

Welcome Letter

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Welcome to the 2021 4-H Program year. This Animal Science update packet will provide you with several important pieces of information that you will need to keep track of over the year.

Many of our clubs due to size have started the year meeting virtually, know that we are planning to meet in person soon. We will be following local and state guidelines as it relates to the safety of our program participants. It is our intent this summer and spring to host in person events. You will see that we are already there with smaller groups of people.

This packet will have important deadlines and information about tagging's in them. Be sure to double check with your leaders in case things may change. It is important for you to attend club meetings and read our Friday 4-H Nugget that is published on the first and third Fridays for the most current details on events.

Our office staff and volunteers are here to assist you along the way if you have any questions. Be sure to pay attention to deadlines so that you don't miss out on an opportunity.

All the best,
 Robby Kelly

4-H Animal Records

Did you know that you should be keeping records on your animal projects? This is one of the many important pieces when it comes to raising animals. All 4-H members who have a livestock project will need to fill out a record sheet. Records help you keep track of your expenses and income from your project, health of your animal and what skills you have learned.

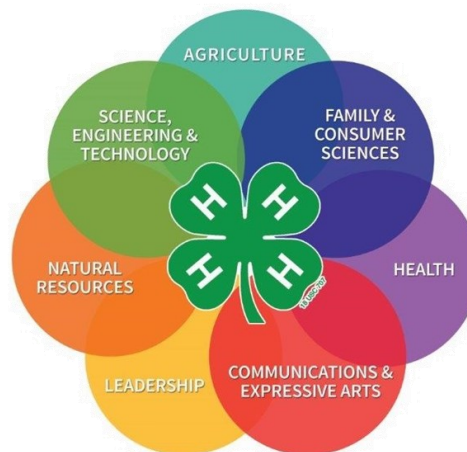


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4-H Livestock Club Contacts

Below you will find a list of 4-H Livestock Club leaders.
 Be sure to reach out to them for information and their assistance.

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Organizational Leader</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
4-H Beef Club	Mark Slabaugh	260-350-4506	mark.slabaugh@weaveragandlawn.com
4-H Cat Club	Jade Bobeck	574-971-1204	jade.bobeck@aol.com
Classy Cavies 4-H	Dominique Sigsbee	574-849-6333	classycavies@hotmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Club	Stephanie Kronk	574-312-8674	strenshaw08@gmail.com
Dairy Feeder Calf	Ken Metzler	574-533-0726	kdmetzler57@gmail.com
4-H Dog Club	Melissa Cloud	574-849-9872	msebastiancloud@yahoo.com
Goat Club	Dawn Birr	574-596-9467	dawnbirr@fairlandfarm.com
	Tim Clark	574-202-3690	tkclark@bnin.net
Guernsey Club	Carla Weaver	574-238-4996	weaver482@gmail.com
	Lonnie Weaver	574-361-8533	yllwcrk@frontier.com
Jersey Club	Jenny Gordon	574-377-0607	jennygordonakw@gmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club	Jane Hathaway	574-320-1156	cash701@yahoo.com
	Kelly Ropp	574-903-5346	kropp60@gmail.com
Poultry Club	Valerie Jacobs	574-354-0612	poultryleader@gmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Rabbit Club	Tammy Stark	574-849-8824	starktl@msn.com
	Israel Stark	574-849-8823	starkiw2740@msn.com
Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club	Ashley Holdeman	574-354-7403	ashleyholdeman4h@yahoo.com
Elkhart County 4-H Swine Club	Don & Jill Lehman	574-596-9251	djlehman@embarqmail.com

Animal Information

What is a Premises ID?

If you are planning to show livestock (excluding rabbits, cats, dogs, and horses), it is important that you obtain a premises ID number from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). A Premises ID is a unique number assigned to the place where your animals are kept. This is part of the national animal traceability program, and allows for tracking and movement of animals. This is important for animal health and safety. You will have to have this information with you when you ID your animal for the 4-H program. Premises ID numbers are free, and easy to get. You can obtain yours by visiting BOAH's website at www.in.gov/boah or by calling 877-747-3038

What is 4HOnline?

4HOnline is our web-based data management system. This is where you sign up information, projects and Animal ID information. This allows the Purdue Extension office and 4-H Club leaders to generate reports and other items that they need to inform you of events, and project information. You as a 4-H family can read our newsletters, update your contact information and sign up for events using the V2.4HOnline system. It is important if you move, or change a phone number or email address that you update that information in your family profile. To access this website go to:

<https://v2.4honline.com>

What is FairEntry?

FairEntry is our data management system for items related to the fair. This system is where classes are selected, auction information is generated, and show programs are managed. All 4-H Livestock members will need to log into this system using their V2.4HOnline profile to place their animals into their proper classes, sign up for showmanship and other club events. It is important that you complete this information when you receive the instructions at the end of May.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA is a great learning program that all 4-H members that are involved in: Beef, Dairy Feeder, Dairy, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Poultry and Rabbit projects need to complete each year. This program will allow the youth to learn more about:

- *Their role in food animal production
- *Animal Care
- *Food Safety
- *How to use the life skills members learn from their projects.

