

March 13, 2024

Dear 4-H Dairy Goat Exhibitor:

As you prepare your dairy goat project, please read over this letter carefully to ensure that you're meeting all the requirements for the project. Also, be sure to read the Livestock section of the handbook for all terms and conditions. As always, if you have any questions, call Dairy Goat superintendents, Linda Goebel, at (812) 632-1076 or Mary Brenner at (812) 449-7517 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. You can find a video on animal ID at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>.

Species	County Fair Requirements	State Fair Requirements	Deadline
Dairy Goats Females	Tattoo	Breed Registry Tattoo (Must be Registered at State Fair)	May 15
Wethers	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	

**Animals not enrolled by May 15 cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.**

**County tags:**

Dairy goat wethers that need tags must come to a Tagging Day. The Tagging Day will be held on **Saturday, May 4 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. Please bring payment to Tagging Day. **Please let your superintendent know if you plan to attend tagging day so we can prepare accordingly.**

**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 15**. A sample lease agreement is available online <https://tinyurl.com/leaseagreementanimal> OR at the Purdue Extension Office.

**Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training:**

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, pygmy goats, rabbits, sheep, and swine, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training OR the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program (YQCA) by July 1. You can find details on trainings on the enclosed flyer.

**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 4-HOnline.

**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.

Don't hesitate to contact our office or your Superintendent with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Hoffherr".

Megan Hoffherr  
4-H Youth Development Extension Educator

Enclosure: 4-H Online Instruction Sheet, QLC flyer  
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