

April 2023

Dear 4-H Goat Member,

The May 15th Livestock Identification deadline is quickly approaching. Please read this letter carefully for very important requirements for the 2023 Goat project.

May 13th Goat Identification Day for all Wethers and Meat Market Does

- 1) Goat wethers and meat market does will be weighed and ear tagged at Goat Identification Day, Saturday, May 13th from 7:30 – 9:00 AM, in the Goat Arena at the White County 4-H Fairgrounds. **County Tags are \$2 per tag, and RFID Tags are \$3 each.** To participate in all Rate-of-Gain competitions, all wethers and meat market does must be weighed at the May 13th Goat Identification Day.
- 2) Be sure to bring the enclosed 2023 White County 4-H Goat Enrollment Form with you to the Goat Identification Day on May 13th. This is a county level form that will assist the Goat Committee in planning for the Fair. **This form is due in the Extension Office by 4 PM, May 15th and does not replace the required 4HOnline animal identification.**
- 3) Those not attending weigh-in will still be expected to meet the Animal ID and tag requirements. If you are unable to attend, make arrangements for someone to bring your goats for you or contact the club leader. Failure to tag/identify animals correctly will result in ineligibility at the White County Fair and the Indiana State Fair.

May 15th Livestock Identification Deadline – 4HOnline

- 1) Youth must be enrolled in White County 4-H and the 4-H Goat project through 4HOnline before the May 15th Livestock Identification deadline.
- 2) 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 the 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.
- 3) A completed 2023 White County 4-H Goat Identification Form is due to the Extension office by the May 15th deadline. Only one form is needed per family. **Fullblood and Percentage Boer does must have a copy of their breed registration paper attached to this form.*

FairEntry

Goat 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!

Quality Assurance Program Requirement

To exhibit, 4-H Goat members must be certified through a quality assurance program no later than July 1st. Options are in-person or online. Refer to the March/April White County 4-H Newsletter for complete information.

Quality Assurance Program Requirement (continued)

(In-Person) Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care Program – Remaining training dates are April 26th, May 18th, June 2nd, or June 15th. Pre-registration is required (v2.4honline.com). \$3 program fee is waived, compliments of White Co. Ag Association.

(Online) YQCA Training – Previous YQCA online training available for \$12 per exhibitor. Login to yqcaprogram.org to complete the training. *Exhibitor is required to provide a copy of the completion certificate to the Extension Office. Consider the online training option if you plan on participating in open livestock shows that may require YQCA training.

Goat Project Activities

4-H Goat members have Goat activities to complete. Completed activities must be turned into the Extension Office by **July 3rd at 4:00 p.m. EST.**

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 rule 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 or (317)544-2400. Be sure to leave enough time to receive your Premise ID # before the May 15th deadline.

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/>. Several changes are made each 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.
- Those planning to show Meat Goats at the Indiana State Fair must submit a DNA hair sample for each animal by May 15th. Market wethers and does must also have an RFID tag to be eligible for State Fair. Instructions for DNA Collection can be found here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Documents/SheepandMeatGoatDNA.pdf>.

General 4-H Goat Rules

Read the 2023 White County 4-H rules carefully. These can be found on the White County Extension website <https://extension.purdue.edu/white> under the Youth tab. 4-H Fairbooks with class schedules and check-in times will be available once printing is completed in June.

This letter has been sent to all 4-H Goat 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: 2023 White County 4-H Goat Enrollment Form, 4-H Online Animal ID Info