

# Mini 4-H Handbook

## Project & Livestock

## Manual



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**4-H PLEDGE**

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



### **Welcome to Mini 4-H**

Mini 4-H is a fun and educational program designed to help build self-esteem by providing youth the opportunity to learn and be recognized through non-competitive experiential learning. It also helps develop an interest in continuing the 4-H program.

### **Who can join Mini 4-H?**

Anyone in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade can be in Mini 4-H.

### **Where do I enroll & how much does it cost?**

Enroll online at [in.4honline.com](http://in.4honline.com). If you do not have an email, please contact the Extension Office for a paper form. There is no fee to participate.

### **What do I do with my exhibits?**

You will bring your project exhibits to Mini 4-H Project Check-In. Each exhibit will be checked in at the Fairgrounds. All exhibits receive ribbons and will be placed on display in the 4-H Exhibit Building during the Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair. Someone will be available to ask the Mini 4-H member about their project, if they would like to talk to someone. Mini 4-H project exhibits will be released on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5pm. You can pick your exhibits up at this time to take home. Please make arrangements with a friend or family member if you cannot be there to pick up your child's projects.

### **Mini 4-H Non-Competitive Policy**

Mini-4-H is a program designed to encourage the positive development of children, kindergarten through second grade. The goal of Mini 4-H is to help young children explore friendships outside the family; explore the way in which things work; practice both small and large muscle control, and think about the ways people work together on projects.

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

February 11, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Pulaski County Highway Garage

May 17, 2025 (Mini 4-H Fun Day) at the Pulaski County 4-H Fairgrounds

**Meetings are not mandatory.** Parents, please stay with your children during the meeting. Meetings will be a fun time for all Mini 4-Hers to gather together and get to know one another. We will learn more about 4-H and the Mini 4-H program, as well as engage in some fun activities.

### **Mini 4-H "SAFETY" Policy**

Each county determines its own programs, classes, and participation requirements subject to the following safety guidelines. Mini 4-H members in grades kindergarten, 1 and 2 will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent/legal guardian. ASSISTED MEANS THAT THE ADULT HAS CONTROL OF THE ANIMAL AT ALL TIMES.

If the guidelines stated in this policy are not followed for a particular event or activity, then such event or activity shall not be considered to be a 4-H event or activity and shall not be under the responsibility of the Extension 4-H Educators or covered by Purdue University.

Mini 4-H'ers will only be allowed to exhibit and handle live animals after parents or guardians have signed a liability release. Pulaski County will offer Mini 4-H animal classes for Beef & Dairy Starters, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits, Horse & Pony, and Dog.

### **Mini 4-H IMPORTANT NOTICES**

Any situation not covered by these rules shall be handled by the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. Rules listed in the Pulaski County 4-H Members Handbook will take precedence over exhibit requirements listed in the project manual.

NOTE: The Pulaski County 4-H Clubs, Pulaski County 4-H & Community Fair Association, Pulaski County Extension Board, and the Pulaski County 4-H Council, DO NOT assume any liability for loss or damages to any article, but attendants will use all precaution possible to avoid any losses or damage.

### **Mini 4-H Projects & Exhibit Options**

Listed below is a brief description of the exhibit options for each project. **All posters made for Mini exhibits should be 22”X 28”.** Refer to the 4-H Non-Livestock Project Handbook

#### **Mini Aerospace (Rocketry)**

Exhibit a model rocket or make a poster about aerospace. ***“Ready to Fly” or E2x rockets are not acceptable in the Mini 4-H Aerospace project.***

#### **Exhibit Options:**

- Read a story about rockets or exploring space. Make a poster about what you learned.
- Watch the next live shuttle launch on television or watch a video of a launch. Make a poster describing the launch.
- Make a model rocket out of craft materials.

#### **Mini Arts & Crafts**

Exhibit **one** of the following options.

