair.
2. Each member can enroll no more than ten Market Lambs & ten Breeding Lambs; Purebred, Crossbred, or Commercial breeds.
3. Individual animal ID number are required for enrollment on purebred ewes.
4. Any sheep exhibitor using excessive abuse on their exhibit animals will be eliminated from the show and will be ineligible for the auction. Excess abuse shall include burning, stabbing, gouging, punching, use of electric shocker, or other treatment which is considered cruel and inhumane treatment to show animals. Slapping lambs on the rump during the show will not be allowed.
5. The direct application of ice, ice water, alcohol, Freon, or any other refrigerant to the hide of a lamb is strictly prohibited.
6. All ewe lambs must be declared in Fair Entry as either a market or breeding ewe.
7. Drenching is not supported by the 4-H program unless it is absolutely necessary for animal welfare. Should drenching need performed to support an animal's welfare, it may only be done in the wash rack under advisement of the species chairman and 4-H Youth Educator.

**EWE CLASSES**

1. An exhibitor may show and place **two (2)** animals in each of the ewe lamb and yearling ewe classes.
2. Lambs must be dropped after September 1st of the previous year.
3. Animals exhibited in the lamb classes must show their lamb teeth. Ewe lambs with broken mouth and/or evidence of any yearling teeth will show in the yearling class. Determination of yearling ewe teeth will be at the discretion of the Judge & 4-H Sheep Committee.
4. All commercial ewes must be shorn. All other breeding sheep may be exhibited shorn or with full fleece.

**MARKET LAMB CLASSES (WETHER OR EWE)**

1. There will be breed classes for Market Lambs. Classes will follow the Indiana State Fair breed classification guidelines.
2. Breed will be determined the day of tagging. Registration papers are not required.
3. Exhibitor may show and place **two (2)** lambs in each breed class.
4. All wethers showing evidence of testicular tissue are ineligible.
5. All lambs must be born after September 1st of the previous year, and before March 31st of the current year.
6. Market lambs will be slick shorn, no butt wool.

**SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitors (4-H animal owners) may only show their own animals in Showmanship classes. In addition, an exhibitor must have "completed" the current year sheep project (completed/timely record book submission) in order to compete in Showmanship classes. It will be the responsibility of the Sheep Committee to record and maintain accurate records of division winners so that the integrity of Showmanship classes is maintained.

Showmanship classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year.)

Participation of showmanship MUST be declared in Fair Entry by the designated date set by the Extension Office.

- A) **Junior Showmanship** - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade is eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Beginner Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.
- B) **Intermediate Showmanship** - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Beginner Showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that 4-H'er must compete in the Senior division of that showmanship category in subsequent years.
- C) **Senior Showmanship** - all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Sheep Showman class.
- D) **Champion Sheep Showman** - Current year winners from the Beginner Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship-as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners-may compete for the "Champion Sheep Showman" title. The Champion Sheep Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition. Champion Sheep Showmen, who go on to win the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition are no longer eligible to compete in future Sheep Showmanship classes.

**Mini 4-H**

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

Mini 4-H members can show an animal already enrolled and being exhibited by another member in the Sheep project or can bring their own. Sheep can be housed all week or just for the day of the show.

**2026 PULASKI COUNTY 4-H SWINE RULES & GUIDELINES**  
(Revised August 2025)

If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the general record sheet and grade specific activity sheet.

