



# The Clover Leaf

Tipton County 4-H Newsletter  
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4-H is a community of young people across America, learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

*4-H Mission: Provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact*

*in their communities and the world.*

*4-H Vision: Be the state's premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential*

## Bonus Bits from Brian

The 4-H Fair is approaching fast! Please look through this newsletter VERY CAREFULLY. There is A LOT of important information that you will need as you prepare for the fair and exhibiting your projects. It is your responsibility to be aware of the information in this newsletter and how it applies to your family.

**Please save this newsletter. Highlight it, mark on it, copy it, post it on your refrigerator, keep a copy in the vehicle, and save the link to your phone.**

If you have questions please contact your club leader, project superintendent, or the Purdue Extension Office at the number above.

## Did your project guidelines change?

Everyone should be reading updated project guidelines every year to make sure there aren't any major changes in the exhibition options or materials. All project guidelines sheets and other forms, can be found on the Purdue Extension- Tipton County 4-H website:

**<https://bit.ly/TiptonIN4H>**

Look under 'County Projects,' 'State Projects,' and 'County Livestock Projects' for information.

## Updated Policies and Procedures are Enclosed

You are responsible for knowing and following the Indiana and Tipton County 4-H Policies and Procedures. Some things have changed, been updated, or finally been put in writing. Major changes were made in 2023 and include livestock showmanship classes and supreme showmanship procedures, clear consequences for late entries or projects released early without permission. Please take a moment to review the booklet. Full Indiana Policies and Procedures can be found on the State 4-H Website.



**2025 TIPTON COUNTY 4-H FAIR**

**JULY 15-20, 2025**

AUCTION JULY 21

**2025 INDIANA STATE FAIR**

**AUGUST 1-17, 2025**

(CLOSED MONDAYS)

# FAIR SCHEDULE

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE DATES AND TIMES FOR  
ALL OF YOUR EVENTS AND DEADLINES.

## Building Project Check-In- Monday, July 14, 4-8 pm

All building (static) projects

(except Foods and Dairy Foods. Consumer Clothing Notebooks check in by noon on Friday, July 11)

4-H members will check-in their building 4-H projects (other than foods) by EXHIBITOR.

Please pay attention to the signs for project check-in to help find your table.

All Mini 4-H'ers will check their projects, including foods, on the West side of the tables (closest to the stage).

Families will enter from the East front doors of the 4-H project building and leave through the south door in the Cicero Room.

## Tuesday, July 15, 8-9 am

Project Check-In- ONLY Aquatic Science, Garden, and Floriculture

All other static projects (except Foods, Dairy Foods, and Consumer Clothing) must be checked in on Monday evening

Pocket Pets check-in- Tuesday, July 15, 3:00 pm

Cat check-in- Tuesday, July 15, 4:30 pm

## Foods- Baked and Preserved Check-In- Wednesday, July 16, 8:30-10:30 am

Exhibitors will also sign up for the Foods Auction at this time- Deadline is 10:30 am; there is a \$5 entry fee.

\*\*\*Only Foods- Baked projects are eligible to be in the Foods Auction

## Dairy Foods Check-In- 11:00- 11:45 am

Projects not checked in by the designated times will be judged for exhibition only and will not be considered for an honor higher than a blue ribbon.

## Project Check-Out and Exhibit Hall Clean Up

Sunday, July 20, 4-6 pm

It is the hope of the Purdue Extension Staff that all projects will be picked up by 6:00 p.m., and we plan to close the building at that time. Please plan to have someone pick up your projects if you are not available at this time. Projects are NOT to be released early without permission from the 4-H Council- see Policies and Procedures.

## Building Project Record Sheets - Update

- Project Activity Record Sheets are **NO LONGER REQUIRED** for a project to be considered complete
- If you choose not to exhibit a project but would still like to complete the project, you can turn in a completed record sheet for that project and it will be marked as "Complete," although there will be no judging
- Exhibitors are still **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to keep the "My Record of 4-H Achievement" (white stiff sheet) up to date each year
- *Completion of record sheets and activities is highly encouraged; there are many life skills to be gained from the activities and record keeping.*

We still have several record books from last year.

Please remember to pick these up next time you're in the Extension Office!!!

## Additional Category in Arts & Crafts

There is now a category for Diamond Art projects in the Arts & Crafts division. If you are working on an project that involves this technique, look for the category under County Arts & Crafts in FairEntry.

## Cat Exhibitors Can Now Show in More Categories

Cat exhibitors can now show up to four (4) animals. You may now enter a long haired cat, short haired cat, long haired kitten, and short haired kitten. Previously they could only show 2 animals. However, the State Fair still limits exhibitors to two animals- see ISF guidelines if you plan to enter

# 4-H Building Project Judging

Project judging will be OPEN, which will allow 4-H members to talk to the judges and get direct feedback on their projects. Due to space and the potential for accidents and harming projects, please no extra family members on judging day: plan to make babysitting arrangements for younger family members who are not 4-H members. The building will be open each day during the fair from 11 am-9 pm, starting Wednesday. Please wait until Wednesday to come and check project results.