#### **Examples Include:**

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| * Painting       | * Craft Kit                         |
| * Beaded Jewelry | * Gift Bag                          |
| * Decoupage      | * Homemade Christmas Ornament       |
| * Hand Print Art | * Any other craft you can think of! |
| * Drawing        |                                     |

### **Mini Collections**

Exhibit **one** of the following options. **Note: Collection should be exhibited in a zip lock bag to be grouped for display.**

Examples Include:

- \* Collection of Cars (Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Models, etc.)
- \* Collection of Dolls
- \* Collection of Stickers
- \* Collection of Rocks
- \* Any other Collection that you may have!

### **Mini Dog (Animal Exhibition or Non-Animal)**

Learn the responsibilities of caring for your dog. Exhibit one of the following exhibit options.

Animal Exhibition Option:

- Mini members can attend every 1<sup>st</sup> of the month practice at 6:30pm for a special training session just for them. They are welcome to observe any regular dog practice as well. Mini members will be borrowing dogs from other 4-H dog members who have volunteered and the leaders have approved.

Non-Animal Exhibit Options:

- A picture you have drawn of a dog
- A story you have written about a dog
- A poster about a dog

### **Mini Flowers or Garden**

Exhibit **one** of the following exhibit options. Mini 4-H members are responsible for watering their own plants.

Exhibit options:

- One plant in a pot. You must have taken care of your plant for at least two months before judging.
- A plate with a maximum of three vegetables (home grown)
- Make a poster showing pictures of vegetables /flowers.
- A plastic vase or a disposable jar with 1-3 flowers.

### **Mini Foods**

Exhibit **one** of the following options.

Examples Include:

- Popcorn Snack
- 3 Cookies— no bake, slice & bake, or homemade
- 3 Marshmallow treat squares
- Any other yummy treat
- A poster you made that shows at least three kitchen safety rules

### **Mini Lego Project**

Mini 4-H member exhibits should be simple and kits may be used. The use of the word “Lego” is used only as a guide for the project. You are free to use any brand of plastic snap-together or connecting pieces to complete your project. Decals and other materials are optional to use with your display. Exhibit **one** of the following options.

**NOTE: Lego exhibits should be exhibited in a zip lock bag.**

#### **Exhibit Options:**

- Make a simple Lego snap together project
- Make a poster with pictures of Lego projects that you have made or ones you would like to make
- Write a story about Lego’s with illustrations of Lego’s on a poster

### **Mini Pet Pals Project (Animal Exhibition or Poster)**

Learn the responsibilities of caring for your small pet. Exhibit one or both of the following exhibit options.

#### **Animal Exhibition Option:**

- Mini 4-H members have the option to exhibit their small animal (hamster, fish, guinea pig, lizard, etc.) in the Pet Pals show during the fair

#### **Non-Animal Exhibit Options:**

- A picture you have drawn of your pet
- A story you have written about your pet
- A poster about your pet

Mini 4-Hers can put pictures, magazines clippings, or any information on a poster board. Exhibit one of the following options and complete a Mini 4-H record and activity sheet. All posters made for Mini 4-H exhibits should be 22”X 28”. A plastic sleeve is required for posters. (Plastic sleeves and posters are available for purchase at the Extension Office.)

#### **Exhibit Options:**

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| • Aquatic Animals | • Fam Animals           | • Pets     |
| • Bugs/Insects    | • Jungle/Safari Animals | • Reptiles |

### **Mini Photography Project**

Exhibit **one** of the following option. **NOTE: Mini 4-H member or family members may take the pictures exhibited.**

#### **Exhibit Options:**

- A scrapbook page with picture (s) of your choice.
- Pictures exhibited in small photo album
- Poster displaying pictures

### **Mini Nature/Wildlife**

Exhibit **one** of the following options.

