CLOVER CONNECTION

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF JOHNSON COUNTY 4-H

PURDUE UNIVERSITY | Extension JOHNSON COUNTY

JOHNSON COUNTY 4-H

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

Cost - $3.00 (payable at door - cash or check only)
Location - Johnson County Extension Office
YOU MUST PREREGISTER PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE CLASS
In-person classes only, there is no online option.
Maximum participants per session - 40

ALL youth who plan to exhibit cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and/or poultry at the county and/or state fair must have a valid Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care **OR** YQCA certificate.

Deadline to complete is July 1st, 2025.

YQCA is only offered at https://yqcaprogram.org/

If you chose to complete the online YQCA you must email Heather at hdougher@purdue.edu showing proof of your YQCA certificate by July 1st.

Johnson County Training Dates

- MONDAY, JANUARY 27 - 6:00PM
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - 6:00PM
- THURSDAY, MARCH 13 - 6:00PM
- THURSDAY, APRIL 3 - 9:00AM
- TUESDAY, APRIL 15 - 6:00PM
- TUESDAY, MAY 6 - 6:00PM
- THURSDAY, JUNE 19 - 6:00PM
- MONDAY, JUNE 30 - 6:00PM

Register for any of these dates through your 4-H Online account under the "Events" tab.

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2025 FAIR SLOGAN

Fair Vibes & Carnival Rides

Parade Float Registration can be completed here - https://bit.ly/JoCoParade25

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather all 4-H events could be postponed, canceled or moved virtually. Please reach out to your club leaders to check to see if there is a changed based on inclement weather.

You can also check the Johnson County (Indiana) 4-H Facebook page or call the Extension Office (317-736-3724) for updates.

Available in the Extension Office

Foam Poster Board - $3

Poster Sleeves - $1

Salon Print Sleeves - $1

Salon Print Boards - $3

Mini 4-H Poster and Sleeve - $2

4-H SUMMER TRIPS

4-H has numerous trips that members can take this summer.
More information will be sent out at a later date.
These trips are for youth in grades 9-12 and take place at Purdue University, unless noted otherwise.

4-H Academy Tracks

Animal Science
Civic Engagement
Food Science
Exploring Health Careers
Introduction into EMS
Natural Resources
Plant Science
Show Me the Money
Computer Science
Engineering the Environment
The Science of Flight
Investigating Forensic Science

4-H Academy (grades 9-12) - June 12-14
Purdue Roundup (grades 7-9) - June 24-26
State Junior Leader Conference (grades 9-12) - TBD
State 4-H Band (grades 8-12) - June 22-24
State 4-H Chorus (grades 8-12) - June 22-25

Contact the office is you are interested in any of the following trips:
Citizenship Washington Focus (grades 9-12) - TBA
National 4-H Dairy Conference (grades 9-12) - September 29 - October 3
National 4-H Congress (grades 9-12) - November 29 - December 3
National 4-H Conference (grades 9-12) - April 19-24

Special Accommodations

If you are in need of special accommodations for any and all 4-H or Purdue Extension programs, please call our office at 317-736-3724 to give reasonable notice of accommodation needs.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Extension - 4-H Youth Development

TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

Where: Camp Tecumseh
When: March 28-30
Ages: Grades 7th-12th

Contact your local Purdue Extension Office to learn more and register!

CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!

4-H Camp 2025

Mark your calendars!

4-H Camp (3rd - 6th graders) will be held at Shakamak State Park on June 2-4. We will be camping with Hamilton, Hancock, and Marion Counties. Don't miss out on the fun!

Camp registration will be sent out in the spring.

The camp is limited at 40 for Johnson County and then a waiting list will be started with hopes the other counties do not fill their quota.

Mini 4-H Camp (K-2nd grade) will be held at Scott Hall, on the Johnson County Fairgrounds, on June 24 & 25, 2025.

This will be a two day event for the youth. The camp is limited to the first 50 youth that pay and register.