## **Friday, July 11, 2025**

- **5:00 pm:** Consumer Clothing interviews and judging (notebooks are due by noon on this day), followed by Fashion Revue judging

## **Tuesday, July 15, 2025-**

- **10:00 am:** Open project judging for:
  - Arts and Crafts, including Model Craft and Construction and Architectural Replica (formerly Ag Education)
  - Aerospace
  - Electric
  - Photography
  - Fine Arts
  - Garden
  - Crops
- **12:00 noon:** Open Mini 4-H Building Project “mock” judging-
  - Junior Leaders will be available to talk to Mini 4-Hers about their projects. Please gather in the small south room beside the kitchen if you would like to talk to a Junior Leader about your project!
  - **Action Demonstration and Public Speaking judging-** Prairie Room in the Purdue Extension Office
- **1:00 pm:** Open project judging for all other building projects (except Consumer Clothing, Foods, Cats, and Pocket Pets)
- **3:30 pm:** Open judging for **Pocket Pets** (Liberty Room, inside the front foyer of the 4-H Building)
- **5:00 pm:** **Cat Poster** judging and **Cat Show**, Cicero Room



## **Wednesday, July 16, 2025-**

- **12:00 noon- All Foods Project Judging-** Baked, Preserved, Microwave, and Dairy Foods

## **Friday, July 18, 2025**

- **2:00 pm: Outdoor Chef-** set up may begin at 10:30 am on the south patio of the 4-H Building

## **Sunday, July 20, 2025**

- **12:00 noon- Tractor Driving Contest-** Tractor Pull Strip or South Lawn

## **4-H Foods Auction- Wednesday, July 16, 5:00 pm**

Any exhibitor that has a Foods- Baked project is eligible to participate in the 4-H Foods Auction on Wednesday, July 16 at 5:00 pm. Foods- Preserved, Microwave, and Dairy Foods projects are not eligible. The auction will take place on the West (Main) Stage.

- **Exhibitors must sign up for the Foods Auction during the Foods project check in on Wednesday morning. There will be a table set up specifically for auction sign up.**
- If you are selling something that has multiple items (cookies, muffins, biscuits, etc.) bring a separate set of 6 that will be sold. These will NOT be used for judging, but should be the same project you entered for judging.
- There is a \$5 fee to participate in the Foods Auction. Please have this cash available when you sign up.
- Please tell the person signing you up if you are a 10-year member or are involved in the Horse and Pony show or Dog Demonstrations that afternoon and may have a conflict.
- **You must be signed up by 10:30 am on Wednesday, July 16 to participate in the Foods Auction.**
- An exhibitor must be present to sell their food product. No substitute exhibitors. If there is a conflict, please see Brian Howell, 4-H Educator, or a 4-H Council member. (Sports games and practices, family vacations, camps, and job schedules are not considered exempt conflicts.)
- Checks will be distributed at times during the fair after the Foods Auction. Look for posted times during sign up.
- Be sure to thank your buyers in person and with a hand written thank you note!!!

# Help Needed for Tipton County 4-H Fair

It takes a lot of volunteer man-power to make the 4-H Fair happen. Please consider helping out. Some of the jobs require lifting so please consider that when deciding where and when to help. Sign up now at:



**SignUpGenius**

**<https://bit.ly/2025tiptonfairhelp>**

or use the QR code below

Jobs include: Project Building set-up, building project check-in, building project assistance, project check out, and project building display tear down

Please sign up by Monday, July 7. If you don't get signed up, don't worry- your help will still be needed and appreciated if you just happen to show up!

## HANDS to Larger Service!



<div> <h3>4-H Online vs. FairEntry</h3> <p>When do we need to use them? Why do we use them both?</p> </div>	
4-H Online	FairEntry
<b>Who?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents/ Families</li> <li>ALL 4-H Members</li> <li>ALL Program Volunteers</li> <li>Specialty Groups</li> </ul>	<b>Who?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-H Fair Exhibitors</li> <li>Superintendents</li> <li>Fair Judges</li> <li>Check-in Volunteers</li> <li>Media Outlets for Fair Results</li> </ul>
<b>What?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal Identification</li> <li>Selecting project areas to explore.</li> <li>4-H Trips and other events</li> <li>4-H Scholarships Application</li> <li>Club rosters for 4-H Leaders</li> </ul>	<b>What?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparation for county fair</li> <li>County Fair Project Labels</li> <li>State Fair Qualifying Entries</li> <li>Livestock Show Bills</li> <li>Organization of Fair Results</li> </ul>
<b>When?</b> <p>From start to end of the program year: October through September.</p>	<b>When?</b> <p>Fair Season: Typically May through August</p>
<b>Where?</b> <p><a href="https://v2.4honline.com/">https://v2.4honline.com/</a></p>	<b>Where?</b> <p>Direct link provided by county office or <a href="https://faireentry.com/Public/FindYourFair">https://faireentry.com/Public/FindYourFair</a></p>
<b>Why?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To express interest in the 4-H Program</li> <li>Improved communication between County and State and 4-H Families</li> </ul>	<b>Why?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare for county and state fair</li> <li>Get accurate numbers for project display purposes, and stall assignments</li> </ul>
<div> <p><b>PURDUE UNIVERSITY</b></p> <p>Extension - 4-H Youth Development</p> <p><small>Purdue University is an equal opportunity employer.</small></p> </div>	



## 4-H Project Pre-Entry- Please do by Tuesday, July 1! Building and Livestock

All 4-H projects that you plan to bring to the 4-H Fair need to be pre-entered by Tuesday, July 1. This includes building and livestock projects.

Go to <http://tiptonindiana-county.faireentry.com>  
Detailed instructions are available on our county website at

<https://bit.ly/TiptonIN4H>  
under "Important Information" or on the next page of this newsletter.

