

March 15, 2024

Dear Wells County 4-H Livestock Exhibitors,

I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming 4-H Livestock season. Below are some important reminders as you prepare to exhibit your projects this summer!

Animal ID Days:

- If you have specific questions regarding your species ID day, please reach out to your project's superintendent, whose contact information can be located in the front of your 4-H Handbook.
- Dairy Feeder ID Day - April 6th from 8 AM to 11 AM - H-Barn (4-H Park)
- Sheep and Goat ID Day - May 5th from 4 PM - 7 PM - H-Barn (4-H Park)

4-H Online Animal ID:

- With the exception of dogs, cats, and poultry, all animals you may exhibit at the Wells County 4-H Fair or Indiana State Fair must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15th. **Animals not identified in 4-H Online by May 15th will NOT be eligible to show at the Wells County 4-H Fair or the Indiana State Fair.**
- All livestock exhibitors should have a premises ID - these can be obtained through Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) at <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration/>
- Instructions for completing the animal ID process in 4-H Online are included in this mailing, as well as Indiana State Fair ID requirements.

Indiana Quality Livestock Care Training (QLC) and YOCA:

- **Exhibitors enrolled in the beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbit project must complete either QLC or YOCA by July 1st.**
 - Exhibitors choosing to complete QLC training must register using their 4-H Online profile. This is an in-person training that costs \$3 and the training lasts about an hour. Wells County is offering these trainings at the Wells County 4-H Park the following times:
 - Wednesday, March 20th @ 6 PM
 - Monday, March 25th @ 10 AM
 - Monday, March 25th @ 1 PM
 - Wednesday, April 17th @ 6 PM
 - Wednesday, May 29th @ 10 AM
 - Wednesday, May 29th @ 1 PM
 - Wednesday, May 29th @ 6 PM
 - To register:
 - Log in to your family's profile in 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
 - Click "View" next to the 4-H member you would like to register.
 - Click "Events" in the menu on the left.

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- Find “Wells County 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training” and select the date and time you would like to attend.
- Follow the prompts on the screen.
- Please note - you will not be able to pay for this program online - payment is due at the time of the class.
- Exhibitors choosing to complete the online YQCA training must submit their completion certificate to the Purdue Extension - Wells County office by July 1st - this can be a digital or hard copy, digital copies can be emailed to aulbach@purdue.edu or hoover21@purdue.edu.
 - YQCA will be accepted at the county and state fair. We recommend exhibitors who intend to show beyond the county and state fair complete this training, as QLC is only recognized within the Indiana 4-H Program. Training can be completed at yqcaprogram.org.

Animal Possession Agreement:

- The Animal Possession Agreement form, enclosed in this mailing, should be filled out by all 4-H members whose animal projects do not reside on their property. **This form should be completed and turned into the Purdue Extension - Wells County Office by May 15th.**
 - Please note - this is a change from last year when 4-Hers were asked to keep the form in their possession and contact their superintendents for approval. Purdue Extension - Wells County will contact superintendents with the completed forms for their signatures.
- If your animals reside on your property, or you fill out the animal leasing form (may be applicable for dairy, llamas & alpacas, or horse and pony exhibitors) you do not need to fill out this form.
 - If you need an animal lease agreement form, contact Purdue Extension - Wells County or download them here:
<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>

For more information about the Animal ID process and requirements, please feel free to contact me at aulbach@purdue.edu or (260) 824-6412, or visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/animal-identification.html>.

Sincerely,

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