#### **Exhibit Options:**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Birds or Animal Poster | • Bird or Animal Feeder |
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## **Mini 4-H Livestock**

**EXHIBIT OPTIONS:** (Note - All posters made for Mini exhibits should be 22”X 28”.

**Refer to the 4-H Non-Livestock Project Handbook)**

- Write a story about your favorite farm animal.
- Make a poster showing the different things that farm animals provide for us. (Example: hamburgers, wool, eggs, etc.)
- Make a poster showing the different kinds of farm animals.
- Talk to a farmer. Ask him questions about working on a farm, the farm animals he raises, and the feed that he uses. You can ask him your own questions. Write a story about the farmer.
- Write or rewrite your favorite fairytale using farm animals. (Example: Cinderella on the Farm)
- Make a model of your favorite farm animal. If you want, add it to a farm scene made in a shoebox.
- Exhibit a Beef Starter Calf, Dairy Starter Calf, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Horse or Pony, Rabbit, or Poultry. Mini 4-H members may show the animal during the regular animal show listed in their program during the Mini 4-H Showmanship. No champions will be chosen in the Mini 4-H class, but ribbons will be awarded. Species-specific livestock rules and General Livestock Rules apply to Mini 4-H members. Please check your species-specific requirements in the Livestock Handbook, if you are exhibiting an animal.

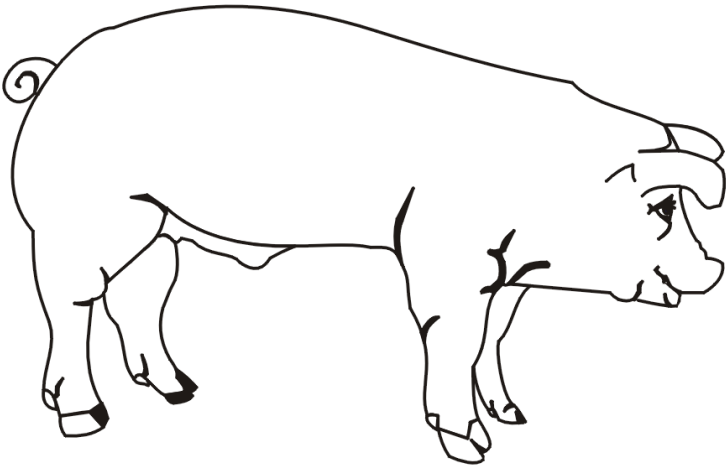
### **THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE FOR SPECIES SPECIFIC RULES**

- **MINI 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:** Mini 4-H animals, depending on species, can either be housed all week of the fair or just show up for the day of the show.
- **ALL** MINI 4-H livestock animals must be tagged, if required, in the species livestock rules. They do not need to attend the tagging day if only exhibited by the Mini 4-H member but can purchase a tag from the Extension Office.
- **Mini 4-H’ers will only be allowed to exhibit and handle live animals after their parent or legal guardian has signed and turned in the liability release.**

