

April 3, 2024

Dear Parke County 4-H Sheep Member,

**Important Dates**

- Tag-in, **Saturday, May 11** from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 4-H Sheep 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline – Due **May 15, 2024**

**4-H Sheep Tag-in: Saturday, May 11, 2024**

The 4-H Sheep Tag-in will be held on **Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the 4-H Fairgrounds Sheep Barn**. All sheep exhibitors whose animals need tagged are required to bring their sheep to the fairgrounds between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM for identification. Sheep that are intended for the Indiana State Fair will also be tagged with an RFID tag. All exhibitors will be charged \$3.00 per animal at tag-in. Please bring cash or check with you.

**Parke County Sheep Identification Requirements (see chart):**

**Market lambs:** 5-digit county tag

**Commercial ewes:** 5-digit county tag or official scrapies tag

**Registered ewes:** ID that matches registration paper

Sheep that are intended to be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must also be tagged with an RFID tag and submit a DNA hair sample for each animal due to the Extension Office by May 15. DNA envelopes can be picked up at tag day or in the Extension Office.

**Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA**

To exhibit sheep at the Parke County or Indiana State Fair, youth must also complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA certification. Instructor led trainings will be offered at the fairgrounds or you may complete the YQCA training online at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Trainings will be held in Parke County on the following dates in the 4-H Building:

Thursday, April 11 at 7pm

Thursday, May 16 at 6pm

Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30pm

**4-H Sheep Enrollment: (Due May 15)** 4-H Online Sheep enrollment instructions are enclosed.

All 4-H Sheep are required to be enrolled by May 15 via your 4-H Online profile at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). **Note:** After May 15<sup>th</sup>, the system will close and NO animals can be enrolled.

**Premise Identification:** If you do not have a premise identification number for where your animals are located, then you need to complete a request form via the Board of Animal Health website or contact them via their office. All this information can be obtained via the website at <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration/>. Your premise ID will be required for 4HOnline entries for county and state fairs. If you have already obtained a premise ID number, you would use that number each year.

**Indiana State Fair Entry Form:** Make sure you read the State Fair Handbook to understand the entire entry and livestock qualifications. The book can be found via the Indiana State Fair website.

**Health Requirements**

Health forms are not required for the 2024 Parke County Fair. However, the Parke County 4-H Sheep superintendents have the right to deny entry of any animal that may have an infectious or communicable disease such as ringworm, sore-mouth and foot rot.

We are glad you have decided to take the 4-H Sheep project! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the Extension Office or the 4-H Sheep Project Volunteers.

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Sincerely,

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