1. The ear notch identification system will be used. However, all swine members are required to pick up their RFID tags at the Extension Office. Tags are \$3 each. Members will enter their tag numbers online, along with ear notches. All swine tags must be placed in the ear by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Taggers will be available for use, on a first-come basis. Assistance on tagging your swine will be available by the swine committee or by contacting your veterinarian. **If your animal does not have a tag in its ear, you will not unload! You will pull out of the line to go tag the animal elsewhere and then return to the line. If you do not have your purebred papers, you will pull out of line, locate your papers, and then return to the line.**
2. With the recommendations from the State Board of Animal Health, all swine that are not going for auction, excess, or processing will be sent home after the show. Pigs cannot return to fair if wrong pig is taken home after show.
3. All pigs will be weighed regardless of purebred gilt or not. Reweighting for a different weight class will not be allowed.
4. A 4-H'er may only exhibit a maximum of (4) four pigs.
5. The 4-H Swine Committee will set up the market classes of barrows and gilts after the official weigh-in. Large classes will be divided into smaller classes at the discretion of the 4-H Swine Committee.
6. Once a pig has been entered and weighed, there will be no reassignment of ownership.
7. On show day, wash racks will remain open, for washing only.
8. Fans must be on the north side of the pen. Fans on the outside of barn must flow air from the outside to inside. Fans in middle (inside the barn) must flow air to the south (Fans **MUST** be caged to avoid small fingers!)
9. After hogs have been signed up for auction, there will absolutely be NO changes allowed. You have by the conclusion of the swine show to let us know what you will be doing with your hogs.
10. Shavings are the only bedding to be used. No straw or sawdust allowed.
11. Nothing but fans will be hung from the rafters in the swine barn.
12. Farm visit's may be conducted randomly by committee members during the time between May 15<sup>th</sup> and fair week to verify the animal's welfare, wellness, ear notches and RFID tags. Families will be notified at least 24 hours prior.
13. Purebred barrows and gilts must have papers and meet breed standards to show as a purebred. For registration of pure-bred animals (swine) please see general livestock rules to see how animals must be registered in regards to ownership. State Fair rules apply for purebred ownership methods.
14. Participation in showmanship must be declared through Fair Entry. This deadline is set by the Extension Office.
15. It is required that 4-H members display their name on or above their pen. This is solely the responsibility of the 4-H members. Members are encouraged to decorate! Exhibit cards will be available at swine check-in or by contacting the swine committee.
16. 4-H members must take full responsibility to tend to their animals. Keeping their pen clean, feeding, watering and washing/rinsing are a part of swine husbandry. Disciplinary actions may occur if members fail to uphold proper swine husbandry. Those who exceed husbandry expectations will be awarded.

**ALL SWINE:** Must be born between December 1st of the previous year and March 31st of the current year.

**BARROW DIVISION:**

Barrows must be in the 4-H member's possession by May 15th. Barrows will show by weight. Registration papers must be presented for purebred barrows at the scale when weighed to show in a purebred class. If you don't have the papers, they will be put in a crossbred class.

**GILT DIVISION:**

Gilts must be in member's possession by May 15th. Purebred gilts will be shown by birthday and crossbreds will be shown by weight. A copy of the registration should be turned into the Extension Office to confirm birthdays. Registration papers must be presented for purebred gilts at the scales when weighed to show in a purebred class. If you don't have the papers, they will be put in a crossbred class.

**MARKET PAIR DIVISION:**

Must weigh between 220-280 and have 1 hour after weigh-in to declare as market pair. They do not need to be littermates, but must have very similar qualities. Pairs can be any combination of barrows and gilts. Pigs must be registered to the same 4-H member.

**SHOWMANSHIP:**

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year) that will

Below are the divisions but the showmanship order will start with senior showman and run oldest to youngest.

Winners of previous years will advance to the next level.

**Junior Showmanship:** Any 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade swine member at time of enrollment may compete.

**Intermediate Showmanship:** Any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade swine member at time of enrollment may compete.

**Senior Showmanship:** Any 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade swine member at time of enrollment may compete.

**Champion Swine Showman** - Current year winners from the Beginner Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship,

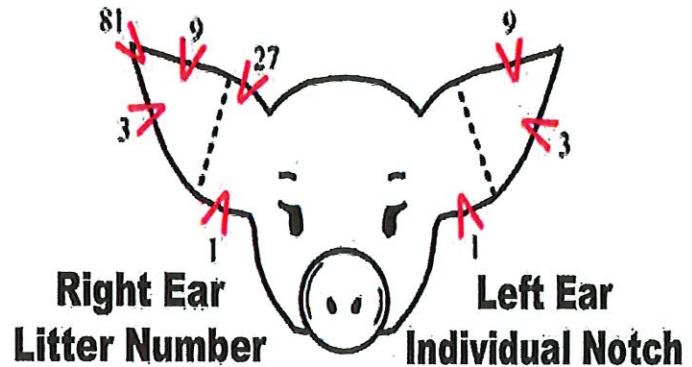
and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners, may compete for the

"Champion Swine Showman" title. The Champion Swine Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition. Champion Swine Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition representing the Swine Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Swine Showmanship classes.

