

Dear 4-H Families,

May 3, 2021

The Jennings County 4-H Council and the Jennings County Livestock Committee have been collaborating to plan this year's fair and will proceed with a normal fair experience with some safety procedures. Purdue University and the Indiana 4-H program are in favor of all 92 counties hosting in-person fairs this year and have requested that each county follow local and state Health Department guidelines.

Currently, the guidelines allow 100% capacity at events, recommend face coverings and state that social distancing should be observed. If we continue under these guidelines, the Jennings County 4-H program will proceed with a normal 4-H fair experience with safety procedures. The official fair dates are June 14-19 with 4-H project check-in and judging on June 11 & 12 and livestock check-in on June 13.

The 4-H Council and the 4-H Livestock Committee have also prepared a back-up fair plan and schedule in the event that COVID-19 cases spike again and the Governor and/or local and state Health Departments implement mandatory restrictions. Enclosed is an alternate schedule that will **ONLY** be used if absolutely necessary due to mandatory restrictions. A decision about the alternate schedule would be determined 2 weeks prior to the start of the fair.

Livestock:

Please see the enclosed "normal" fair schedule for important livestock dates. All livestock will be checked in on Sunday, June 13. For all fair events including animal check-in and shows, please be prepared to social distance. This may include entering and exiting different barn doors and show arena gates. Volunteers and/or signage will be used to help direct members during these events. Masks and/or face coverings are recommended.

Community Building Non-Animal Projects:

This year, non-animal projects will be "closed judging" meaning members will NOT speak to the judge. Non-perishable projects (Only) must be dropped off at the Community Building from 3-7 pm on Friday, June 11. Perishable projects (Only) including cake decorating, floriculture, foods and garden must be dropped off on Saturday, June 12 from 9 am to 10 am. **NO NON-PERISHABLE PROJECTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12.** If you cannot drop off your non-perishable projects on Friday, June 11, please contact the Extension Office at 812-352-3033 to see if other arrangements can be made. Please see the enclosed schedule for Community Building activities. Please be prepared to social distance during project drop off and masks and/or face coverings are recommended.

This mailing includes the Fair Entry registration information. Please read the Fair Entry letter and follow the enclosed directions to enter ALL of your projects into Fair Entry from **May 18-June 1**. Fair Entry will NOT open until May 18.

This year, virtual fair options for all projects will be available for those families who choose to participate virtually. Please contact the Extension Office for more details about virtual fair options.

Additional livestock release date and time information and auction information will be mailed to all livestock members. Please check your 4HOnline emails, visit our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/jennings, follow us on Facebook at Purdue Extension Jennings County and read all mailings and the newsletter to keep up to date on all 4-H information and events.

Sincerely,

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2021 Jennings County 4-H Livestock Schedule

Species	Animal Identification (ID) Date	Animal ID entered into 4Honline & Pen Request Deadline	Check-in at Fair	Show Date	Mandatory Auction Picture Session
Beef & Dairy	Friday, February 26 5-7 pm Fairgrounds	May 15	Beef and Dairy: Sun., June 13, 5-7 pm	Wednesday, June 16 2 pm Dairy: Heifers, Feeder Calves, Market Steers & Showmanship 5 pm Beef: Heifers 7 pm Beef: Market Show & Showmanship	Wed., June 16 3-4 pm 6-7 pm
Goats	Sat., May 1, 9-11 am AND Thurs., May 6, 4:30-7 pm Fairgrounds	May 15	Sunday, June 13 2-5 pm	Monday, June 14 3 pm Dairy & Pygmy Show 5 pm Showmanship 7 pm Meat Show	Mon., June 14 3-4 pm 6:30-8 pm
Horse & Pony	Sat., May 1, 9-11 am Fairgrounds	May 15	Saturday, June 5 (Check-in for Saturday show only) OR Sunday, June 13, 6-8 pm (Barn & fair week check-in)	Saturday, June 5 8 am: Halter and Showmanship Noon: English & Western Thursday, June 17 10 am Mini Show Noon Contesting	Optional pictures TBD
Lamas	No official Animal ID Day. Call Ext Office for assistance with photos	May 15	Sunday, June 13 4-6 pm	Thursday, June 17 at 9 am Showmanship, Llama Halter, Alpaca Halter & Group Classes. ***Fleece class - see handbook	Mon., June 14 3-4 pm
Poultry & Turkey	Thursday, May 20 5-7 pm Fairgrounds	May 20 (paper enrollment form and poultry pen request due at animal ID Day)	Sunday, June 13 2-5 pm	Tuesday, June 15 at 9 am Showmanship, Production, Meat Classes and Other Fowl	Tues., June 15 9-10 am
Rabbits	Thursday, May 20 5-7 pm Fairgrounds	May 20 (paper enrollment form and rabbit pen request due at Animal ID Day)	Sunday, June 13 2-5 pm	Monday, June 14 at 8 am Showmanship, Breed classes and Meat Classes	Mon., June 14 9-10 am
Sheep	Sat., May 1, 9-11 am Fairgrounds	May 15	Sunday, June 13 4-5 pm	Wednesday, June 16 at 9 am Breeding (Ewes), Market lambs & Showmanship	Wed., June 16 10 am to 11 pm
Swine	Thursday, May 6 5-7 pm Fairgrounds	May 15	Sunday, June 13 7-8:30 pm	Tuesday, June 15 3:30 pm Gilts 6 pm Barrow Show followed by Showmanship	Mon., June 14 6:30-8 pm (Swine Barn Side)