Animal NEWS

4-H Beef ID:
Saturday, March 8
9:00am - 1:00pm
ALL beef and dairy beef steers, commercial heifers, market heifers must be tagged and weighed in order to exhibit at the county/state fair. Purebred heifers do not need to be weighed, but they do need an RFID tag. Details about ear tagging will be sent out in early February to those enrolled in the Beef and Dairy Steer projects.
All Dairy Feeder steers will be tagged and weighed on May 3 from 11:30-1:00pm.

4-H Sheep ID:
Saturday, May 3
1:00pm - 3:00pm
ALL 4-H Market lambs, commercial ewes and state fair bound breeding ewes must be tagged with an official 5-digit county tag.

Sheep identification and enrollment must be completed online by May 15, no exceptions! More information will be sent out in early March.

4-H Goat ID:
Saturday, May 3.
8:30am - 10:00am
All 4-H goat wethers & wether dams must be identified with an official 5-digit Johnson County ear tag. All goat identification and enrollment must be completed online by May 15th, no exceptions!

RFID tags are REQUIRED for all swine and cattle. There will be no cost for RFID tags for cattle this year.
If you need tags for swine you will receive 4 RFID tags for free, but any additional tags you may need you will have to purchase at the cost of $3 per tag.

2025 Animal Enrollment

General Animal Rules and Information

All 4-H members participating in showing animals are subject to the General Terms and Conditions of Indiana 4-H and Johnson County. Please see the front of the handbook for complete information. This section is devoted to Animal Guidelines and Information.

Animal Enrollment

4-H animal project enrollment cannot be accepted after **May 15**. The ownership deadline for livestock and all other animals is May 15, 2025 with the exceptions found below.

Animal Species	Johnson County ID Day 2025	Ownership Deadline 2025 for Johnson County/Indiana State Fair	4-H Online Animal Enrollment Deadline 2025	Health Certificate or Vaccination Form Required
Beef Steers, Dairy Beef Steers & Market Heifers	March 8 – 9:00 am	**March 8**	May 15	None
Crossbred/Commercial Beef Heifers	March 8 – 9:00 am	**March 8**	May 15	None
Dairy Feeder Steers	May 3 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	**May 3**	May 15	None
Registered Heifers	May come March 8 for RFID tags	May 15	May 15	None
Dairy Cattle	None	May 15 (Ownership or Lease Agreement)	May 15	None
Goat Wethers & Wether Dams (Market Does)	May 3 – 8:30 am – 10:00 am	**May 3**	May 15	None
Registered Does	None	May 15	May 15	None
Unregistered Does	None (County Tag from Office Needed)	May 15	May 15	None
Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes	May 3 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	**May 3**	May 15	None
Registered Ewes	None	May 15	May 15	None
Swine	None	May 15	May 15	None
Dogs	Not Applicable	**March 1**	Not Applicable	4-H 671 Dog Vaccination Form
Rabbits	Tattoo Clinic Date TBD	May 15	May 15	None
Poultry	None	May 15	Not Applicable	NPIP certificate
Aquatic Science	Not Applicable	May 15	Not Applicable	None
Cats	Not Applicable	May 15	Not Applicable	4-H 777 Cat Vaccination Form

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Small Animals	Not Applicable	May 15	Not Applicable	Ferrets – 4-H Vaccination Form
Horse & Pony	Not Applicable	May 15 (Ownership or Lease Agreement)	May 15	4-H 1031 Horse Vaccination Form

Dogs, Cats, Ferrets and Horses must have a completed vaccination form on file with the club leader or project superintendent before any 4-H activity with the animal including practice, workshops or shows.

