

March 18, 2022

Dear 4-H Meat Goat Exhibitor:

As you prepare your meat goat project, please read over this letter carefully to ensure that you're meeting all the requirements for the project. As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Meat Goat superintendent, Ashley Klueg, at 812-453-1622 or the Purdue Extension Office at (812) 867-4935.

**Animal Identification:**

Enclosed you will find the animal ID instructions to identify your animals in 4-H Online. Ensure that your animals have met the animal ID requirements listed below.

| Species                               | County Fair Requirements           | State Fair Requirements                                 | Deadline |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Meat Goats</b><br>Wethers          | 5-digit County Tag or Scrapie Tag  | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample | May 16   |
| <b>Boer Goat Females, Registered</b>  | Scrapie Tag or Registration Tattoo | Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample               |          |
| <b>Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)</b> | Scrapie Tag or Registration Tattoo | 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample |          |

**Animals not enrolled by May 16 cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.**

**State Fair Entry:**

If you plan to take meat goat animals to the State Fair, DNA hair samples are required to be turned into the Purdue Extension Office by the deadlines above in a specific envelope. Instructions are enclosed. Envelopes must be obtained from the Purdue Extension Office and returned by May 16.

**Meat Goat Tagging**

It is required that all meat goats that need tags must come to a Tagging Day. The Tagging Day will be held on **Saturday, April 30 from 9 – 11 am** at the 4-H Center Animal Barns. If you cannot attend the Tagging Day, please reach out to the superintendent to make other arrangements so that the tag is in the animal's ear by the deadline listed above. County tags cost \$1 and RFID tags cost \$1.25. Please bring payment and your premise ID number when you come to Tagging Day. We are required to send premise ID information to the Indiana Board of Animal Health. If you do not have a premise ID, see the next page for instructions to obtain one. County tags are recommended for market goat does to help with identification but not required.

**Lease Agreements:**

If you are leasing your animal, 4-H members are required to submit a copy of their Animal Lease Agreement to the Purdue Extension Office by **May 16**. A sample lease agreement is available online <https://tinyurl.com/animalleaseagreement> OR at the Purdue Extension Office.

**YQCA Training:**

To exhibit beef cattle, meat goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program by July 1, 2022. Trainings can either be completed online or at an in-person training. Instructions were mailed and emailed in early March with details on completing this training and dates for in-person trainings.

**Premise ID Number:**

All 4-H members exhibiting animals at the fair must have a premise ID number for the location where their animals are kept. Registering your premises may be done online, at no charge, and takes only about 5 minutes. If you need a premise ID, visit the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) website: [www.in.gov/boah](http://www.in.gov/boah) and click on "Premises Registration". You will need this number when entering your animals into 4HOnline.

**State Fair Information:**

Information about State Fair entries and the electronic entry forms can be found online at <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/4-h-competitions/>. Be sure to carefully read the State Fair requirements to ensure that your animal meets the requirements and you understand the fee schedules.

If you know of someone who is taking meat goats for the first year, please let us know so we can send them this information. Don't hesitate to contact our office or your Superintendent with questions.

Sincerely,



Megan Hoffherr  
4-H Youth Development Extension Educator

Enclosure: Animal ID Instruction Sheet  
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