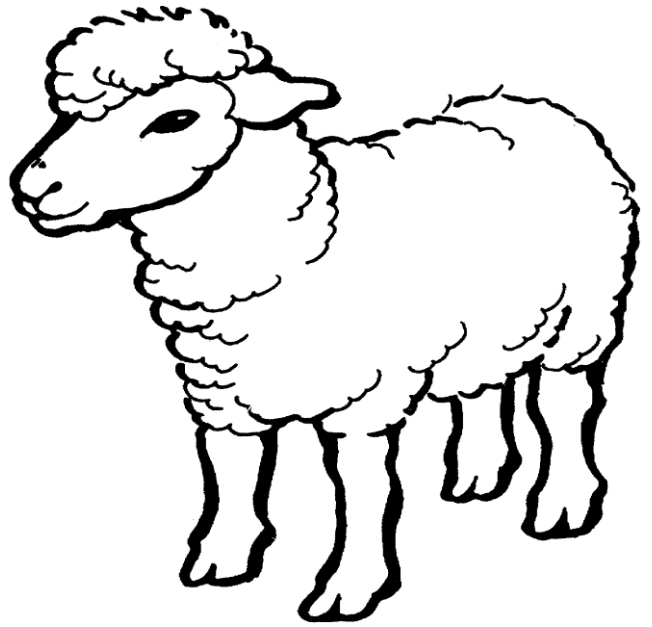
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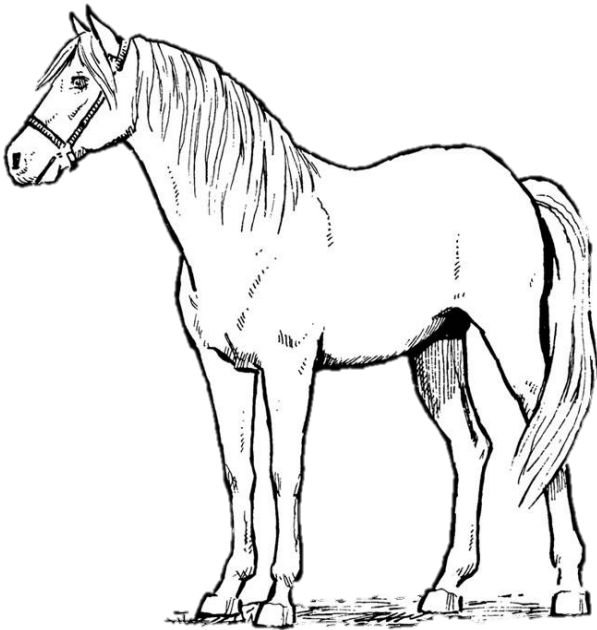
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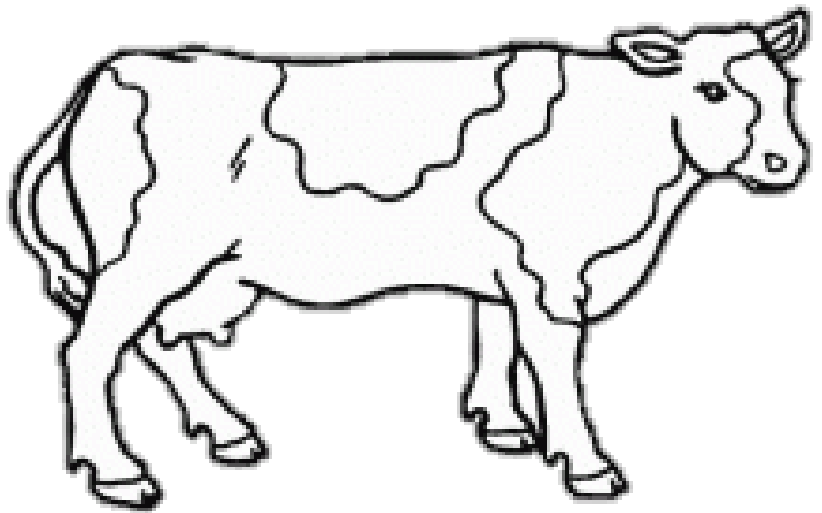
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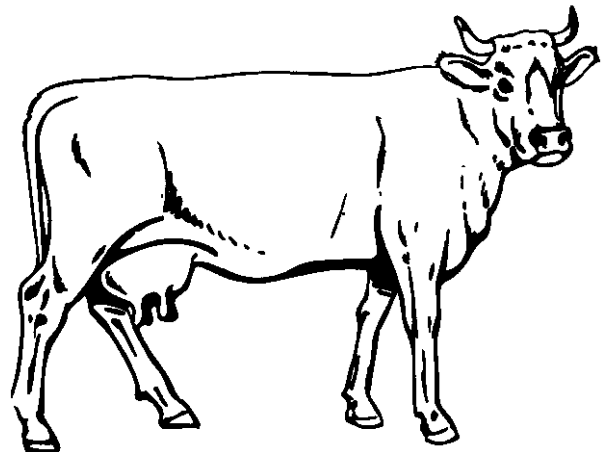
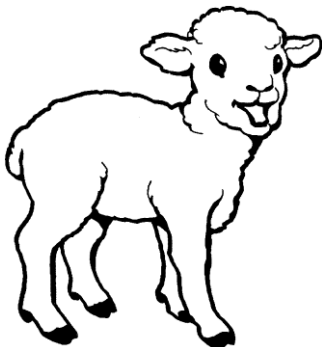
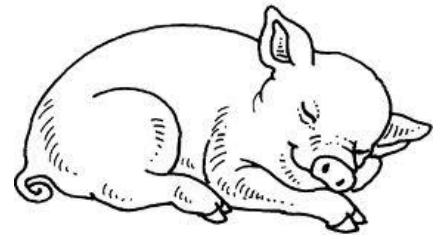
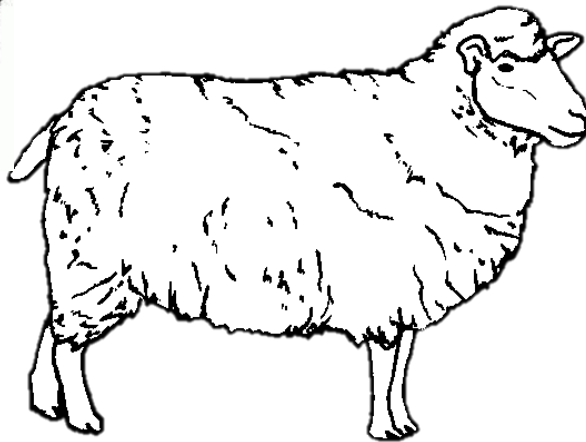
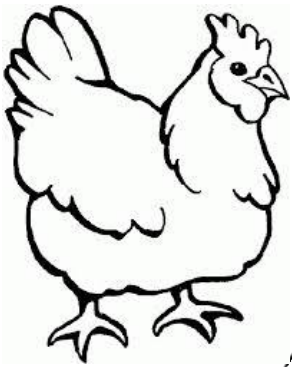
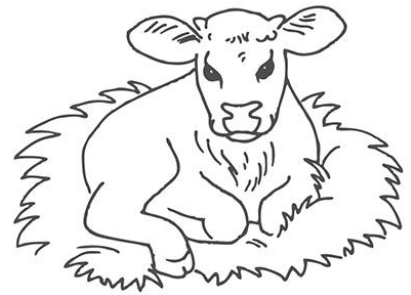