This program is nationally recognized and has the support of many of the national breed and commodity organizations. There are two ways that a 4-H member can complete this requirement, via online or an instructor led session. Both sessions do require you to be signed up on: <http://yqca.org>

Please be sure to use your 4HOnline log in information to sign up to insure your information gets into our database. The online version is \$12.00 and the instructor led version is \$3.00 and is paid during online registration.

The requirement will need to be completed by **May 15, 2021** in order to be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.

Session Dates & Times:

- 3/16 - 6:30 pm - ECCC - Martin/Fidler Rms.
- 4/17 - 9:30 am - ECCC - Martin/Fidler Rms.
- 4/15 - 6:30 pm - ECCC - Martin/Fidler Rms.
- 5/10 - 6:30 pm - ECCC - Martin/Fidler/Mennonite Rms.

Animal Identification

Identification is an important part of your animal project. This will assist in making sure that you keep good records, and know which animal is which. Below is the identification methods that are used by the 4-H program. This is the information that you will need to enter into the 4HOnline system, please check the club deadlines on the next page and verify with your club leaders if you have questions.

Species	County Required Animal Information	Additional State Required Animal Information
Beef & Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag & 5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample
Commercial & Market Heifers & Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag & 5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID Tag & Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Cattle Females	840-RFID Tag & animal's registered name & registration number (or dam's registration number)	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Goat: Females, Registered Dairy Goat: Wethers	Registered: Breed Registry Tattoo; Unregistered: Scrapie Tag or Tattoo 5-Digit County Tag or Tattoo - Tattoo is only acceptable if the goat doesn't have ears big enough to tag	DNA Hair Sample
Meat Goat Wethers	5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Boer Goat Females (Registered)	Breed Registry Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Pygmy Goats (Registered)	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that matches registration papers	
Pygmy Goats (Unregistered)	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	
Horse and Pony	Color pictures	
Poultry	See poultry leader for details	
Rabbit	Tattoo, Breed & Sex	

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Sheep: Market Lambs	5-digit County Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Sheep: Commercial Ewes	5-digit County Tag/or official Scrapie Tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag
Sheep: Registered Ewes	ID that matches registration papers A copy must be given at check-in at fair	DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag
Swine	840-RFID Tag & Ear Notch	DNA Hair Sample

Health Forms

Cats and dogs that will be used for the 4-H program are required to have vet sheets on file. This is for the safety of the animals and the 4-H members. These forms will need to be turned in before the animals can be brought to meetings and trainings. To get a copy of the forms you can go to the following links or hard copies will be available from your 4-H Leader or the Purdue Extension Office. Please be sure to read over the forms and complete the appropriate information.

Cat Vaccination Form:

https://api.ag.purdue.edu/api/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=47340&_ga=2.7420471.443194773.1610376450-2119546253.1561737706

Dog Vaccination Form:

https://api.ag.purdue.edu/api/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=47341&_ga=2.243031559.443194773.1610376450-2119546253.1561737706

Horse Vaccination Form:

https://api.ag.purdue.edu/api/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=47342&_ga=2.240587139.1498347871.1611067006-2119546253.1561737706

Animal Lease Form:

https://api.ag.purdue.edu/DepotWS/File.ashx?t=f&i=100599&_ga=2.188042081.896171911.1611857435-2119546253.1561737706

Club Specific Information

Each species of livestock may have different requirements for ID's and other information. Under each one you will find the dates for each. Please check with the volunteers of your 4-H clubs to make sure that you have the most current information.

Beef - 2021

5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Cat - 2021

5/15 Vaccination papers due to club
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Cavy - 2021

5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dairy, Guernsey and Jersey - 2021

5/15 - Lease papers due in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dairy Feeder Calf - 2021

5/01 - Tagging Day
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dog - 2021

5/15 - Vaccination papers due to club
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Goat - 2021

4/24 & 5/01 - Tagging/Tattoo Day
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Lamb - 2021

5/08 - Tagging Day - 7-10 am @ Draft Horse Barn
5/11 - Tagging Day - 6-9 pm @ Draft Horse Barn
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Poultry - 2021

4/01 - Ownership deadline for exhibition birds
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/03 - FairEntry deadline
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline
7/10 - Exhibition bird banding
7/17 - Commercial banding except turkeys
7/22 - Poultry check-in 9 am - 9 pm & turkey weigh-in

Rabbit - 2021

5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Saddle - 2021

5/15 - Vaccination papers due in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - Lease papers due in 4HOnline V.2
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Swine - 2021

5/01 - Tagging & Vaccination Day
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline V.2
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/15 - 2nd Vaccination Booster
5/26 - FairEntry opens
6/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

State Fair Information

The Indiana State Fair is a great way to showcase 4-H livestock projects from around the state. Many families have a tradition of going down every year to show and make new friends. The State Fair may have some different rules and animal ID requirements than we do in Elkhart County. Note that animals and or products sold in place of that animal are not eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair that same year. Most of their livestock deadlines are June 1, and more information can be found on their website at: www.indianastatefair.com