

April 20, 2021

Dear 4-H Goat Member,

**Goat ID Day**  
**Thursday, May 6, 2021, 5:30-7:00 pm**  
**4-H Fairgrounds, Greenfield**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ALL OF THIS INFORMATION BEFORE YOU START TO ENROLL YOUR GOATS!!!**

**A goat enrollment worksheet is in this mailing to help you gather all of the information that you will need before enrolling your goats online. If your goat is required to have a 5 digit county tag, you will not be able to enroll your goat online until after the Goat ID Day.**

All 4-H Goat enrollments must be completed online at <https://v2.4honline.com> by **May 15** in order for you to exhibit at the Hancock County Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair. Please refer to the enclosed instruction sheet on how to enroll your goats online in the 4-H data system. Step-by-step online instructions and a goat worksheet are posted at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Hancock/pages/article.aspx?intItemID=24890>. Non-registered animals are entered under crossbreed. Animals may be co-enrolled within the same family (siblings and step-siblings). Please read the ownership rules carefully in the 4-H Handbook.

Premise ID #'s are needed for online enrollment. *To obtain a Premise ID number or with questions regarding a Premise ID number, contact BOAH at 317-544-2381 or go online to: <https://secure.in.gov/boah/2642.htm> to obtain a number.* Premise ID's are linked to the physical address of where your animals are located. It is the law to obtain a Premise ID. Your **premise ID number** is needed to enroll online.

**NOTE:** *To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org>. Hancock County will be offering an instructor-led training on one final date, **May 12 at 6 pm in the Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall.***

**\*\*The YQCA training is required before you will be able to unload your animals for the 2021 Hancock County Fair\*\***

**Registered Boer and Dairy Goat Does-** You do not need to bring these animals to the ID Day. You do however need to enroll these animals online with the registration number, **tattoo** number, breed and date of birth of your goats. **Boer Goat Does including full blood, percentage, or Boer cross must be registered with a breed association.** **Boer Does must turn in a DNA HAIR SAMPLE by May 15, IF GOING TO STATE FAIR. Envelopes are available at our office.**

**ALL Market Boer Wethers and Market Boer Does-** **Must be brought to Goat ID Day.** All Market Boer Wethers and Market Boer Does must **have a 5 digit county tag, then enrolled online.** **Market Boer Wethers and Market Goat Does must turn in a DNA HAIR SAMPLE by May 15, IF GOING TO STATE FAIR.** They must also be tagged with an **840 RFID tag.** RFID tags cost \$2 per tag. If there is any

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chance that you may choose to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair then you need to have your Market Boer Wether/Market Doe tagged with an 840 RFID tag and pull a DNA sample.

#### **4-H Online Reminders- Animal ID**

For County Only animals where it requires the RFID Tag, you must put in 15- 0's to be able to proceed. For example Goats not going to State Fair will not need to be tagged with RFID tags to be identified in 4honline, but in order to be entered into the 4honline system they will be required to fill in this field to continue. Enter all 0's to continue.

**Non-Registered Dairy Goat and Non-Registered Pygmy Does** – You do not need to bring these animals to the ID Day. (Unless you need help tattooing them.) You should have a **tattoo** and you need to enroll these animals online with the tattoo number listed under the tattoo number, complete the breed and date of birth. While entering online be sure to check that these animals are county only as they are not eligible to be exhibited at the State Fair.

**Dairy Goat Wethers** - Must have a **5 digit county tag or tattoo, then enroll on-line**. If you do not have a tattoo, then bring your goat to ID Day to be tagged with a 5 digit county tag, **then enroll on-line**.

**Pygmy Goats** - All 4-H Pygmy goats must have a **5 digit county tag or tattoo or micro-chip or scrapies tag, then enrolled on-line**.

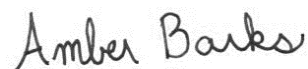
**Scrapie Tags** - A law was passed a few years ago by the USDA, requiring all breeding goats and sheep (both male and female), along with all castrated male goats and sheep over 18 months of age, to be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag.

Goat and sheep producers are now required by law to identify their animals with scrapie ear tags before they sell animals off their farm or haul animals to sales, shows or exhibitions of any kind. If you bought your animals from a producer, the animals should have the scrapie tag in its ear. **DO NOT** remove a scrapie tag from any animal that you may have bought. It is against the law to remove a scrapie tag from an animal's ear.

Only 4-H members who have baby goats (kids) and/or sheep (lambs) born on their farm, are required to call the BOAH at 1-877-747-3038 ext. 315 to get a Flock ID number. In the future, these same 4-H members who are raising goats and sheep (having kids or lambs born on their farm) should be ordering their own USDA scrapie tags.

Remember that the State Fair enrollment deadline for **boer, dairy and pygmy goats is June 1**. Completing 4-H Animal ID online is not the equivalent of entering 4-H Animal Shows at the Indiana State Fair. **A separate online entry is required for state fair exhibition. The state fair entry process along with information regarding deadlines, policies, and procedures is available at:**  
<http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/4-h-competitions/>

Sincerely,



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