

# BENTON COUNTY

## 4-H NEWS



**MAY 2025**

### Indiana 4-H Mission

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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**v2.4honline.com**

4-H Online is used to identify animals and projects that you will be exhibiting during the fair.

**4-H ONLINE**  
**ALL ANIMALS**  
**MUST BE ENTERED IN**  
**4-H ONLINE BY**  
**MAY 15**



**FAIRENTRY.COM**

FairEntry is used to prepare for fair by entering your exhibits for each project into their specific classes/divisions. We use this information to make livestock show programs, exhibitor name cards, to enter fair results, and for the auction.

**FAIR ENTRY**  
**OPEN FOR REGISTRATION**  
**5/16-6/23**  
**ALL ANIMALS & PROJECTS**  
**MUST BE REGISTERED IN**  
**FAIR ENTRY BY**  
**JUNE 23**



# What's Happening in Benton County 4-H?



## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC)

In order to exhibit beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and/or swine at the Benton County 4-H Fair, 4-H members are required to participate in the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC) workshop or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Quality Assurance training must be completed by 4-H members annually.

You can get certified for this year by attending a QLC at the Benton County Annex on one of the following dates:

Monday, May 12 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, June 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

Register on 4-H Online under 'Events'

Cost is \$3 due date of workshop

If you want to receive your YQCA certification online please visit:  
[yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

Please submit certificate of completion to [wallpe2@purdue](mailto:wallpe2@purdue.edu)



## Goat & Sheep Weigh-in Thursday, May 8 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.



**DON'T FORGET**

**by May 15:**

- Enroll livestock in 4HOnline
- Turn in DNA for animals attending Indiana State Fair
- Turn in enrollment forms/lease agreements, Mini 4-H Showmanship Livestock forms



## Dog Obedience

Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.  
Benton County Fairgrounds

Diana Schroeder      Deb Orr  
765-363-2500      765-376-8366

**Support Horse & Pony Club @  
Farmers & Merchants Bank in Boswell!**

# BAKE SALE

**Stop by on May 9 from 3:30-5:30  
for some sweet treats!**

**If you'd like to donate a baked  
good, please contact  
Cassie Dalton @ 765-404-4038.**



## 2025 4-H Handbook

<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/county/benton/docs/handbook-2025.docx>



**Benton County 4-H**

## 2025 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.



	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Wethers	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo		
Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	40 total	May 15
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo		
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample		
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample		
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15



# MINI 4-H

## NEWS

Mini 4-H'ers were on the moo-ve in April! A short bus ride to Freeland Dairy in Earl Park was a great way to spend a beautiful evening learning about the dairy.



In the 100 stall rotary parlor, cows are milked 3 times a day.



Feed is mixed on-site and Mini's learned about what grains are in the cows feed.



We had the opportunity to tour one of the freestall barns and learn about how the cows are cared for.



Visiting the calves was the best part of our tour!



**Benton County Mini 4-H**

**Meeting  
Dates**

Friday

**MAY 16  
JUNE 20**

**Benton  
County Annex  
6:00-7:30 p.m.**



# Club Information

## Dan Patch

Emily Matthys Bennett  
765-701-1582  
ematthysbennett@gmail.com

### Meetings

Oxford Public Library  
6:00 p.m.  
May 1  
May 15  
May 29

## Fowler's Finest

Anne Snodgrass  
765-543-4098  
suitera@hotmail.com

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Ryan Snodgrass  
765-588-8923  
suitera@hotmail.com

### Meetings

Benton County Annex  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
May 18

## Helping Hands

Niccole McGinnis  
765-426-5478  
nmcginnis99@hotmail.com

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Kyra McGinnis

Meetings TBD

## Hometown Hubsters

Alex Ardapple  
765-430-2056  
lillardapple@gmail.com

### Meetings

Boswell Town Hall  
7:00 p.m.  
May 21  
June 11

## Horse & Pony

Cassie Dalton  
765-404-4038  
cdalton@benton.k12.in.us

### Meetings

May 9  
3:30-5:30  
Bake Sale @  
Farmers &  
Merchants Bank  
in Boswell

## Junior Farmers

Kristi Kretzmeier  
765-426-1127  
kretzmeier5@msn.com

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Karyn Musser  
765-427-5121  
karyn.musser@lanxess.com

### Meetings

Otterbein United  
Methodist Church  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
May 4  
June 8  
July 6

## Junior Leaders

Carrie Buck  
765-491-1772  
buck.carrie@gmail.com

### Meetings

Benton County Annex  
7:30 p.m.  
May 16  
June 20

## Lucky Pines

Ryan Pyke  
812-890-9017  
rpyke552002@yahoo.com

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Genessa Robinson  
765-210-7212  
genessab3@hotmail.com

### Meetings

St. Patrick Hall  
504 S. Michigan St., Oxford  
6:30-8:00 p.m.  
May 1  
June 5  
July TBD

## Mini 4-H

Kelly Wallpe  
765-884-1588  
wallpe2@purdue.edu

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Amy Wilkinson  
765-427-7373  
wilkin52@purdue.edu

### Meetings

Benton County Annex  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
May 16  
June 20

## Parish Grove

Carrie Buck  
765-491-1772  
buck.carrie@gmail.com

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Lynn Lucy  
219-869-1574  
lsondgeroth@gmail.com

### Meetings

May 18 4:00 p.m.  
June 8 7:00 p.m.  
June 29 7:00 p.m.