Mini 4-H

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

1. Mini 4-H members are encouraged to show an enrolled pig already being exhibited by a Pulaski County 4-H swine member but may show their own. It can be housed at the fair all week or may come just for the show.



**2026 4-H GOAT PROJECT RULES**  
(Revised August 2025)

If unable to exhibit your animal at the fair, you may complete the general record sheet and grade specific activity sheet.

**GENERAL GOAT PROJECT RULES**

1. Buck goats are not permitted.
2. **DAIRY GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED.**
3. Online enrollment deadline for ALL goats is May 15th. The weigh-in and tagging for dairy and boer weathers and boer market does will be on **Saturday, May 2nd**, from **8:00-10:00 a.m.** at the fairgrounds.
4. Identification of Animals:
5. Any goat that exhibits symptoms that maybe infectious or contagious must be removed from the premises when requested by the goat committee

County ear tags are required for all meat, dairy wethers and boer market does. Registered does must be tattooed and have an official registration number. Unregistered does must have a SCRAPIE TAG. Scrapie tags are available through the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (1-877-747-3038, ext. 336). Premise ID numbers (are required when registering online) can be obtained from the BOAH as well. Tattoo and tags must be readable. They will be checked before entry at the fair. **IF A TAG IS LOST, PLEASE CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO GET A REPLACEMENT.**

**WE WILL BE ENFORCING IDENTIFICATION RULES!**

6. Every goat must wear a show collar (safety collars are encouraged for Boer goats) or halter.
7. Any goat is eligible for auction. Dairy doe exhibitors may sell either their goat or a basket of dairy items.
8. All market wethers and Bore market does must be shown with milk teeth in place.
10. In the Mother/Daughter Class, all animals exhibited must be owned by the same family.
11. Produce of Dam Class consist of 3 offspring from the same dam. It can be 3 does or 3 weathers of any combination of does and wethers. The dam does not have to be shown in the 4-H show. All 3 offspring (produce) must be owned and shown by family members. Owner of the dam receives plaque.

**Meat and Dairy Does in milk can come in day of the show at least 2 hours before.**

**NOTE:** Online Goat Enrollment deadline for ALL Goats Does is May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Weigh-in and tagging of **BOER AND DAIRY WEATHERS AND BOER MARKET DOES ONLY** will be **Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from **8:00 – 10:00 a.m. EST**, at the fairgrounds. Pygmy wethers do not have to be weighed, but do need to receive their tag unless they are registered and have their tattoo numbers listed on their registration, or have a microchip inserted for identification.

Registered Boer goats and dairy goat does will be enrolled by tattoo. Their registration number is still required on the livestock form (and required for ISF check-in) and the tattoo on the animal must match the tattoo on the enrollment form and registration form.

**EXHIBIT CLASSES (USE FOR GOAT ENROLLMENT FORM):** For all types of goats, classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the Goat Committee. If the goat breed is in question, the committee will make the final determination. When filling out online enrollment forms, please designate type of goat - Dairy Doe, Dairy Market Wether, Pygmy Doe, Pygmy Wether, Boer Percentage Doe, Boer Fullblood Doe, Meat Market Wether and Boer Market Doe. Also, include the animal's tattoo, and/or Scrapie tag number, or registration number, along with the birthdate, which will assist in identifying animals and determining classes. **UNREGISTERED DOES MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG FROM FARM OF ORIGIN FOR IDENTIFICATION.**

**DAIRY GOATS**

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

- Dairy Wethers - 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo
- Registered Dairy Goat Females - Breed Registry Tattoo that Matches Registration Papers
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**DAIRY GOATS:** DAIRY DOES AND DAIRY MARKET WETHERS **MUST BE DEHORNED.** Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 10 dairy does and 4 dairy wethers. Online Goat Enrollment deadline for all goat does is May 15th, and for all goat wethers, **Saturday, May 2nd**, from **8:00-10 a.m.** at tagging and weigh-in. Unregistered does MUST have a Scrapie tag for identification.

