BENTON COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK NEWSLETTER

PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension - Benton County

BENTON COUNTY 4-H LEARN BY DOING

Indiana 4-H Mission
The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission 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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Checklist

- [ ] Enroll in 4H Online
- [ ] Have possesion & ownership of your animal(s) by May 15
- [ ] Attend beef, goat and/or sheep weigh-in
- [ ] Obtain premise ID
- [ ] Enter Animal ID in 4H Online by May 15
- [ ] Enter animals in FairEntry by June 23
- [ ] Complete 4-H QLC or YQCA
- [ ] Complete record sheet and submit to your Barn Superintendent at fair check-in
- [ ] Attend, beef, goat, sheep, and/or swine weigh-in at the fair

JULY 15-20

BENTON COUNTY 4-H FAIR

BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
BOSWELL, INDIANA

INDIANA STATE FAIR
August 1-17, 2025

Purdue Extension Benton County
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Fowler, IN 47944
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IMPORTANT!

If your 4H Online enrollment status does not say "Approved" then you **will not** be able to register your animals for the fair.

Please check your status and take the necessary steps to complete your 4-H enrollment. If you need help, please contact us!

OWNERSHIP/LEASING?

The only project in Benton County that allows leasing is **Horse & Pony**.

All other projects require ownership of the animals you will be showing.

Ownership requires that you have legal possession of the animal which includes money or labor exchanged for the value of the animal.

PREMISE ID

Required for Beef, Goats, Sheep and Swine Exhibitors

You can apply for a Premise ID through the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.
www.in.gov/boah
or call 877-747-3038.

ANIMAL POSTERS

If completing a poster instead of showing an animal, you will need to enroll in the Animal Education Project in FairEntry by June 23.

SHOWMANSHIP

If you are going to participate in Showmanship you **must** enroll in FairEntry.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE TRAINING (QLC)

All 4-H members planning to exhibit livestock at the 2025 Benton County Fair are required to complete an in-person QLC training.
Trainings will be held at the Benton County Annex at 6:00 p.m. on
Monday, May 12 or Thursday, June 26.
You can register in 4HOnline under 'Events'. Cost is $3.00 due at check-in.
OR
Members can complete Online YQCA at yqcaprogram.org. Cost is $12.00.
After completing YQCA online you will need to email, mail or drop off your certificate by Monday, July 7.
Email: wallpe2@purdue.edu
Mail: Purdue Extension Benton County, 410 S. Adeway, Suite A, Fowler, IN 47944

BEEF

- Contact your barn superintendent with any questions.

GOAT

- Goat weigh-in and tagging: Thursday, May 8. 5:00-7:00p p.m.
- Wethers and commercial does must be present at weigh-in.
- Registered does do not need to be present at weigh-in but need to be entered in 4-HOnline by May 15.

HORSE & PONY

- 4HOnline will require your Animal Lease Agreement, Horse Vaccination Form and two horse pictures with face and all four feet.

POULTRY

- Poultry enrollment forms are due by June 15 to the Extension office or they can be emailed to wallpe2@purdue.edu. Be sure to list all of your birds that you want to be eligible to show.
- Indiana Poultry Exhibitor Form needs to be turned in to the barn superintendent at check-in.
- Pullorum-Typhoid Blood Testing: Saturday June 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

RABBIT

- Rabbit tattoos: Contact Barn Superintendent Alex Ardapple or your veterinarian

SHEEP

- Sheep weigh-in and tagging: Thursday, May 8. 5:00-7:00p p.m.
- Market lambs and commercial ewes must be present at weigh-in.
- Registered ewes do not need to be present at weigh-in but need to be entered in 4-HOnline by May 15.

SWINE

- Farrowing date is 12/1/2024 or later.
- Tag swine that are going to State Fair with 840-RFID tags **prior to May 15**.
- County only swine will use at least the ear notches that are required in 4HOnline.
- Ear notches
  - Both ears must have notches to meet enrollment requirements
  - When enrolling swine in 4HOnline it is recommended you submit pictures of notches in each ear.
- Tags and taggers are available at the Extension Office.

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 　Wethers	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag **or** Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Meat Goat Wethers 　Boer Goat Females, Registered 　Market Goat Does 　(Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample Breed Registry Tattoo **and** DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15 May 15 May 15
Pygmy Goats 　Registered 　Unregistered	Breed Registry Tattoo **or** Microchip that Matches Registration Papers Official USDA Scrapie Tag **or** Official Scrapie Tattoo	40 total	May 15
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep 　Market Lambs 　Commercial Ewes 　Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag **and** DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag **and** ID that matches registration Papers **and** DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Swine	840-RFID Tag **and** Ear Notch **and** DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15