

March 13, 2024

Dear 4-H Rabbit Exhibitor:

As you prepare your rabbit 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 superintendent, Lisa McEuen at 812-484-8516, or the Purdue Extension Office at (812) 867-4935.

Animal Identification:

Enclosed you will find the rabbit ID form. This form is due to the Purdue Extension Office by May 15. Ensure that your animals have met the animal ID requirements listed below.

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| Rabbits | Left Ear Tattoo |
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Animals not enrolled by May 15 cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.

Tattooing:

The goal is to have the animal ID tattoo in the rabbit's ear by May 15; however, we understand that is not always possible due to the animal's age. A rabbit tattooing date will be scheduled for this summer if you need help with tattooing. If the animal is not able to be tattooed by May 15, please list the tattoo number you plan to use and include the specific breed color on the animal ID form. If you have questions about tattooing, please reach out to the superintendent.

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.

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 Rabbits for the first year, please let us know so we can send them this information.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Rabbit Identification Form, QLC flyer
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