



Virtual 4-H Fair Exhibit Tips

While it is understood pictures and videos cannot fully replace live exhibits the virtual fair environment is intended to allow a judge to see and learn about the skills a 4-H member has developed throughout this past year resulting from their 4-H experiences. Refer to the Indiana 4-H Youth Development web site extension.purdue.edu/4h/pages/projects for a list of 4-H projects supported by the state 4-H office. In addition to these tips, families can see a summary of files to be uploaded in FairEntry and should follow the link to each project's page for exhibit requirements. Contact La Porte County Extension Office, 219-324-9407 to learn more about additional projects supported within the county as well as deadlines to submit exhibit entries.

Project	Exhibit	Suggestions
Aerospace	Rocket or Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster or rocket is visible in the photo.
American Heritage	Restored or Original Article, Notebook	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire article is visible in both photos. The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Aquatic Science	Photos of the tank and fish, Notebook	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire tank with fish are visible in the photo. The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Arts and Crafts	Fine Art, Needle Craft, Model Craft, or Other Craft	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The craft information card will be a second file upload.
Beef Animal Evaluation	Image of Front View Image of Side View Image of Rear View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show ring.
Beef Education	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in both photos.
Beekeeping	Poster, Honey Jar, Honey Comb Box, Other Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster or jar is visible in the photo. The judge should also be able to see the honey's clarity and any dirt or debris that may be dispersed throughout the honey.
Beekeeping	Notebook or Presentation	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Building Toys	Photo of Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire toy is visible in the photo.
Cake Decorating	Cake	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire cake, showing the top

		and side, is visible in the photo. The skills card will be a second file upload.
Cat	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Cat Animal Evaluation	Full Image of Cat Full Image of Cat's Face	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. 4-H Member should be present in a photo.
Cat Cage	Image of cat cage	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire cat cage is visible in the photo. 4-H Member should be present in a photo.
Cat Costume	Image of cat in costume	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire cat cage is visible in the photo. 4-H Member should be present in a photo.
Child Development	Display or Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo. The activity card will be a second file upload.
Child Development	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Collections	Photo of collection, Notebook	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire collection is visible in the photo. The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Consumer Clothing	Notebook	Upload a photo of the purchased outfit. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Container Garden	Photo of Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire plant is visible in the photo.
Creative Writing	Document Upload	Upload each piece of writing as a separate word or PDF document.
Crops	Photo of Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo.
Dairy Animal Evaluation	Image of Front View Image of Side View Image of Rear View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show ring.
Dairy Goat Animal Evaluation	Image of Front View Image of Side View Image of Rear View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show ring.

Dairy Foods	Picture of Foods, Upload Recipe Card Document and One Day Meal Menu Document	If in a cake class plate the cake for display and remove one slice from the edge to the center. On a small dessert type plate place the removed slice upside down showing the bottom. In all classes including cake classes take the photo in a well-lit area of the plated cake and plated slice together in one photo. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Demonstration	Video	Create a video according to exhibit requirements and upload it to YouTube or another video hosting site. Recording on a phone or similar device will work. Make sure the recording area is well-lit with minimal background noises. Be sure to dress as if you were presenting live in front of the judge and audience. The recording settings should be set to only visible with a link. You will provide that link when submitting entry.
Dog Animal Evaluation	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Draft Horse Education	Photo of Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Electric	Circuit Board	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. The bulb is to be lit. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. Upload a second photo showing at least one soldered connection. Upload your "What have I done or learned" as a single document in PDF or Word format.
Electric	Magnetic Flashlight	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. Upload a second photo showing at least one soldered or wired connection.
Electric	Extension Cord, Shop Light, or Lamp	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. Upload a second photo showing a plug-in end uncapped so the wiring connections is visible.
Electric	Other Exhibits	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. Upload a second photo showing at least one wiring connection.
Electric	Electronic Exhibits	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. Upload a second photo showing the circuit board and soldering. Upload a copy of the schematics.
Electric	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Entomology	Poster or Collection Box	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. The plexiglass covering will likely need removed to eliminate glare. Be sure the entire poster or collection box is visible in the photo. One, two or three photos will be uploaded based on grade level exhibit requirements.

