

March 13, 2024

Dear 4-H Dairy Exhibitor:

As you prepare your dairy 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, don't hesitate to contact Dairy superintendent, Rick Adler, at 812 483-5960 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 Cattle	840-RFID tag	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	May 15

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

If you plan to take dairy to the **State Fair**, DNA hair samples are required to be turned into the Purdue Extension Office by May 15 in a specific envelope. Instructions are enclosed. You can find video instructions at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>. Envelopes may be obtained from the Purdue Extension Office. DNA hair samples are not required for animals that are only shown at the county level.

Dairy Tags

You are responsible for tagging your own animals. The tag **MUST** be in the animal's ear by the deadline listed above. Tags can be purchased at the Purdue Extension Office. You can either drop by to pick up tags or call in advance so they're ready when you stop by. RFID tags cost \$2. Please bring your premise ID number when you purchase RFID tags. We are required to send this information to the Indiana Board of Animal Health. If you need help tagging, please contact Superintendent Rick Adler.

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. A letter was sent in late February with more details and training dates. 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 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,



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Enclosure: 4-H Online Instruction Sheet, DNA Hair Sample Instructions, QLC flyer
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