- ☘ YQCA certification: All members showing **beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine** must complete YQCA to be eligible to show their animal at the fair. Members must present a copy of their certificate at animal check-in for all species they are exhibiting. Members with a grandfathered PQA are not required to take YQCA until their PQA certification expires. These members must show a copy of their grandfathered PQA certificate at check-in for all species they are exhibiting.
- ☘ If you must make more than one trip to the fair with animals, exceptions to Check-in times must be pre-approved by 4-H Youth Educator.
- ☘ **Indiana State Fair 4-H Livestock Shows**: Visit: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests/4-h-competitions-entry-information> to sign up for Indiana State Fair 4-H Livestock Shows. Entry opens spring 2021. The state fair dates are August 6-22, 2021.
- ☘ **Pre Fair Clean-Up Date**: Saturday, May 22, 8 am to when everything is cleaned and ready for the fair. Cleaning will include livestock areas, display units stored in outer buildings and the Junior Leaders' Food Stand. The Community Building set-up will be Sunday, June 6 at 4 pm.
- ☘ **Post Fair Clean-Up Date**:
Barns: TO BE DETERMINED.
- ☘ **Community Building**: Monday, June 21: Drive-up awards and release projects 4:00-7:00 pm, followed by clean up and put display units in storage.
- ☘ **Boer Goat Grooming Demonstration**: Thursday, June 17, 5 pm -5:45 pm
- ☘ **Goat Milk Production Contest**: Thursday, June 17, Milk Out 7 am, Contest 6 pm
- ☘ **Supreme Showman Contest**: Thursday, June 17; 6:30 pm
- ☘ **Livestock Check-Out :TO BE DETERMINED. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE MAILED TO MEMBERS.**
- ☘ **Auction**: Friday, June 18
Times and order of events to be determined: Buyers registration and dinner, 4-H awards and auction. Auction order for 2021 is: Poultry, Beef & Dairy, Sheep, Horse & Pony, Llama, Rabbits, Swine Goats.
- ☘ **Mini 4-H Members: The showmanship order for most species is: Junior, Senior, Expert, Novice, Mini 4-H and Open Class. See schedule on back for dates and times. Horse and Pony Mini 4-H showmanship is before the Contesting show.**

4-H Community Building Activities

Saturday, May 22:

8 am to 1 pm or when finished: Clean project display cases and racks in the Extension Club's building. 4-H Families are needed to help with clean-up day!

Sunday, June 6:

4 pm: Set up Community Building for 4-H project drop-off and judging

Friday, June 11:

3-7 pm: Non-perishable drop off (ONLY)

6 pm: Cat Show Registration

6:30 pm Cat Show begins

Saturday, June 12:

9-10 am: Perishable project drop-off (Cake Decorating, Floriculture, Foods, & Garden ONLY. **Non-perishable projects will not be accepted**)

10 am to 1 pm: Closed Judging begins (Volunteers & Junior Leaders)

10 am: Public Speaking judging will be held in-person

1 pm-? Set up building with projects (Volunteers & Junior Leaders)

2 pm: Barbecue project set up begins (Pavilion behind fair office)

3 pm: Barbecue project judging begins (Pavilion behind fair office)

Thursday, June 17:

4:30 pm: Fashion Revue (Limited guests during judging)

Monday, June 21:

4-7 pm: Drive-up awards and project pick-up. This process will be similar to the awards' pick-up last year. Volunteers are needed to help with this event and to clean-up the Community Building afterwards.