Although it looks a little overwhelming at first sight, it is a relatively simple process. Follow the instructions very carefully, *especially the one about not hitting submit until you have all of the youth in your household entered.* By completing the pre-enrollment steps you will help the check-in and judging of your projects go so much smoother and less stressful for you, check-in volunteers, judging helpers, judges, and the Extension Office staff. Please pre-enroll your building projects by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, July 1. If you do not pre-enroll before check-in you will have to do so once you come to check-in. Projects MUST be entered this year; it will be easier and cause less headaches to do so beforehand.

### \*\*\*Livestock Exhibitors, including Horse & Pony Exhibitors\*\*\*

You will be required to enter your animals through FairEntry. You must have first entered your animals in 4-H Online by May 15. You will be asked several important questions- please answer them honestly. The superintendents will use this information to plan stall assignments and work on setting up classes prior to the fair.



**Register for the Tipton County Fair: \*\*Please register between June 16- July 1 on FairEntry. You MUST register on FairEntry for your project to be judged**

1. Go to <http://tiptonindiana-county.fairentry.com>.
2. Select your "Sign in with your 4-H Online account options – the **GREEN** box
3. A separate box will pop up where you can enter the login email address and password from 4-H Online.  
*(If you don't remember your password, you will need to select the "I forgot my password" option to get a temporary one emailed to you. If your email address has changed, log in using the old email address and change it in 4-H Online.)*  
Click the "**Login**" box.  
Choose to register an individual
4. 5. 6. Choose the dot next to the name of the 4-H'er you would like to register and then click the green "**continue**" box.  
*Please do not create any exhibitors from scratch, as you will not be able to add exhibits for the projects you are enrolled in.*
7. Answer any required questions and review the exhibitor registration information.
8. Make any necessary corrections (using the edit boxes). Remember that any corrections made here DO NOT transfer back to your 4-H Online Account
9. If Additional questions are required by your county, complete the questions and then select the green "Continue" box.
10. When you are taken back to the Exhibitor information page, click the green "**Continue to Entries**" button
11. Click the green "**Add an Entry**" box to the right of the exhibitor's name
12. Click the green "**Select**" box next to the **Department** you would like to enter
13. Click the green "**Select**" box next to the **Project** you would like to enter. Select the GREEN Choose button.
14. Click the green "**Select**" box next to the **Class/Division** you would like to enter
15. **Review the selection of the Department, Division and Class.** To correct errors in the Department, Division or Class, click the corresponding 'Change' button. Click the green 'Continue' button to move to the next step.
16. Select the dot next to the **4-H Club** that you belong to and then select the green "Continue" box
17. If required, **enter in a description** of your exhibit and click Continue– *please be specific as this description for non-animal exhibits will be used to distinguish between exhibits, example – don't just type in "photo", type in more description, such as "Butterfly on leaf photo"*  
NOTES: Photography 10-print posters should enter a description of your #1 photo. Projects with more than one item should enter a description of your main display (i.e. first collection box, first entomology box, item you did for Home Environment, etc.)
18. Answer any Additional Questions required for that entry and then click the green "Continue" box.
19. Decide if you would like to:  
> Add another Entry > Register another Exhibitor > Continue to Payment and select that appropriate box  
*\*\*\*The payment section is a formality of the system. No payment is needed, but you must go through the steps to submit your entries.*
20. To register an **animal entry** from 4-H Online, you will select the white "add an animal" box during the entry process.
21. A smaller box with two options will pop up. Choose the green "Choose an Existing Animal Record" box to enter an animal that was identified in 4-H Online. To enter a Cat, Dog, or Poultry/ Pigeons/Waterfowl animal, please select "Enter a New Animal Record", and complete all applicable fields on the screen.
22. A list of those animals that you have previously IDed in 4-H Online that are eligible for that class are listed. Select the circle next to the animal you would like to enter. Then select the green "**Select Animal**" box.
23. All of the information about that animal will be pulled over from 4-H Online, so that you can check to **make sure that is the correct animal**. If you want to switch to a different animal, click on the "remove from entry box". If it is correct, click the green "**Continue**" box. Then you will be taken to the Additional Questions page listed in step #20.
24. **Review your invoice**, either in summary format or detail format. If it looks correct, click the green "**Continue**" box. If not, go back to the entries tab and fix what you need to.
25. Select the green "**Continue**" box. *\*\*There are no fees for 4-H exhibits.*
26. **Confirm your entries one last time.** You can see a summary of exhibitors in your family, or their entries in detail. Make sure all entries for each exhibitor in your family are listed before you submit the entries.  
NOTE: **Once you hit submit, you cannot edit your entries.**
27. Click **Continue** to confirm and submit your entries.
28. Click the **Submit** button to submit your entries.
29. You will receive a "**Thanks!**" message. You can choose the button to "**Visit Dashboard**" to see your entry.