# 2025 4-H SPONSORS

## GOLD LEVEL

Warren County REMC



## SILVER LEVEL

Alliance Bank: Oxford & Otterbein

Boswell Chase Grain

Fowler State Bank

Ron & Lynda Freeland

## GREEN LEVEL

7 Hills Dairy-Winners Drink Milk

Barce & Redlin PC

Boswell Trade Center

Brouillette Heating, Cooling & Plumbing

Curt & Tracy Albertson

Dwenger Excavating Contractors, Inc.

Fowler Family Dentistry

Gibson Furniture

Griffin Farmland, LLC

Judd & Cris Burgett

Katrina Molter, State Farm Insurance

Kentland Veterinary Clinic, LLP

McFall's Service Station

Oxford Lions Club

PenceAg

Ron Charlesworth Family

Ryan & Anne Snodgrass

Shane & Margaret O'Malley

Shane & Sara Gretencord

Sheets Family Dentistry

Stockland Grain Co Inc.

Strasburger Trucking Inc.

Terry Harman Family

Tom & Patty Suiter





**EXPERIENCE 4-H**

# ***CROP & SOIL SCIENCE WORKSHOP***



**June 11, 2025**



**9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Lunch provided**



Purdue University Crop Diagnostic Training  
& Research Center  
Agronomy Center for Research & Education  
4530 - US 52  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

**Open to youth in grades 3-12.  
4-H membership is not required.**

## **Interactive Activities**



- ✓ Experience a soil pit to study layers (soil horizons) of soil
- ✓ Agronomic Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ Grain storage safety
- ✓ Determine corn and soybean growth stages and how to put this skill to use



- ✓ Sweep net to scout for insects in a forage field
- ✓ Soil health demonstrations
- ✓ Understanding pesticide labels and what personal protective equipment is needed



- ✓ High Tech Ag: Sensors and Drones
- ✓ Proper soil sampling: How to interpret soil test results and determine if fertilizer and/or lime are needed.

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**Register by June 4, 2025 at:**

<https://20254HCropSoilScienceDayatDTC.4honline.com>

Or scan  
this QR  
code:



 **Channel.**

**peter<sup>son</sup>seed**



Early registration for Academy  
& Round-Up is  
March 15-May 9.  
Be sure to register by May 9 to  
avoid cost increase.

### 4-H Round-Up

Grades 7-9  
Purdue University  
June 23 - June 25

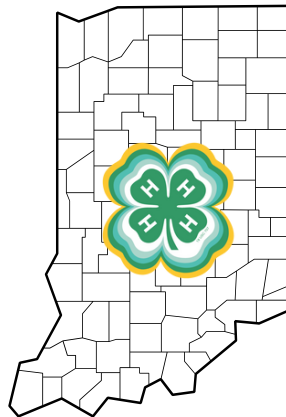
Want more information? Go to:  
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/round-up.html>

### 4-H Academy

Grades 9-12  
Purdue University  
June 11- June 13

For more information go to:  
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/academy.html>

# What's Happening



# Around the State in 4-H

Discover  
Yourself  
in  
**4-H**



## INDIANA STATE FAIR

August 1-17, 2025

**Career Development Events (CDE)** occur throughout the state. They are competitive events that allow you to showcase your knowledge on a specific topic.

Most CDE's offer individual and team entries.

Check out all of the CDE's available at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/career-development-events/index.html>

For other state level 4-H programs go to :<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>



Fight the Hunger

# STOCK THE TRAILER

Presented By



**farmCREDIT**  
MID-AMERICA

While it is hard to imagine, food insecurity continues to affect the communities we live in every day. That's why Farm Credit Mid-America launched the **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer** challenge in 2021. Along with Rural 1<sup>st</sup>® as a sponsor, Farm Credit Mid-America challenges local communities to help feed those in need while supporting junior fairs.

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**RURAL 1<sup>st</sup>**

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

**WHAT:** Benton County

**WHEN:** July 16-21

**WHERE:** Boswell, IN

**WHO:** Benton Co Junior Leaders,  
buck.carrie@gmail.com

## CONTEST PRIZES AND RULES

All participating\* county fairs will receive \$500.00

Additional prizes are awarded based on total pounds donated

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: \$5,000**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: \$1,500**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: \$500**

\*Participation money will be awarded during the county fair to fairs that collect at least 1000 pounds of food, top prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all participating county fairs. No purchase necessary. Additional terms and conditions may apply. For a full listing of terms and conditions, please visit [fcma.com/fighthunger](http://fcma.com/fighthunger).

