

March 13, 2024

Dear 4-H Swine Exhibitor:

As you prepare your swine 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 the Swine superintendent, Danny Klueg, at (812) 604-8607 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-HOnline. 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
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch 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 swine 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 must be obtained from the Purdue Extension Office.

**Swine Tagging**

You are responsible for tagging your own animals for biosecurity reasons. RFID tags can be purchased at the Purdue Extension Office for \$3. You can either drop by to pick up tags or call to order them in advance so they're ready when you stop by. 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.

**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 4HOnline and at Tagging Day.

**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

Enclosures: Animal ID Instruction Sheet, DNA Collection Instructions, QLC flyer  
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