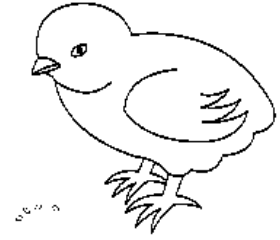
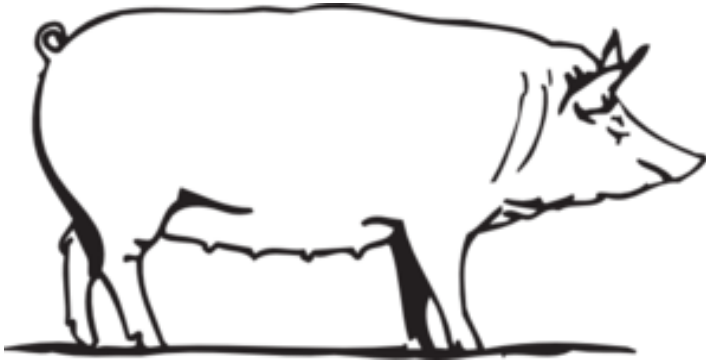


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**Activity 2 Connect and Color:** Connect the dots and color the picture.



**Activity 3 Match the BIG to the Small:** Look at the pictures. Draw a line to match the big animal with the small animal then color the picture!



**Activity 4 Color by Number:** Color the picture by using the color codes with each number.



1 = green  
2 = red  
3 = tan

4 = yellow  
5 = brown  
6 = pink