# 4-H is Growing!

Since 2020, 4-H has been breaking down barriers to participation, making 4-H programming accessible to all Hoosier youth, regardless of club membership.

Juntos 4-H is offered in nine counties. Launched in 2020, the program aims to provide youth and their families with the knowledge, skills and resources to ensure high school graduation and increase college access and attendance rates. The program welcomes students from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Discovery Challenge brings 4-H into classroom across the state. The program provides structure and assistance to children in grades 3-5 as they research and present a topic of interest in their classrooms. Children can choose from such topics as science, social studies, arts and crafts, healthy living, environmental stewardship and leadership.

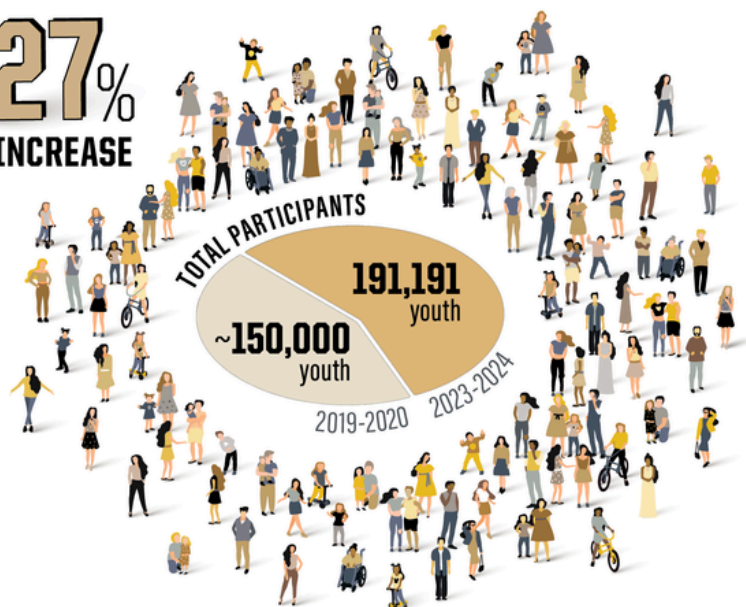
The Next Chapter program prepares middle and high schoolers for success in their next stop after high school. Youth have the opportunity to see themselves in a future they may never have imagined with visits to work sites and college campuses across the state.

With these new offerings, more Indiana youth have learned about 4-H and become #BeyondReady to be leaders in their communities, Indiana and the world.

To learn more, visit: <https://purdue.ag/Growing4H>

## TOTAL 4-H PROGRAM REACH

**27%**  
INCREASE





## HPAI- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

As of April 30, 2025 flocks in Adams, Allen, Elkhart, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Lagrange, Montgomery, Randolph, Shelby, Union and Washington Counties have been diagnosed with HPAI.

To help slow the spread of this disease, 4-H poultry project members and their families should make sure to have a valid BOAH premise ID.

BOAH (Indiana Board of Animal Health) sends regular updates to emails associated with premise ID numbers as a means of keeping flock owners advised on the spread of HPAI and other serious poultry diseases.

**If you do not have a premise ID or have lost or forgotten your premise ID you can get caught up by visiting this website:**

**<https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/>**

If you are interested in learning more about HPAI, BOAH has the following webinar recordings available on their YouTube Channel:



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV7eQCfN\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV7eQCfN_g)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54wCkBRQ6AQ>







# Earn Purdue Credit with your 4-H Experience!

*Are you admitted/accepted into Purdue University?*

*Use your 4-H experience to receive  
credit for 1st year courses!*

## Approved Direct Credit Courses

EDCI 28500 - Multiculturalism and Education (3 Credits)

EDCI 207 - Construction and Textile Lab Management (3 Credits)

HORT 10100 - Fundamentals of Horticulture (3 Credits)

**Interested?**

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**At Purdue University, we are  
empowering students to direct their  
own futures through the free**

**PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,**

**which makes higher education more  
affordable for all.**

#### WHAT

Any promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission into Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway at Purdue University.

**THROUGH THE PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,  
STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN  
GIANT LEAPS A REALITY BY EARNING ACCESS TO  
AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AT PURDUE.**

#### HOW

To earn acceptance into Purdue, Indiana students can take the Modern States online courses for free. Those who pass a minimum of five corresponding College Board CLEP exams are assured admission to Purdue and will be designated as Klinsky Scholars. Students also will have access to mentors during the program.

Make a Purdue University education even more affordable:

- Free online courses and corresponding CLEP exams through Modern States, covering the entire cost of the Fast Start program
- Complete 5 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 15 credits, a full semester's worth of credit at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT \$11,000**
- Complete 10 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 30 credits, freshman year for free at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT OVER \$21,000**

**LEARN MORE**

For more information, go to the Fast Start website at [purdue.university/faststart](http://purdue.university/faststart), or call **765-494-1776** or (for hearing impaired) **800-743-3100**.

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