**JUNIOR DAIRY DOES (DOES THAT HAVE NEVER FRESHENED)**

- JUNIOR DOE – Born on or after April 1, current year
- INTERMEDIATE DOE – Born March 1 to March 31, current year
- SENIOR DOE – born Jan. 1 to Feb. 29, current year
- JUNIOR YEARLING DRY DOE – Born July 1 to Dec. 31 of previous year
- SENIOR YEARLING DRY DOE – 1 year and under 2 years

**SENIOR DAIRY DOES (DOES THAT HAVE FRESHENED)**

- YEARLING DOE – 1 year and under 2 years (milking)
- TWO YEAR OLD MILKING DOE – 2 years and under 3 years (milking)
- THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD MILKING DOES – 3 years and under 5 years

- FIVE YEAR OLD MILKING DOES – 5 years and over

**DAIRY MARKET WETHERS** - All wethers will be shown by weight. Dairy market wethers must have their milk teeth in place. These animals are born after November 1 of the previous year or born between January 1 and April 15 of the current year. Dairy market wethers will compete for the Rate of Gain plaque. These wethers must be dehorned. They will be tagged and weighed on **Saturday, May 2nd, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**, at the fairgrounds. ALL DAIRY WETHERS MUST BE 100% DAIRY BREED.

#### PYGMY GOATS

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

- Registered Pygmy Goats - Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers
- Unregistered Pygmy Goats - Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo

**PYGMY GOATS:** PYGMY DOES AND WETHERS MAY BE HORNED OR DEHORNED. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 10 Pygmy does and 4 Pygmy wethers. Online Goat Enrollment deadline for all pygmy goats is May 15th. UNREGISTERED DOES MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG FOR INDEIFICATION AS WELL AS WETHERS OVER 18 MONTHS OF AGE.

#### PYGMY DOES

- Classes will be determined at the discretion of the Goat Committee.

**PYGMY WETHERS** – These wethers can be any age. Pygmy wethers do not have to be weighed, but must have either a scrapie tag, a registered tattoo, or a microchip ID. Any Pygmy wether over 18 months of age must have an official Scrapie identification (scrapie tag, microchip with a registration paper or tattoo with registration paper).

#### MEAT GOATS

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

- Meat Goat Wethers & Unregistered Market Goat Females - 840 RFID Tag, and 5-digit County Tag
- Registered Boer Goat Females - Breed Registry Tattoo
- ALL Meat Goats must have DNA hair sample turned in by May 15<sup>th</sup>

\*Meat Goat Does will be shown together

**BOER GOATS:** BOER DOES AND WETHERS MAY BE HORNED OR DEHORNED. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 10 Boer does and 4 meat wethers. Online Goat Enrollment deadline for all goat does is May 15th, and for all goat wethers, **Saturday, May 2nd**, at tagging and weigh-in.

**BOER PERCENTAGE DOES (LESS THAN 94% BOER GOAT BLOOD)** - These Boer does do not need registration papers. If the 4-H'er was not given registration papers upon purchasing the animal, the doe would be shown in these percentage classes. If the 4-H'er is raising goats and chooses not to register them, they would be shown in these classes. UNREGISTERED DOES MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG FOR IDENTIFICATION.

- JUNIOR PERCENTAGE DOE – (0-12 months of age)
- YEARLING PERCENTAGE DOE – (12-24 months of age)
- SENIOR PERCENTAGE DOE – (24 months and older)

**BOER FULLBLOOD DOES (94% OR GREATER BOER GOAT BLOOD)** - These Boer does MUST be identified by their fullblood registration number, tattoo and birth date at time of enrollment. 4-H'ers must attach a copy of their animal's registration papers to the enrollment form or provide to the committee the day of the show. Please see the Indiana State Fair rules on registration guidelines. If the Boer fullblood does are not registered, they will be shown in the percentage classes.