Entomology	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Farm Model Display	Photo of Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo.
Fashion Revue	Video	Modeling tips are available on the 4-H Sewing project page. Create a video and upload it to YouTube or another video hosting site. Recording on a phone or similar device will work. Make sure the recording area is well-lit with minimal background noises. The recording settings should be set to only visible with a link. You will provide that link when submitting entry.
Floriculture	Plant Exhibit or Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit, showing the top and side, is visible in the photo.
Floriculture	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Foods, Baked	Cookies	Three baked cookies are to be plated; two right-side up and the third upside-down and broken in half showing the inside and bottom. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Foods, Baked	Muffins	Three unlined muffins are to be plated; two right-side up and the third broken in half showing the inside and bottom. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Foods, Baked	Cake	Plate the cake for display and remove one slice from the edge to the center. On a small dessert type plate place the removed slice upside down showing the bottom. Take the photo in a well-lit area of the plated cake and plated slice together in one photo. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Foods, Baked	No-Yeast Pretzels or No-Yeast Biscuits	Three baked pretzels or biscuits are to be plated; two right-side up and the third upside-down and broken in half showing the inside and bottom. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Foods, Baked	Yeast Bread Sticks or Rolls	Three baked bread sticks or rolls are to be plated; two right-side up and the third upside-down and broken in half showing the inside and bottom. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Foods, Baked	Yeast Bread Loaf	Slice the loaf of bread in half at its middle plating one half right-side up and the other half upside-down showing its middle and bottom crust. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.

Foods, Baked	Invented Healthy Snack	Take the photo showing the entire exhibit in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload. A third upload will be the entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Foods, Baked	Fruit Pie	Remove one slice of pie. On a small dessert type plate place the removed slice upside down showing the bottom crust. Take the photo in a well-lit area of the whole pie and plated slice together in one photo. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Foods, Baked	Low Fat-Reduced Sugar Product or Special Dietary Product	Remove a portion of the product and place it upside down on a dessert type plate showing the bottom. Take the photo showing the entire dish and plated portion in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload. A third upload will be the entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Foods, Preserved	Frozen Baked Cookies, Frozen Berries, Frozen Pizza, Frozen Vegetables, Freezer Jam, or Frozen Entrée	Take a photo of the entire packaged exhibit showing the label. If the exhibit is covered in aluminum foil or non-see-through plastic wrap, remove a corner of that covering so the product is visible. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Foods, Preserved	Canned Tomato Product, Canned Pickle Product, Pressure Canned Product, or Cooked Jam/Reduced-Sugar Fruit Spread	Take a photo of the canned product showing the label. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo. The recipe card will be a second upload.
Forestry	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Forestry	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Garden	Educational Exhibit Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Garden	Educational Exhibit Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Garden	Herb	Take a photo of your herb exhibit labeled, including Latin name, according to exhibit requirements. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit is visible in the photo.
Garden	Potato Tray	Take a photo of your exhibit labeled according to exhibit requirements. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as

		many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire collection is visible in the photo.
Garden	Single Vegetable	Take a photo of your exhibit with at least one stem showing and labeled according to exhibit requirements. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire collection is visible in the photo.
Garden	Tomato	Take a photo of your exhibit with at least one stem showing and labeled according to exhibit requirements. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire collection is visible in the photo.
Garden Collection	3 Plate, 4 Plate or 5 Plate	Take a photo of your exhibit with at least one stem showing and all items labeled according to exhibit requirements. Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire collection is visible in the photo.
Genealogy	Notebook	Each notebook, in its entirety, is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Geology	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Geology	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Gift Wrapping	Photo of Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit display is visible in the photo.
Goat Education	Photo of Exhibit, Video presentation	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster display is visible in the photo.
Health	Display or Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster or exhibit display is visible in the photo.
Health	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Home Environment	Exhibit Display and Notebook	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster or exhibit display is visible in the photo. The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format as a second file upload.
Home Environment	Portfolio or Presentation	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Hoosier Christmas Decoration	Photo of Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire exhibit display is visible in the photo.
Horse and Pony Education	Photo of Exhibit	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster display is visible in the photo.
Lawn and Garden Operator Skills	Video	Create a video according to exhibit requirements and upload it to YouTube or another video hosting site. Recording on a phone or similar device will work. Make sure the recording area is well-lit