## FairEntry Department/ Divisions/ Classes

### Exhibit Hall (County Projects)

- Arts & Crafts
  - Candle Making, Ceramics, Diamond Art, Holiday Project, Latch Hook, Leathercraft, Macrame, Metalcraft, Miscellaneous Craft, Pottery, Reed Craft, Wearable Art
- Aquatic Science
- Collections
- Foods – Outdoor Chef
- Crops
  - Soybeans, Corn, Alfalfa, Oats, Wheat
- Strawberries
- Scrapbook
- Shooting Sports
  - Archery, Muzzle Loader, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Hunters Education, Outdoor Pursuit

### Exhibit Hall Event (County Projects)

- Fashion Revue
  - Junior (Grades 3 – 7)
  - See 'State Projects' for older divisions

### State Projects

- **Arts & Crafts, General** (See Above. Do not enter miscellaneous crafts under the State Projects)
- Beekeeping
  - Poster or Display
  - Single Honey Product
  - Two Honey Products
- Cake Decorating
- Cat Poster or Display
- Child Development
- Computer
- Construction & Architectural Replica (this includes Legos, Farm Scenes, doll houses, or other minatures)
- Consumer Clothing
- Creative Writing
- Demonstration
  - Junior Individual, Junior Team
  - Senior Individual, Senior Team
- Dog Poster or Display
- Electric
- Entomology
  - Insect Collection
  - Poster or Display
- Fashion Revue
  - Grade 8-12, Informal or Casual Wear
  - Grade 8-12, Dress Up
  - Grade 8-12, Suit or Coat
  - Grade 8-12, Separates
  - Grade 8-12, Formal Wear
  - Grade 8-12, Free Choice
  - Advanced Consumer Clothing State Fair County Entry
- Fine Arts (you can enter more than one for the county fair)

## **Fair Entry State Projects, continued**

- Floriculture
  - Floral Display
  - Poster or Educational Display
- Foods, Baked
- Foods, Preserved
- Forestry
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Health
- Home Environment
- Informative 4-H Presentation
- Lawn & Garden Tractor Operator Skills
- Lawn & Garden Tractor Safety Education
- Llama-Alpaca Crafts
- Llama-Alpaca Poster or Display
- Model Craft
- Needle Craft
- Photography
  - Black & White Prints
  - Color Prints
  - Black & White Salon Print
  - Color Salon Print
  - Creative Experimental Digital Salon Print
- Poultry Poster or Display
- Professional Persuasive Presentation
- Public Speaking
- Rabbit Ambassador
- Rabbit Poster or Display
- Sewing Construction, Non-wearable
- Sewing Construction, Wearable
  - Grade Levels
  - Informal or Casual Wear
  - Dress Up
  - Free Choice
  - Suit or Coat
  - Separates
  - Formal Wear
- Shooting Sports Education
- Small Engines
- Soil & Water Science
- Sport Fishing
- Tractor Operator Skills
- Tractor Safety Education
- Veterinary Science
- Weather & Climate Science
- Wildlife
- Woodworking
- Zero-Turn Radius Mower Operator Skills
- Zero-Turn Radius Mower Safety Education

## State Garden

- Garden Education
- Garden Collection
- Herb
  - Basil
  - Catnip
  - Chamomile
  - Chives
  - Coriander or Cilantro
  - Dill
  - French Tarragon
  - Lavender
  - Mint
  - Oregano
  - Parsley
  - Rosemary
  - Sage
  - Sweet Marjoram
  - Thyme
- Potato
  - White, long type
  - White, oval type
  - White, round type
  - Other
- Single Vegetable
  - Asparagus
  - Beans, cowpea, black-eyed pea, southern pea, etc.
  - Beans, snap, green, or wax
  - Beans, lima – large or small
  - Beans, navy, kidney, shell-out, etc.
  - Beets
  - Broccoli
  - Broccoli raab
  - Brussels Sprouts
  - Cabbage, Chinese type (Bok shoy or Pak choi)
  - Cabbage, Chinese type (napa cabbage)
  - Cabbage, round, flat, or pointed type
  - Carrots
  - Cauliflower
  - Celery
  - Chard
  - Collards
  - Corn, Sweet-yellow, white or bi-color
  - Cucumbers, Dill pickling
  - Cucumbers, English or hot house
  - Cucumbers, Slicing with seeds
  - Eggplant
  - Kale
  - Kohlrabi
  - Muskmelon
  - Okra
  - Onions, green
  - Onions, Red, yellow or white
  - Parsnip
  - Peas, Edible pods (snow peas, etc.)
  - Peas, unshelled
  - Peppers, Bell type
  - Peppers, Chili type
  - Peppers, Serrano type
  - Peppers, Banana, long, wax or Hungarian type
  - Peppers, Pimiento type
  - Peppers, Cayenne type
  - Peppers, Jalapeno type
  - Peppers, Cherry type
  - Peppers, New Mexican, long green, Anaheim type
  - Peppers, Ancho type
  - Peppers, Tabasco type
  - Peppers, Habanera type
  - Potato
  - Pumpkin, other
  - Pumpkin, Table, canning, or ornamental
  - Radishes
  - Rhubarb
  - Rutabaga
  - Spinach
  - Squash, Banana or other large winter type
  - Squash, Buttercups, turbans
  - Squash, Butternut
  - Squash, Cushaw
  - Squash, Hubbards (blue, green or golden)
  - Squash, Scallops or patty pans
  - Squash, Straight or goose neck (summer squash)
  - Squash, Acorn
  - Squash, Zucchini or cocozelle
  - Sweet Potato
  - Tomatillos
  - Turnips
  - Watermelon
- Tomato Plate
  - Tomatoes, Pink or purple
  - Tomatoes, Red canning
  - Tomatoes, Red market
  - Tomatoes, Roma or paste type
  - Tomatoes, Intermediate type
  - Tomatoes, Small cherry or pear
  - Tomatoes, Yellow or orange

## Are you a Tipton County 4-H Alumni?

Have you saved ribbons, awards, projects, photographs, and/or trophies from your 4-H career?

### We are asking you to share these momentos!

Think of a way to display your items- perhaps a poster or display box. Be sure to label your items. Bring them to the 4-H Building on Monday, July 14 from 4-8 pm during project entry- there will be a special place to check in and display these items.