2025 Animal ID Chart

2025 Required Animal ID Per Species - Must be entered in 4HOnline by May 15, 2025.		
Animal	**Johnson County ID Requirements** (follow these guidelines if you plan to exhibit at the Johnson County 4-H Fair)	**Indiana State Fair ID Requirements** (follow these guidelines if you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair)
Cattle		
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag **AND** 5-digit County Tag	County Requirements AND DNA Hair Sample
Commercial and Market Heifers	840-RFID Tag **AND** 5-digit County Tag	County Requirements AND DNA Hair Sample
Registered Heifers	840-RFID Tag **AND** Tattoo	County Requirements AND DNA Hair Sample
Feeder/Starter Calf	840-RFID Tag **AND** 5-digit County Tag	County Requirements AND DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Cattle Females	840-RFID Tag **AND** animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number)	County Requirements AND DNA Hair Sample
Goats		
Meat Goat Wethers	5-digit County tag	County Requirements AND 840-RFID Tag AND DNA Hair Sample
Wether Dams (Market Does)	Official USDA Scrapie Identification **AND** 5-digit County tag	County Requirements AND 840-RFID Tag AND DNA Hair Sample

2025 Animal ID Chart

Boer Goat Females	*Registered*: Breed Registry Tattoo *Unregistered/Commercial*: Official USDA Scrapie Identification **AND** 5-digit County tag	*Registered*: County Requirements AND DNA Hair Sample *Unregistered*: N/A
Dairy Goat Females	*Registered:* Breed Registry Tattoo *Unregistered:* Official USDA Scrapie Identification AND 5-digit County tag	*Registered:* Same as county *Unregistered:* N/A
Dairy Goat Wethers	5-digit County Tag **OR** Tattoo recorded at county ID Day	Same as County
Pygmy Goats and Fiber Goats	*Registered:* Breed Registry Tattoo **OR** Microchip that Matches Registration Papers *Unregistered:* Official USDA Scrapie Identification AND 5-digit County tag	*Registered*: Same as county *Unregistered*: Same as county *Fiber Goats*: N/A - Fiber Goats are not exhibited at State Fair
Horse & Pony		
Horse & Pony	2 Color Pictures showing markings	Same as County
Sheep		
Market Lambs	5-digit County tag**	County Requirements AND 840-RFID Tag AND DNA Hair Sample
Commercial Ewes	Official USDA Scrapie Identification **AND** 5-digit County tag	5-digit County Tag OR Official Scrapie Tag AND 840-RFID Tag AND DNA Hair Sample
Registered Ewes	Official USDA Scrapie Identification **AND** ID that matches registration papers	County Requirements AND 840-RFID Tag AND DNA Hair Sample
Ram Lambs	ID that matches registration papers **OR** 5-digit County Tag	N/A - Ram lambs are not exhibited at State Fair
Swine		
Swine	840-RFID Tag **AND** Ear Notch	County Requirements AND DNA Hair Sample

*Animals over 18 months would require Official USDA Scrapie Identification as well

**Ewes still need Official USDA Scrapie Identification, wethers under 18 months would not

Should any animal lose its county tag, or RFID tag, the 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator must be notified immediately so that it can be replaced with a new tag. If at all possible, the lost tag should be produced and provided to the educator.

All livestock animal locations must have obtained a premise ID number from Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH). Animals will not be allowed to show or sell without the number(s). Species include: cattle, swine, sheep, goats and poultry. Horses may voluntarily register. Rabbits are excluded.

Junior Leader Dates:

- Tuesday, January 14 - 6:30-8:00pm
  - Artcraft Movie for all of 4-H/ collecting donations for foster families
- Tuesday, February 11 - 6:30-8:00pm
  - Foster care speaker, donation kits from collections
- Tuesday, March 11 - 6:30-8:00pm
  - Career panel, popcorn, and soda bar
- Tuesday, April 8 - 6:00-8:00pm
  - 4-H Skate Night
- Friday, April 11 - 6:00pm
  - Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Tuesday, May 13 - 6:30-8:00pm
  - Whiskers on Wheels, board game night, and trail mix bar
- Tuesday, June 10 - 6:30-8:00pm
  - Officer Elections, project judging week, ice cream social
- Wednesday, July 2 - 5:30-9:00pm
  - Fair Set-up, Fair Sign-ups - Scott Hall

