Sheep and Goat Identification Night
Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 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 Trustees of Purdue University. 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 Indiana 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 "Intent 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.

All sheep and goat exhibitors need to have their farm registered with BOAH (Board of Animal Health) and have a Premise Identification number on file when they enter online. This is a special number that is issued by BOAH to assist in case of an emergency and can track animals in case of a quarantine or disease outbreak. All farms with beef, sheep, swine, and goats should have a Premise ID number. If you do not have a Premise ID number, please visit www.in.gov/boah and follow the link on the left side of the page, or call (317) 544-2381 (they have been known to issue numbers over the phone). **If you have had your premise registered in the past, that number is still good- Premise ID numbers are only issued once and can be used from year to year and for multiple species. They are NOT kept on record at the Purdue Extension Office.**

Animals are automatically co-enrolled among all youth enrolled under the same 4-H Online family profile (siblings and possibly step-siblings, depending if all are in the same family profile.) Animals may be IDed under a single 4-H member in 4-H Online and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. Animals DO NOT need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family. However, it is suggested that at least 1 animal be IDed by each member enrolled in the project.

Please bring the Identification 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 Thursday, 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.

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Activity Record Sheets are no longer required for 4-H projects, but can still be turned in for project completion if you are not able to exhibit. You are still encouraged to do some of the activities from the project manual.

We look forward to seeing everyone on May 7. 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.

2025 Fair Schedule
Livestock Penning and Stalling- Saturday, July 12
Livestock Move into the Fair- Wednesday, July 16 before 10 am
4-H Goat Show- Thursday, July 17, 9:00 am
4-H Sheep Show- Friday, July 18, 9:00 am
Supreme Showmanship Contest- Sunday, July 20, 5 pm
Livestock Release- Sunday, July 20 following Supreme Showmanship (absolutely no early release without prior permission)
Premium Auction- Monday, July 21, 6 pm

More information, including project guidelines and various forms, 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.

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