Please pick up the items on Sunday, July 20 from 4-6 PM to reduce the risk of harm after the fair.

We've had outstanding displays the last few years! We are hoping to return with a huge display this year!!!

Questions? Call the Purdue Extension Office at 765-675-1177.

## OVERNIGHT POLICY AT THE FAIR

Youth are not permitted to stay at the fair overnight unless parents (or guardians) have reviewed the policy set forth by the Tipton County Fair Board.

If you camped at the fair in 2024 and would like to camp at the same spot as last year you should have received information from the Purdue Extension Office.

Cost for 4-H families to camp for the week is \$125.00. All others is \$35/night. Campers may be parked from Sunday, July 13- Sunday, July 21. Campers staying before or after those dates will be charged the regular \$35/night fee.

## Do you have a question about 4-H?

Check out the website, <https://extension.purdue.edu/tipton>

Scroll down and click the '4-H & Youth Development' button to be taken to the 4-H home page.

Chances are many of your questions can be answered here. This site contains the Family Resource Guide, Policies and Procedures, some helpful check lists to help you prepare for the fair, FairEntry instructions, all of the information you will need for projects (printable project guidelines, record sheets, additional forms, helpful videos, and more), links to the State 4-H website, past 4-H newsletters, and so much more helpful information. Please use this resource that is available at your fingertips 24/7!



## Mini 4-H Information



### Project Check-In

All Mini 4-H Building projects (including Foods) should be checked in on Monday, July 14 from 4-8 pm in the 4-H Community Building.

All Mini 4-H projects will register at the far west table, closest to the stage. (You do not check in by name like the traditional 4-H projects.)

### Mini 4-H Livestock Shows

A schedule of Mini 4-H Livestock Shows can be found on page 11 of this newsletter. Mini 4-Hers will borrow animals from older 4-H members to show in the class; unless you have spoken to your superintendent Mini 4-Hers will not bring their own animals. Classes are not judged, but they will get comments and a ribbon.

## NO SMOKING

By order of the State Fire Marshall, the livestock facilities are designated a NO SMOKING area. Please abide by this state law and do not smoke in any livestock facility, or any building on the 4-H Fairgrounds.



## FAIRGROUNDS POLICY ON DOGS

Any dogs that might be on the Tipton County Fairgrounds must be on a leash. This goes for dogs that are part of 4-H projects. Also, NO dogs are allowed in the 4-H Project Building except for those providing handicapped assistance.

## Look, but please don't touch the community gardens!

The Tipton Master gardeners and other citizens have been working hard on their gardens located on the south side of the fairgrounds. Please stay out of the gardens- the produce is for the gardeners, not the public. Be respectful of their produce and their garden area!



### Project Mock 'Judging'

Mini 4-H projects are NOT judged. However, this year Mini 4-H members are invited to get feedback on their projects from 4-H Junior Leaders.

**When:** Tuesday, July 15, 12 noon

**Where:** 4-H Community Building small south room beside the kitchen

### Mini 4-H Introductions

**When:** Wednesday, July 16, 6:30 pm

**Where:** Main Stage. Mini 4-Hers should gather in the 4-H Building at 6:15 to line up for the presentation

**What:** Mini 4-Hers will get to walk onto the stage, answer a question about their experience from an older 4-Her, and wave to friends and family! Wear your Mini 4-H t-shirt if you have one!

# 4-H FAIR LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Although this section contains information about livestock projects, Livestock Exhibitors should still read and be familiar with the information throughout this whole newsletter. Ignorance does not equal exemption.

## Livestock Check-In

**Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine**- Wednesday, July 16- everything is penned and stalled by 10:00 am

**Horse and Pony**- Wednesday, July 16- 6:00 am- show time

Swine will be weighed in off of the trailer. Sheep and Goat weigh in will start at 11:00 on Wednesday in the Livestock Barn. Beef will use declared weights.

**Animals will be inspected for visible health problems by species superintendents during check-in.**

A vet will be on call to make the final decision. Just because health papers aren't being required doesn't mean you should try to bring unhealthy animals to the fair!!! If your livestock projects seem unhealthy in any way prior to the fair (fungus, coughing, fever, pink eye, parasites, etc.) please have your animal inspected by your vet. DO NOT bring your animals against your veterinarian's recommendation.

## Livestock Trailer Traffic

- **Trailers with Swine**- Trucks and trailers will enter the fairgrounds on Fairgrounds Road from the far west "Tractor Pull" entrance (Gate #6)
- Go as far south as you can, looping around the Horse and Pony Complex, and then back east and then north towards the barns. Trailers will back up and animals will be unloaded on the south end of the swine barn.
- **All other trailers (non swine)**- Enter the fairgrounds at the entry just north of the Livestock Barn (Gate #4)

## Parking of Livestock Trailers

Trailers can be parked north, across Fairgrounds Road, on the lot just west of Doctor's Park. There should not be any trailers parked on the fairgrounds, except for those being used during the Horse and Pony show.

The south area of the Fairgrounds and old Tractor Pull strip are NOT for parking trailers, but for public parking and campers. There is also NO PARKING of any vehicles north of the barns, south of the barns by the restrooms, or in the grass west of the Livestock barn. Vehicles in these areas will be moved.



## For all Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine Exhibitors that have NOT completed a Quality Assurance Training

All livestock exhibitors (beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbit, and poultry) are required to participate in a quality assurance educational program. Face-to-face *Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care* (4-HQLC) trainings have already been held. **If you did NOT attend a 4-HQLC program, you will need to complete YQCA online.** This program is designed to help 4-Hers understand their role in the food animal industry and help them learn how to promote the livestock industry.

