

May 1, 2023

Dear 4-H Swine Member:

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

May 15th Livestock Identification Deadline

- Youth must be enrolled in White County 4-H and the 4-H Swine project through 4HOnline before the May 15th 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 15th.** No late entries will be accepted. Animals that are not identified online by May 15th 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!**
- **All swine MUST have an 840-RFID tag in place by May 15th.** The RFID tag number needs to be included on the online animal identification. These tags can be obtained from the Extension Office. There will be a \$3 charge for each RFID tag issued and you must provide your Premise ID number at the time of purchase.
- No additions or corrections to the online animal identification can be made after May 15th. This includes ear notches. Pigs with ear notches not matching the 4HOnline identification **will not** be allowed to unload at the 4-H Fair. If you have any questions on how to read your pig's ear notch please contact a swine committee member, or refer to the ear notching reference guide, which can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/swine/reference-guide-introduction.pdf>
- Enclosed with this letter is a Swine 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.

July 1st FairEntry, Swine Activities & YQCA Certification Deadline

- Swine project members must complete the online FairEntry process by **midnight July 1st** at <https://whitecountyindiana.fairentry.com>. FairEntry will be available beginning June 1st. 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!
- Members must turn in their completed Swine Educational Activities at the Extension Office **by July 1st**.
- To exhibit 4-H Swine, members must be certified through a livestock quality care program **no later than July 1st**. Trainings will be held at the White County 4-H Building in Reynolds. See the March/April White County 4-H Newsletter for more information. Pre-registration is required.

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: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-competitions-entry-information>. There have been several changes made for this year, so be sure to read through all of the information carefully.

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- 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 swine to the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on May 15th**. Collection instructions can be found at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/animal-identification/swine-dna.pdf>
- Collection envelopes can be obtained from the Extension Office. One envelope per pig.
- **Any animals going to State Fair must have an 840-RFID tag in place by May 15th**.

GENERAL 4-H SWINE RULES

- Read the 2023 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. Be sure to also carefully read through the Swine project guidelines. 4-H Fairbooks with class schedules and check-in times will be available as soon as printing is complete in June.
- The Swine Committee will put a county fair tag in each swine animal when it arrives at the Fair.
- It is necessary for you to be certified in a livestock quality care program in order to show Swine at the fair. Dates for you to get certified in person are March 28, March 29, April 26, and May 18th, June 2, and June 15. You can also opt to take your class online. Please make sure you print your certificate after you are completed.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Swine ID Worksheet, 4-H Online Animal ID information