Junior Leaders
INDIANA 4-H

CLOVER SPOTLIGHT

MEET THE 2025 4-H Council MEMBERS

The Johnson County 4-H Council is comprised of 18 adult members and 5 youth members for a total of 23. The primary functions of the Johnson County 4-H Council are in program planning, 4-H promotion, volunteer staff development, resource development and accountability, program visibility and inter agency programming with other youth organizations. The council meets at the Extension Office the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm

Council members are volunteers who have a strong interest in bettering the 4-H program in Johnson County and believe in young people. Many thanks to each of them for their dedication to this program!

Evan Alexander
Riah Alexander
Emily Broadbeck
Emily Cramer
Peggy Elliott
Brandi Hensley
Jamie Jones
Morgan Keith
Hannah Knight
Macie Keith
Chris Lanham
Jess Legan
Stephanie Marten
Phil Norcross
Heather Polesel
Kim Roberts
Abby Robertson
Annette Snyder
Natalie Sanders
Elisha Santosh
Jacob Vandivier

To our outgoing 2024 4-H Council Members:

Angel Barger, Lou Cox, Rachael Hutton, Eli Lengacher, Addie Morris, Rob Souchon, Alyvia Williams, and Lucille Ziegler

We will miss you and sincerely thank you for your passion, dedication and hard work!

Geranium SALES

It's time to prepared for the 2025 Geranium Sales!

Order forms are forthcoming.

We will mail order forms home or you can get more at the Extension Office.

Colors: Red, White, and Lavender Rose

Orders will be taken until we're sold out

Updated Prices for 2025:

$3.00 a plant, $27 for a flat (10 plants)

Pick up is: Friday, April 18

at S & E Produce, 320 Griffith Rd, Greenwood, IN 46143

*Like previous years, all plants **MUST** be pre-ordered. Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.*

Save the Dates

All dates subject to change

January 2025

1 - EO Closed - New Year's Holiday
14 - Junior Leader Meeting - 6:00pm
15 - PREFERRED ENROLLMENT DATE
20 - EO Closed - MLK Jr. Day
22 - 4-H Volunteer Training
25 - State 4-H Scholarship application deadline

February 2025

6 - New 4-H Family Night
11 - Junior Leader Meeting - 6:30pm, Scott Hall
17 - EO Closed - Presidents Day

March 2025

5 - 4-H Club Officer Training
8 - Cattle ID and Weigh-in
11 - Junior Leader Meeting, 6:30pm

April 2025

8 - Junior Leader Meeting - 6:00pm, Scott Hall
18 - EO Closed - Good Friday

Save the Dates

All dates subject to change

May 2025

3 - Goat/Dairy Feeder Steer/Sheep ID
13 - Junior Leader Meeting - 6:30pm, Scott Hall
15 - Animal Enrollment DEADLINE
15 - Preferred Project Drop/Add Date
26 - EO Closed - Memorial Day
28 - 4-H Volunteer Training

June 2025

2 - 4- 4-H Camp
10 - Junior Leader Meeting - 6:30pm, Scott Hall
24-25 - Mini 4-H Camp - Scott Hall, (both days)

July 2025

1 - FairEntry, IQLC/YQCA, Record Sheets Due
2 - Fair Setup - 5:30pm, Fairgrounds
2 - Junior Leader Meeting - 5:30pm, Scott Hall
4 - EO Closed - Independence Day
7-11 - Project Judging Week, All buildings (all week)
13-19 - 2025 Johnson County 4-H Fair

Volunteer Spotlight

Hannah (Goeb) Knight

I was a 10 year 4-H member in Johnson County where I participated in various projects and showed Goats, Dairy Cattle, & Sheep. 4-H and showing livestock was a big part of my youth and I wanted to continue to be involved in a program that I was passionate about and provide similar experiences for other youth.

Last Year Member Spotlight

Amelia Taber

After graduation, Amelia plans to attend Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky in the fall.