		with minimal background noises. Be sure to dress as if you were presenting live in front of the judge and audience. The recording settings should be set to only visible with a link. You will provide that link when submitting entry.
Meat Goat Animal Evaluation	Image of Front View Image of Side View Image of Rear View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode) . Take photos in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show ring.
Performing Arts	Photos of 3 Ring Binder (Notebook)	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Photography	Poster or Salon Print	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo. If exhibiting a Creative-Experimental Digital Salon Print, a document in PDF or Word format describing digital changes made to the photograph will need to be a second file upload.
Poultry	Poster or Display	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster or display is visible in the photo.
Poultry Animal Evaluation	Rear, Side, and Front View of Animal	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show.
Pygmy Goat Animal Evaluation	Image of Front View Image of Side View Image of Rear View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show ring.
Rabbit	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Rabbit Animal Evaluation	Image of Side View of Rabbit in Pose Image of Rear View Image of Top View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show table.
Rabbit Ambassador	Completion of Exam	Complete coordinated exam via Qualtrics under the direction of local Purdue Extension Office.

Rabbit Illustrated Talk	Video	Create a video according to exhibit requirements and upload it to YouTube or another video hosting site. Recording on a phone or similar device will work. Make sure the recording area is well-lit with minimal background noises. Be sure to dress as if you were presenting live in front of the judge and audience. The recording settings should be set to only visible with a link. You will provide that link when submitting entry.
Recycling	Photos of Exhibit/Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Scrapbooking	Photos of Pages	All of the scrapbook pages are to be uploaded in individual electronic files using PDF, Word, Power Point, Excel, GIF, JPEG, PNG, or TIFF format.
Sewing	Wearable	Take a photo of the front of the article showing its finished side. Take a second photo of the article turned inside out showing the article's back side, seams, hooks and zipper. Take a third photo of the zipper, hooks or fasteners (only one photo if more than one fastener). Be sure the article has been pressed and photos are taken in a well-lit area with the article laying flat, like on a bed. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire article is visible in the photo. The skills card will be uploaded as a fourth file.
Sewing	Non-Wearable Article	Take a photo of the front of the article showing its finished side. Take a second photo of the back of the article. Take a third photo of a sewn seam, the zipper, hooks or fasteners (only one photo if more than one fastener). Be sure the article has been pressed, if possible, and photos are taken in a well-lit area with the article displayed for its intended use. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire article is visible in the photo. The skills card will be uploaded as a fourth file.
Sewing	Construction Technique or Sewing Machine Survey	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Sheep Animal Evaluation	Image of Front View Image of Side View Image of Rear View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show table.
Shooting Sports Education	Poster or Display	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster or display is visible in the photo.
Shooting Sports Education	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Small Animals	Photo of Animal and Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.

Small Engine	Display	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire display is visible in the photo. The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format as a second file.
Soil and Water Science	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Soil and Water Science	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Sport Fishing	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Sport Fishing	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Swine Animal Evaluation	Image of Front View Image of Side View Image of Rear View	Present animal as you would for the show ring. Photos should be taken horizontally (landscape mode). Take photos in a well-lit area located outside. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Make sure animal is not standing in tall grass or deep shavings etc. Photos should not be altered or edited!!! 4-H member should be in at least one image of the animal, and should also be dressed appropriately for the show table.
Tractor Operator Skills	Video	Create a video according to exhibit requirements and upload it to YouTube or another video hosting site. Recording on a phone or similar device will work. Make sure the recording area is well-lit with minimal background noises. Be sure to dress as if you were presenting live in front of the judge and audience. The recording settings should be set to only visible with a link. You will provide that link when submitting entry.
Tractor Safety Education	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Tractor Safety Education	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.
Veterinary Science	Poster or Display (Level 3 also includes notebook)	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire display is visible in the photo. Level 3 exhibit, the entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format as a second file.
Wearable Art	Photos of Exhibit and Decorated Areas or Accessories	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire display is visible in the photo. The entire article is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, Excel, JPEG, PNG, or GIF format.
Weather and Climate Science	Poster	Take the photo in a well-lit area. Try to reduce as many shadows and glares as possible. Be sure the entire poster is visible in the photo.
Weather and Climate Science	Notebook	The entire notebook or presentation is to be included in a single electronic file using PDF, Word, Power Point, or Excel format.