- JUNIOR FULLBLOOD DOE – (0-12 months of age)
- YEARLING FULLBLOOD DOE – (12-24 months of age)
- SENIOR FULLBLOOD DOE – (24 months and older)

**MEAT MARKET WETHERS** - These Boer type or crossbred (any wether with Boer breeding) wethers are shown by weight. Meat market wethers must have their milk teeth in place. These animals are born after November 1 of the previous year or born between January 1 and April 15 of the current year. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 4 wethers. Meat market wethers will compete for the Rate of Gain plaque. These wethers can be horned or dehorned. They must be tagged and weighed on **Saturday, May 2nd, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**, at the fairgrounds.

**BOER MARKET DOES** – These Boer type or crossbred (any market does with Boer breeding) does are shown by weight. Boer market does must have their milk teeth in place. These does are born after November 1 for the previous year or born between January 1 and April 15 of the current year. Each 4-H'er is limited to exhibiting 4 Boer market does. These does can be horned or dehorned. The does will compete for Rate of Gain. They must be county tagged and weighed on **Saturday, May 2nd, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.** at the fairgrounds.

#### SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors (4-H animal owners) may only show their own animals they have exhibited in another class in the Showmanship classes.

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year)

A) Junior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.

B) Intermediate Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Junior Showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that member must compete in the Senior Division of the showmanship category in subsequent years.

C) Senior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Goat Showmanship class.

D) Champion Goat Showman - Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners may compete for the "Champion Goat Showman" title. The Champion Goat Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition. Champion Goat Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition representing the Goat Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Goat showmanship classes.

#### Mini 4-H

All previous rules and general livestock rules apply. See the Mini 4-H Manual for project requirements.

Mini 4-H members can show a goat already enrolled and being exhibited by another member in the Goat project or can bring their own.

If a Mini 4-H member brings their own animal, the committee will determine, depending on the number of goats being exhibited, if the animal stays all week or just comes on the day of show.

## 2026 PULASKI COUNTY 4-H HORSE AND PONY RULES

(Revised September 2025)

**Leaders: Stephanie Keller & Nicole Earp**

\*Vaccination requirements for all horses must have Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 and 4, Equine Influenza, Tetanus, and Rabies

1. Horse & Pony members who also wish to take additional 4-H projects are suggested to belong to a local township club as well as the Horse & Pony Club and are to attend these meetings in addition to Horse & Pony meetings.

### **2. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE 4-H MEMBER AND PARENTS TO KNOW THE HORSE & PONY RULES OF PULASKI COUNTY AND/OR THE INDIANA STATE FAIR, IF APPLICABLE.**

**3. To be properly identified and eligible for the Indiana State Fair, all horses/ponies must be completely and correctly identified by a color picture that shows all 4 feet and face by May 15 at v2.4honline.com. IF TURNED IN LATE YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO SHOW AT THE COUNTY FAIR AND STATE FAIR.**

4. Any animal exhibited must be shown and owned by the contestant, or owned in partnership with the contestant's father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian. Exceptions: Animals may be leased. A lease agreement (4-H 869-W) must be included with 4-H Horse & Pony Online Enrollment for, subject to the approval of 4-H Horse & Pony committee and the Extension Educator in charge. A copy of the lease agreement will be on file in the Extension Office. Lease agreement is due by May 15<sup>th</sup> Any animal rather it's owned or leased may only be enrolled/shown in one county.

4A. Parents are permitted to enter the arena prior to horse and pony practices in order to help the child and horse transition safely. The parent and the child must be walking on the ground with the horse. Once formal instruction begins, the parents are required to leave the arena unless they are an approved 4-H volunteer.

5. Siblings may show the same family horse or pony, provided there is no conflict of them showing in the same class, but each horse may only be enrolled by two family members; each member must enroll the horse online.