**Online option (\$12 payable online when registering):** available at any time, [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)

**The Purdue Extension Office does not have any access to your YQCA profile.** Sign in using the profile credentials you created in the past. If you are new, you will need to go to the "More Info" menu on the YQCA website to see how to create a new account and register for a training.

Be sure to print your YQCA completion certificate, or save a screenshot on your phone, and bring it to penning and stalling on July 12; there is not a record of YQCA participants being kept in the Purdue Extension Office in 2025. The Extension Office will have record if you participated in face-to-face 4-HQLC.

You MUST complete one of the two Quality Assurance programs in order to exhibit and sell your animal at the Tipton County and/or Indiana State Fair!

**[www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)**

## **PEN – STALL - CAGE SET UP** Saturday, July 12 starting at 9:00 am

All pens/stalls/cages will be assigned after:

- All pens are set up and work is complete.
- Livestock 4-H Member meeting in the Show Arena at 10:00 am, OR after barns are set up and ready.
- Pen/Stall fee is paid. Fees for pens and/or stall MUST be paid when pen/stalls are assigned and claimed.
- Superintendent will have final decision on pen/stall/cage assignments. Assignments or plans will be made based on the information entered in FairEntry.
- If pen/stalls are not reserved on Saturday, then pens/stalls will be available on first come basis as animals are unloaded on Wednesday, July 16.
- After pen/stall is assigned, a sign MUST be hung above the pen/stall with 4-Her's name. Cards will be available.
- Moving another 4-Her's sign without the permission of the 4-Her and superintendent is prohibited.
- ABSOLUTELY no pen or stall space is to be used for tack, feed, or grooming chutes until all livestock are entered.
- If you reserve more pens/stalls than actually needed there will be NO refund of pen/stall fee.
- If you have not completed Quality Assurance (see page 7), you will be moved to the end of the line. This MUST be completed before checking in your animals on Wednesday, July 16.
- Please bring brooms and rakes on pen set up day. Make sure they are labeled with your name.

### **PEN FEES**

Beef- Per Head - \$5	Dog - Per Head - \$5
Goat - Per Pen - \$5	Rabbit - Per Cage - \$2
Horse/Pony - Per Head - \$5	Swine - Per Pen - \$5
Sheep -Per Pen-\$5	

This money is used to update livestock facilities.

No tack pens until all animals are penned. No large show boxes in aisle – move to show arena!

### **Mini 4-H Animal Shows**

Mini 4-H members can show in a non-competitive showmanship class in each species. They will borrow the animal of a 4-H mentor. It is highly recommended that the Mini 4-Her and the mentor work together prior to the fair!

Mini 4-H Cat Show- Tuesday, July 15, 5:00 pm

Mini 4-H Goat Show- Thursday, July 17, 9:00 am

Mini 4-H Poultry Show- Thursday, July 17, 5:00 pm

Mini 4-H Sheep Show- Friday, July 18, 9:00 am

Mini 4-H Rabbit Show- Friday, July 18, 2:00 pm

Mini 4-H Beef Show- Friday, July 18 4:00 pm

(Mini 4-Hers must have completed 2nd grade and have worked with a 4-H mentor prior to showing BEEF at the Fair)

Mini 4-H Swine Show- Saturday, July 19, 10:00 am

Mini 4-H Horse and Pony Show- Saturday, July 19, 11:00 am

Mini 4-H Dog Show- Saturday, July 19, 9:00 am

### **Swine ID**

Make sure the ear notches of your pigs match what was entered in 4-H Online. You can log into your 4-H Online profile at any time to check what you entered. If you plan to enter or exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, you **must** have your 840 RFID tags applied in the ears BEFORE coming to the fair- Tipton county volunteers will NOT apply tags into State Fair entered animals. Make sure the tag and ear notches match with your ISF entries.

### **Livestock Superintendent Reviews**

Prior to 2020, Livestock Superintendent positions were reviewed on a three-year rotation. This does not mean the positions have a term, and it is not to be seen as an effort to remove a superintendent. It is more of a chance for superintendents to take a break if needed and allow other interested parties have an opportunity to share ideas or be considered for the position. Starting this fall we will resume this rotation. Superintendent positions that will be reviewed in Fall, 2025 are:

**Beef** (Greg Sottong is current superintendent); **Rabbit** (Michelle Kincade is current superintendent); **Sheep** (Denny Henderson is current superintendent).

### **Showmanship Divisions**

Showmanship divisions for most species (excluding Dogs) are now more consistent with the State Fair and other projects. They are now First Year (grade 3), Junior (grades 4-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12). Youth will still move up the next year once they win their division, regardless of grade. Horse and Pony will still have Masters.

\*\*\*An animal must be shown in a class during the show to be able to be shown in showmanship, by the same exhibitor (a brother's showmanship animal can't be one his sister showed in class).

### **Small Animal Supreme Showmanship**

Small Animal Supreme Showmanship event will take place on Saturday, July 19 at 6:00 pm. Senior Showmanship winners in Dog, Cat, Rabbit, Poultry, and the Champion Level 3 Pocket Pet exhibitors will have a chance to show their skills. (The Pocket Pet portion will be a written test.) The event will start with Dogs in the Commercial Building and then move into the 4-H Building for the remaining species.

