



Extension - White County

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*White County*

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Dear 4-H Sheep Member,

The May 15<sup>th</sup> Livestock Identification deadline is quickly approaching. Please be sure to read this letter carefully for important requirements for the 2023 Sheep project.

#### **May 15<sup>th</sup> 4-H Sheep Weigh-in/Ear Tagging**

- The 4-H Sheep Committee will be available to help ear tag and weigh sheep on **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** from **10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Fairgrounds Goat Arena in Reynolds. Sheep must be in line by 11:00 a.m. **Those interested in the Rate of Gain competition must attend weigh-in to be eligible.**
- Members will be required to pay **\$2 per county tag** and a **\$3 per RFID tag**. Those not attending the weigh-in day will still be expected to obtain and place tags in their animals. Tags are available for purchase in the Extension Office, and taggers can be borrowed.
- **All animals need to be identified on 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- Enclosed with this letter is a Sheep ID Worksheet. This is not an enrollment form. It is meant to be for your use only, to assist you with completing the online animal identification after weigh-in. Please bring with you to weigh-in.

#### **May 15<sup>th</sup> Livestock Identification Deadline**

- Youth must be enrolled in White County 4-H and the 4-H Sheep project through 4HOnline before the May 15<sup>th</sup> livestock identification deadline.
- Youth must identify their animals online using the 4HOnline system, which can be found at <https://v2.4honline.com>. **All animals must be identified by midnight on May 15<sup>th</sup>.** No late entries will be accepted. Animals that are not identified online by May 15<sup>th</sup> will not be eligible for exhibit at either the White County 4-H Fair or the Indiana State Fair. Instructions for completing the online Animal ID can be found on White County Extension webpage. If you are unable to complete your Animal ID online or need help, please contact the Extension Office for assistance. If you do not have access to internet, please bring the information for the animal(s) to the Extension Office and we can help you with the identification process. **Please don't wait until the last minute!**

#### **July 1<sup>st</sup> FairEntry, Sheep Project Activities & YQCA Certification Deadline**

- Sheep project members must complete the online FairEntry process by **midnight July 3<sup>rd</sup>** at <https://whitecountyindiana.fairentry.com>. FairEntry will be available beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Instructions for FairEntry will be included in the May/June 4-H Newsletter and will also be available on the White County Extension webpage. If you need assistance or do not have access to internet, please stop into the Extension Office and we would be happy to help!

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- 4-H Sheep members have Sheep education activities to complete. These activities must be completed and turned into the White County Extension Office by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- To exhibit, 4-H Sheep members must be certified through the **YQCA no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>**. YQCA trainings will be held at the White County 4-H Building in Reynolds. Remaining training dates are April 26, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and June 15<sup>th</sup>. See the March/April White County 4-H Newsletter for more information. Pre-registration is required. YQCA training costs is free in-person or \$12 online. No coupon codes needed for in-person training this year.

### **State Fair Exhibitors:**

Please refer to the enclosed Indiana State Fair 4-H Animal Entry Procedures and the Indiana State Fair Premium Book located online at: <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/>. There have been several changes made for this year, so be sure to read through all of the information carefully.

- Families may consent to having their Animal ID information from 4HOnline shared with the Indiana State Fair by checking the appropriate box within each animal record in 4HOnline. By doing so, your Animal ID information will automatically appear in the Indiana State Fair Entry System, which should reduce the amount of information that you need to enter when completing state fair entry. **\*\*Please allow 24 hours for Animal ID information to become available in the Indiana State Fair System. Animals must meet Indiana State Fair and Indiana 4-H eligibility guidelines even if you consent to share this information. Declining to have your Animal ID information sent to the Indiana State Fair does not make you or your animals ineligible for the 4-H Animal Shows at the Indiana State Fair.**
- If you are planning on attending the State Fair, **you must turn in a DNA hair sample for any potential State Fair Sheep to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Collection instructions can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/White/article/40546>. Collection envelopes can be obtained from the Extension Office. One envelope per animal.
- Those planning to show at the Indiana State Fair must also purchase a required **RFID tag (\$3)** for each of their animals.

### **Premise ID – Don't Wait!**

Do you have your livestock premises registered? Indiana state law requires premise identification for all sites associated with the purchase, sale, or exhibition of livestock in the State of Indiana. This rules includes cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. To obtain a Premises ID #, please see the information listed on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at: <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm>. You may also contact BOAH at [animalid@boah.in.gov](mailto:animalid@boah.in.gov) or (317)544-2400. Be sure to leave enough time to receive your Premise ID # before the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### **General 4-H Sheep Rules**

- Read the 2022 White County 4-H General 4-H guidelines in the 4-H Handbook, which can be found on the White County Extension website at <https://extension.purdue.edu/white> under the 4-H tab and "4-H Projects - White County." Be sure to also carefully read through the Sheep project guidelines. 4-H Fairbooks with class schedules and check-in times will be available as soon as printing is complete in June.

This letter has been sent to all 4-H Sheep members. Please assist us in getting this information to anyone who we may have missed. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office at (219) 984-5115.

Sincerely,



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Encs: Sheep ID Worksheet, 4-H Online Animal ID Info