



MARTIN COUNTY 4-H FAIR 2026

Thursday, July 9 – Tuesday, July 14, 2026

4-H ONLY Related Schedule of Activities

Fair activities to be added/schedule subject to change * Updated 1-8-2026

Monday, April 20 to Friday, April 24

SWINE

Swine 4-H tags will be available during condensed office hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM) or other hours as scheduled and by pre-arrangement by texting 812-653-2089 or calling 812-295-2412.

Before swine tags are issued, families will need to provide the following information for each animal:

- Exhibitor's name
- Breed
- Sex
- Ear notches
- Tattoo (if applicable)
- All other tags already applied *This ensures compliance with BOAH requirements and that the correct 4-H tags are issued for each animal.

All swine tags must be applied by May 15th. Animals will NOT be allowed to check in at the 4-H Fair check-in without tags applied. A worksheet (optional but helpful) is available to help families gather this information in advance: https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/projects/swine/swine-id-worksheet.pdf

Friday, April 24

TAGGING ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

If you are unsure if your 4-H animal needs to report to Livestock Tagging Day, contact 4-H Educator Dena Held prior to tagging day.

Special accommodations, such as not attending tagging day, must be requested by Friday, April 24th by contacting 4-H Educator Dena Held.

Friday, May 1

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Martin County 4-H Livestock Tagging

Martin County 4-H Livestock Tagging Information for County & Indiana State Fair as applicable

Swine do **NOT** report to the in-person tagging day.

*If you are unsure if your animal needs to report to Livestock Tagging Day, contact 4-H Educator Dena Held prior to tagging day. Special accommodations must be requested by Friday, April 24th by contacting 4-H Educator Dena Held.

Animal Identification details are available at:

https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/exhibits/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf

This 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 4-H livestock shows. 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 ineligibility for that particular animal.

Important Reminders:

- New 4-H livestock tags will NOT be distributed after May 1, 2026. Special accommodations, such as tagging day conflicts, must be requested by Friday, April 24th by contacting 4-H Educator Dena Held.
- Swine do NOT report to the in-person tagging day.
- Tags are to be applied by May 15th.
- No animals will be allowed to check in at the 4-H Fair livestock check-in without tags applied.
- Swine tag pick-up options shared again:
 - During tagging time on Friday, May 1 from 6:00–7:30 PM
 - Or prior, Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24 during office hours (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM)

Thursday, May 7

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm 4-H Poultry Bleed for Martin County 4-H Poultry

The poultry bleed is for Martin County 4-H members needing poultry blood tests either hatched on a local farm without an NPIP number OR for birds coming from an NPIP certified flock over a year ago.

To show at the 4-H Fair, 4-H members must by law have one of the following two ways of proving their birds are disease free (waterfowl are exempt) and provide the full completed Indiana Poultry Exhibitor form.

1. Birds originated directly from a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) certified clean flock within one year.
2. Birds have had a Pullorum-Typhoid test with negative results within ninety (90) days prior to the exhibition/fair.

If you miss the May 7th poultry bleed, blood testing is available by contacting the Purdue Heeke Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab, 11367 E. Purdue Farm Road, Dubois, IN 47527. The lab is located north of Patoka Lake Dam at the Purdue SIPAC Farm. You will need to call ahead to ensure that staff are available and details. Take the required form mentioned above along for tester signature.

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Tattooing for Martin County 4-H Rabbits

Friday, May 15

- Animal Identification & Exhibition 4honline identification *Animals must be fully identified in v2.4honline.com according to the Purdue Extension 4-H Animal Identification Chart:
https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/_docs/exhibits/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf
- All applicable 4-H animal leases due
- DNA submissions due for all applicable Indiana State Fair-bound animals
- Equine health forms due prior to any equine being on the premises

Further animal exhibition details are available at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/exhibits/animal-identification>

Monday, June 1

Martin County 4-H FairEntry Opens & Information

FairEntry opens at: FairEntry.com

All 4-H exhibits (both regular 4-H and Mini 4-H) for the Martin County 4-H Fair must be entered on FairEntry.com.

Fair Entry window:

June 1 through June 20th *Required to submit all 4-H project exhibit information by the deadline to participate in the 4-H fair.