### **Registration Papers**

Livestock superintendents are encouraged to check papers on all registered animals. Please make sure you have current, accurate papers that are in the name of the 4-H member, family name, or a family farm or partnership (Joe Smith, John Smith and Children, Joe and Jane Smith, Smith Family Farm).

### **Enter Livestock in FairEntry by July 1**

Exhibitors need to enter their animals and request pens/stalls in FairEntry by July 1. See pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter for more information.

## Livestock Premium Auction Announcement

The Auction Committee has made the decision to continue to allow Auction animals to remain in the possession and ownership of the 4-Her if that is the preference of the 4-Her. Even if the animal declared in the auction is not harvested right away, this animal will be marked as ineligible for exhibition at the Indiana State Fair 4-H Show. An Out-Truck option will be available for swine and goats/sheep during the fair with a sign-up sheet to indicate that decision. Beef exhibitors should be in communication with Greg Sottong as soon as possible if they want to sell their animals for market price versus keeping them. As a reminder, any animal signed up for the auction will be ineligible for state fair. Dates and times for market livestock "out trucks" have not yet been determined. With the exception of non-out truck swine (which will be released on Saturday night) and cow-calf pairs (in and out on the day of the show), **no animals (beef, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit) will be released until the conclusion of Supreme Showmanship on Sunday evening without the formal approval of a written request submitted to 4-H Council prior to the 4-H Fair.**

## Livestock Release

**Non-Out Truck Swine-** Saturday evening after the show. Superintendent Bryan Cline will make more detailed announcements closer to the day of the show.

**All other Animals (beef, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit)-** at the conclusion of the Supreme Showmanship contest on Sunday, July 20

**Horse & Pony-** after 9 pm on the days they show, with the exception of Saturday, July 19 when they can leave in the afternoon. With the exception of out truck animals and Horse & Pony that are choosing to go in and out, all livestock must stay on the grounds until Sunday evening unless an early release request letter is approved by the 4-H Council PRIOR to Thursday, July 3.



## Indiana State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Information

Links for the following items can be found at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/livestock-information>

### 4-H Animal Affidavit & Animal Husbandry Form

4-H Exhibitors in the Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, and Meat Goat Departments are required to complete the new 4-H Animal Affidavit & Animal Husbandry Form. Have this notarized BEFORE arriving at the State Fair.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- The Animal Husbandry Form must be maintained from the 4-H Animal Ownership Deadline (May 15, 2025) through check in at the Indiana State Fair.
- One form is required for each State Fair Animal.
- All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments, and any foreign substances administered in any form or manner must be documented.
- Disclosing drugs and/or alterations on the Animal Affidavit and Animal Husbandry Form does not affect the imposition of penalties should there be a violation of the Code of Ethics or drug testing /examination principles outlined in the Entry Book. Attaching accompanying veterinary documentation to support any Animal Affidavit claims is recommended.

## Indiana State Fair Livestock Entries

The Indiana State Fair continues to use the **Exhibitor Corner** system for entries. The Purdue Extension- Tipton County Office has no access to this system, so if you have any questions please contact the Indiana State Fair Entry Department at [entry@indianastatefair.com](mailto:entry@indianastatefair.com) or call (317) 927-7515.

For beef, sheep, goats, and swine to be eligible for exhibition at the Indiana State Fair, you must have submitted a DNA hair sample by May 15 and checked in 4-H Online that you were interested in exhibiting that animal at the State Fair. Marking this DOES NOT automatically enter you for the State Fair, you must go through the Exhibitor Corner. Entries are now open; entry fees will increase the closer we get to the dates of the shows.

## Livestock Judges

The following judges have been confirmed for the 2025 livestock shows:

Swine- Austin Baker  
Goats(dairy & pygmy)- Skylar Campbell  
Meat Goats- Jacqueline Redden  
Sheep- Bryce Clayton  
Beef- Drew Brown  
Poultry- Edward Marrinan  
Rabbit- Caleb Thomas  
Horse and Pony (Wednesday's classes)- Tracie Egger

Anyone interested in contributing to the Livestock Buyer's Club, but can't necessarily afford to purchase an animal at the auction, can send a contribution to the Purdue Extension Office. Checks should be made out to the Tipton County Livestock Breeders, with "Buyer's Club" in the check memo. For more information on this fund, please contact Scott Woods at 765-860-9193. All money contributed to this fund will benefit the Tipton 4-H Livestock projects and exhibitors in some way.

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## Need to cool off after the fair?!

There will be a pool and pizza party for 4-H members at the Tipton City Pool on Tuesday, July 22nd from 7-9 PM, weather permitting. All 4-H families are invited to cool off and relax after the fair after coming to clean up the fairgrounds from 5-7 on Tuesday afternoon!



## Congratulations to Youth Who Participated in Summer Workshops

Several Tipton County youth took advantage of the opportunities made possible through Purdue University, the West Central 4-H Camp Association, and sponsored by the Tipton County 4-H Council and the Tipton County Foundation, who provided a grant for bus transportation to 4-H Camp.

**4-H Academy @ Purdue-** Brielle Kellerman, Elliana Powell, Aady Carter, and Henry Longfellow

4-H members attended intensive subject based labs and sessions. Participants explored potential college majors and careers and experienced life in a university lab and classroom!