6. Coggins test regulations will be the same as the current years Indiana state regulations.

7. Feed records and Manuals are no longer required unless it is for completion of the project. For example if the horse or rider are unable to show due to an injury or the death of an animal etc.

8. Each member is permitted to exhibit three (3) animals. A mare and foal are considered only one (1) animal.

(a) After the mare and foal class the mare may be shown in her age group and the foal may be shown in the foal class.

(b) Foals and weanlings do not show for Champion Mare or Gelding.

### **Showmanship**

Exhibitors (4-H animal owners) may only show their own animals they have exhibited in another class in the Showmanship classes.

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year)

A) Junior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, 5th grade are eligible. Winner of this class will compete in the Champion Showman of Showmanship class.

B) Intermediate Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, 8th grades are eligible. Winner of this class will compete in the Champion Showman of Showmanship class.

C) Senior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible. Winner of this class will compete in the Champion Showman of Showmanship class.

D) Champion Showman of Showmanship - Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship will compete for the "Champion Showman of Showmanship" title. (If a division class winner decides to opt out there will NOT be a replacement chosen.) The winner of this class will move on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition. Champion horse Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition representing the horse species are no longer eligible to compete in any horse showmanship classes in the future.

9. Mechanical hackamores are permitted in contesting classes only.

10. Minimum Attire Requirements:

#### Helmet Requirements

All 4-H Members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted or driving at all 4-H horse and pony events, shows or activities. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. All helmets will be inspected annually by a committee member before member is allowed to participate in any practice on horseback.

#### Tack Requirements

All tack must be inspected and approved by a committee member annually before member will be allowed to participate in any meeting with their horse.

#### Appropriate Practice Attire

Each member is required to wear jeans, a t-shirt or tank top with at least a one inch strap, and proper footwear with heels.

#### Appropriate Western Show Attire

Each member is required to wear long pants without holes, a long sleeve shirt with collar, and proper footwear with heels. A helmet or a western hat is permitted in halter classes. Helmets must be worn in riding classes.

#### Appropriate English Show Attire

Each member must wear knee-high hunt boots or Jodphur boots, and solid color breeches or jodphurs. A long sleeved shirt or blouse is required when a coat is not worn, but a short sleeve may be worn under a hunt coat. A hunt coat is recommended, but not required. Tie, stock or choker is required. Hair must be neat and contained, as in a braid or hair net and must not obscure exhibitor number. Approved protective headgear must be worn. Gloves, paddock boots and boot like half chaps instead of hunt boots are optional.

#### Appropriate Contesting Attire

Each member is required to wear long pants without holes, footwear with heels and an approved helmet. T-shirts are permitted.

11. In case of illness or injury of a member, the animal may be shown in its halter class by another 4-H Horse & Pony member.

12. ALL NEW HORSES AND PONIES AND ANY OTHER ANIMALS THE HORSE & PONY COMMITTEE REQUESTS MUST BE MEASURED ON A DATE TO BE SET EACH YEAR.

13. Any oral or injected medicine administered once the animal is on the fairgrounds must be approved and administered in the presence of project chairman and the livestock superintendent. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.

THESE ARE PULASKI COUNTY RULES THAT MAY BE SUPERCEDED BY INDIANA STATE RULES AT ANY TIME, DUE TO THE CHANGE OF AN INDIANA STATE RULE.

ALL CLASS REQUIREMENTS AND JUDGING STANDARDS ARE TAKEN FROM 4-H PUBLICATION (4-H 661), INDIANA 4-H HORSE & PONY HANDBOOK.

14. A 4-H Horse & Pony member cannot change to Horseless Horse after May 15th, unless the Horse & Pony Committee has given approval.

15. All State 4-H Horse & Pony rules are to be followed.

#### Mini 4-H

If Mini 4-H members choose to show in the Horse and Pony project, they must attend at least one meeting with their horse or they will not be allowed to show. Each member must have a parent/guardian horse-side at all times. If not showing a horse the member may still complete by turning in a poster relating to any horse topic at project check in. All other Horse and Pony rules apply.