Saturday, June 20

9:00 am 4-H County Tractor Contest – All Disciplines

- All 4-H project drop/add on v2.4honline.com must be complete (FairEntry will not allow entries if 4-H member is not signed up for the project on 4honline & must be synced prior to FairEntry exhibit entry – contact Purdue Extension with questions)
- Last Day to enter fair project and exhibit details on FairEntry
- Livestock Quality Assurance (in-person class) training certificates or YQCA (online option) certificates for 4-H cattle, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit & poultry 4-H exhibitors provided to heldd@purdue.edu or hardcopy to Extension Office
- Health forms for canines, equines, felines & poultry due (or prior if on premise) provided to heldd@purdue.edu or hardcopy to Extension Office
- All livestock purebred animal registration papers provided to heldd@purdue.edu or hardcopy to Extension Office

Saturday, June 27

1:00 pm 4-H Cat Show, Community Building

4:00 pm 4-H Dog Show, Community Building

Monday, June 29 **6:00 pm**

Set up Option 1 of 2 outside at 4-H Fairgrounds for all 4-Hers, Leaders & Volunteers – check in & out by the garage door of The Community Building east side door. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

Tuesday, June 30 **6:00 pm**

4-H Fashion Revue Judging Loogootee Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, Loogootee

Sunday, July 5 **2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Static 4-H Exhibit Check-In (all 4-H & Mini 4-H Static Projects Open Judging at the Community Building)

Monday, July 6 **6:00 pm**

Set up Option 2 of 2 outside at 4-H Fairgrounds for all 4-Hers, Leaders & Volunteers – check in & out by the garage door of The Community Building east side door. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

Tuesday, July 7 **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm** All Open Class Exhibits Check-In

Wednesday, July 8

8 am – 7:00 pm 4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep & Swine arrival

4 pm – 6 pm 4-H Rabbit & Poultry Check-in – ONLY DURING THIS TIME

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, & Swine animal check-in / weigh-in

All animal to have tags applied prior to unloading

8:30 pm 4-H Livestock Blue Original Auction Declaration Cards are due to The Extension Office

Thursday, July 9

4:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Show
5:00 pm 4-H Static Exhibits on Display: Community Building Opens
6:30 pm Queen Contest, 4-H Fashion Revue & Mini Sewing Modeling

Friday, July 10

5:00 pm Community Building Opens
6:30 pm 4-H Beef & Dairy Cattle Show

Saturday, July 11

9:00 am 4-H Poultry Show
9:00 am Community Building Opens
5:00 pm 4-H Sheep & Goat Show
7:00 pm 4-H Horse & Pony Show Day 1 of 2 – Speed Classes *All Day 1 class results will be awarded 15 minutes after the conclusion Day 1 Show

Sunday, July 12

1:00 pm Community Building Opens
4:00 pm 4-H Horse & Pony Show Day 2 of 2

Monday, July 13

5:00 pm Community Building Opens
5:00 pm 4-H Swine Show

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 am – 10:00 am Rabbits and poultry NOT in auction released *All other animals are released after auction; those removed early are subject to premium deduction
5:00 pm Community Building Opens
5:00 pm 4-H Supreme Showmanship
5:15 pm - 7:15 pm 4-H Static exhibits released & 4-H gratitude station open

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	4-H Static exhibits elevated to state check in option 1 at the Community Learning Center East double doors
7:00 pm	Ten year and Last Year 4-H Member Recognition at the Livestock Arena
7:15 pm	4-H Premium Livestock Auction
<u>Wednesday, July 15</u>	6:00 pm

4-H Fairgrounds Community Good Clean up *All 4-H members & 4-H volunteers/leaders Community Good clean-up is in addition to individual clean-up of stalls/pens. Any other times only as pre-arranged with the 4-H Educator.

Friday, July 17

4-H Member point sheets are due.

TBA **PARTY FOR 4-Hers and Friends!**

Join in on the Martin County 4-H Program Year & Fair Celebration!

Monday, July 20-Monday, July 27 **8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

ISF exhibit check in option 2: All Static 4-H exhibits (except foods, garden, & herb projects) for the Indiana State Fair are to be provided to the Extension Office or PRIOR as individually pre-scheduled by calling 812-295-2412 or texting 812-653-2089. All special accommodation requests to be made no later than July 27th. ***Large, delicate, or heavy items will be the responsibility of the 4-H member to transport and check in at the Indiana State Fair, please discuss with 4-H Educator details and to get entry cards. Would you like to check-in your own exhibit at the Indiana State Fair? This is a great experience. Discuss with the 4-H Educator so that State Fair entry cards and logistical details may be provided to you!

Monday, August 10 **8:15 am - 9:00 am**

Baked food, preserved food, herb, garden, garden collection, garden education exhibits for the Indiana State Fair are to be provided to the Extension Office or PRIOR as individually scheduled by calling 812-295-2412 or texting 812-653-2089.

August 7 - 23

Indiana State Fair, closed each Monday

Friday & Saturday, August 14 & 15

Martin County Tractor Pull

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – Monday, August 31 **8:30 am – 3:30 pm**

Indiana State Fair static exhibit pick up from the **Purdue Extension Martin County Office** or as individually scheduling by calling 812-295-2412 or texting 812-653-2089.

Mark your calendar now for the 2027 Martin County 4-H Fair!

Thursday, July 15 - Tuesday, July 20, 2027