**4-H Camp at Shakamak State Park-** Ella Carey, Jack Grandon, Collette Hiatt, Sam Howell, Finnleigh Kramer, Evan Simpson, Isabelle Lamkin, Lorelai Ogden, Maya Bitner, Makenna Tolle, Harper Burger, Hallee Whitehead, Joseph Byerly, Clara Byerly, Thomas Carey, counselor Jonathan Deweese, and adult chaperones KC Hiatt, Michael Lamkin, and Brian Howell

These 4-Hers unplugged from devices and cooled off in the pool, boated, cooked over a camp fire, played several types of recreation, and met campers from three other counties.

**4-H Round Up at Purdue-** Emma Reehling and chaperone Brian Howell

These 4-Hers heard dynamic speakers, listened to the 4-H Band & Chorus, and explored careers in Purdue University classrooms and labs.

**4-H Band-** Connor Clouser

Connor met other 4-H Band members from across the state and learned an entire concert in three days.

The 4-H Band performs at Purdue Round Up.

Watch the newsletter this winter and next spring for details about these trips, and many other opportunities available to 4-H members.



## Thank you to the Tipton County Foundation

Once again, the Tipton County Foundation provided a grant that was used to hire charter transportation to and from Shakamak State Park for 4-H Camp. This grant has allowed the 4-H Council keep the cost of camp affordable for participants and ensure a comfortable and safe ride on the long trip!

## Tipton County 4-H Council Livestock Awards Vinyl Banner Design Contest

Tipton County 4-H plans to transition to awarding vinyl banners starting in 2026 (for the categories that were already receiving banners- they are not currently planning to replace any trophies, plaques, or ribbons)

**4-H members are being asked to create the basic banner design  
that will be used for the foreseeable future!!!**

Guidelines:

1. Open to ALL 4-H members. 1 entry per 4-H member
  2. Must be an original design
  3. Must be entered in the 4-H Computer Science Project. You must add the project to your enrollment in 4-H Online by May 15. It should meet guidelines for one of the following categories, and follow the general guidelines for the Computer Science project:
    - a. \*Graphic Design
    - b. \*Computer Arts
- \*\*\*Be sure to read all guidelines for the Computer Science project
4. The size of the banner will be **18 inches by 24 inches** and will hang vertically
  5. The banner design will be used on banners that will be awarded to multiple species of animals. The background, color, area for title (i.e. Grand Champion Steer or Grand Champion Ewe), etc. will stay the same for each banner. Choose from:
    - a. Design a 'universal' banner, whose background can be used for all species.
    - b. Include a graphic of the species, where the animal graphic/picture and the title of the banner will change with each species. You will only need to print one banner (species of your choice) to enter the project/contest, but please provide pictures of the other banners using a picture/graphic for each species to show the graphic you would like to use for each species. (So you may print your example banner of your design with a beef animal, but print out pictures of the same design replacing the beef animal with the graphics you choose for a sheep, goat, horse, and pig and place them in a notebook so we can see what graphic you would use for each species.) **See the back of this sheet for examples.**
  6. No photographs of 4-H members' faces should be used in the design.
  7. Your banner design will need to be printed on a vinyl banner with corner gromets when entering your project at the fair.

Due on project check-in day: Monday, July 14, 2025, 4-8pm

During the 4-H Fair, the public will be able to vote for their favorite banner using a QR code provided by the Extension Educator. \*\*\*Results from 4-H judging will have no bearing on which banner may be selected by popular vote to be used for the award design.

The winner and runners-up will be announced at the Supreme Showmanship Contest and the Livestock Auction.

The design will become property of the 4-H Council.

Prize money (to offset the cost the award company would charge to design banners) for the Top 3 will be:

- \$100 (1st place)
- \$75 (2nd place)
- \$50 (3rd place)

The prize money is donated by Royal Charge Trucking



## Examples of livestock banners to design

Beef- Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Grand Champion Heifer, 3rd Overall Steer, 3rd Overall Heifer

Goat- Grand Champion Dairy Doe, Grand Champion Dairy Wether, Grand Champion Pygmy Doe, Grand Champion Pygmy Wether, Grand Champion Market Doe, Grand Champion Market, Grand Champion Boer Doe

Horse & Pony- Western Division: Grand Champion Mare, Western Division: Grand Champion Gelding, Western Division: Reserve Champion Mare, Western Division: Reserve Champion Gelding, Horse Showmanship: Master Showman

Sheep- Grand Champion Ewe, Grand Champion Market Lamb

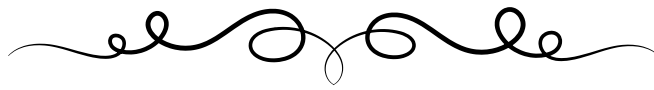
Swine- Grand Champion Barrow, Grand Champion Gilt, Reserve Grand Champion Barrow, Reserve Grand Champion Gilt, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Barrow, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall Barrow, 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Barrow, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Gilt, 4<sup>th</sup> Overall Gilt, 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Gilt

“Universal” Design example:



Species Specific design examples. Print one banner and provide pictures of the others:





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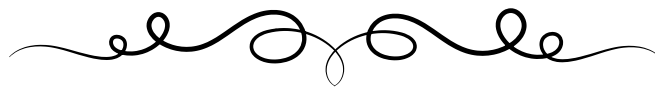
## *Food Contest*

***Enter items of food that are enjoyed  
by Tipton County residents.  
Items of food will include, Baked,  
Non-baked, Preserved, and  
Miscellaneous Foods.***

***Entries are judged as part of the  
Adult Open Show during the  
Tipton Co. Fair on July 16th.***

**Open Show & Contest  
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**If Questions, please, Call:  
Tipton Co. Extension - 765-675-1177**



Tipton County Fair

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JULY 17TH

7:00 pm

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