



Sheep and Goat Identification Night

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

4-6 pm

Tipton County 4-H Fairgrounds

All sheep are required to come to ID night to get county and RFID tags. Meat goat wethers are the only goats required to come for tagging, but if you have another type of goat and you wish to use a 5-digit county tag as your form of identification then you need to bring it that night. See the enclosed chart for animal ID requirements. ID requirements are the same for Tipton County-only animals, except county-only animals are not required to submit a DNA hair sample. If you do not submit a sample by May 15, that animal cannot be entered in the Indiana State Fair.

Cost- \$4 for tags. Please have money with you that night, correct change is greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Tipton County CES. We do not distribute ear tags for sheep and goats before ID night for families to implant themselves. To be eligible to be entered and shown at the Indiana State Fair, a DNA hair sample from the animal's hoof area is required. Special collection envelopes are available in the Purdue Extension Office, or will be available at ID Night; we will be able to collect at ID night.

You can enter for the IN State Fair online by going to <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/4-h-competitions/>. The Purdue Extension Office does not enter animals for the Indiana State Fair, and enrolling animals into 4-H Online and clicking the "Intend to Exhibit at the State Fair" DOES NOT enter you for the Indiana State Fair. If you have questions about State Fair entries please call the State Fair Entry Department at (317) 927-7515. The Purdue Extension office does not have anything to do with State Fair entries and we do not have the capabilities to look them up or confirm anything. State Fair has a rolling entry deadline, but the cost of entry increases significantly throughout the summer.

Please bring the worksheets to ID night for writing down numbers and information that you can then use to enter information into your 4-H Online account. It is your responsibility to enter your animals into your 4-H Online profile by May 15.

All 4-H livestock identification needs to be entered into your 4-H Online profile by Wednesday, May 15. Please DO NOT wait until May 15 to enter your animals!

All livestock exhibitors are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) **OR** Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-HQLC) each year. YQCA can be completed online at <https://yqcaprogram.org> for \$12. YQCA is recommended if you plan to show at any open or large national shows. Indiana 4-H is no longer affiliated with YQCA- any questions need to be referred to YQCA. 4-HQLC will be offered in-person a few times before the fair- see the enclosed flyer for dates. Register through 4-H Online. Either training will be accepted at any Indiana 4-H Show.

We look forward to seeing everyone on May 8. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Purdue Extension Office at 765-675-1177 or e-mail Brian at howellbm@purdue.edu.

The 4-H Goat show will be on Thursday, July 11 at 9 am. The 4-H Sheep show will be on Friday, July 12 at 9 am. More information, including project guidelines, various forms, and project record sheets can be found under the "County Livestock Projects" drop down at our new website, <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/tipton/tipton-county-4-h.html>.