

April 12, 2018

Dear 4-H Sheep, Goat, and Starter Calf members,

The 4-H Sheep, and Goat identification and Starter Calf tagging day will be Saturday, May 5th from 7:00—10:00 a.m. CDT at the Starke County Fairgrounds. There is an open Goat Show scheduled for the same day as our ID Day of May 5th. Please be aware of the extra vehicles, peoples, and animals when arriving to the Fairgrounds.

On-line animal identification is due May 15th for goats, sheep, and starter calf animals at in.4honline.com. Animal Identification is required for you to exhibit at the county fair and the state fair. Enclosed is information on how to complete animal identification online at 4HOnline. The Identification Instructions are also available on the 4HOnline website when you login. All Registered Beef Heifers, Goat, Starter Calf, Horse & Pony, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine animals are to be identified online again this year by May 15th.

Premises ID Number - Premises ID numbers are **REQUIRED** on all livestock identification forms. If you do not have a Premises ID number, please obtain one prior to May 5th. The Board of Animal Health handles the processing of these numbers. You can contact BOAH at 317-544-2381 to obtain this number or complete registration online at www.in.gov/boah/2700.htm. You **MUST** have a Premises ID number when you identify your animals online at www.in.4honline.com to be complete, and to be eligible to show your animals.

Scrapie Tags - Goat and sheep owners are required by law to identify their animals with the state issued ID tags or RFID tags before any animals may be sold off their property or transported to any sales, shows, or exhibitions. **Those animals required to have scrapie tags or RFID tags are breeding stock and wethers older than 18 months.**

Scrapie tags are not available from the Extension Office. If you purchased your animals without the tags, contact the buyer of the animals for the tags or Flock ID number. Sale barns are required to have these tags on the animals they sell. If animals were born on your farm, call BOAH at 1-317-697-9478 to get a Flock ID number or scrapies tags and tagger. <http://in.gov/boah/2669.htm>

Sheep

All market animals—wethers and ewes—as well as yearling ewes you plan to exhibit at the State Fair are to be brought for weighing and tagging. You will have to make the decision at this time whether the ewe is breeding or market. All animals must be identified online by May 15th in 4HOnline at <https://in.4honline.com>

Required ID for State Fair:

Market lambs	5 digit county tag and retinal image
Commercial ewes	5 digit county tag or farm/flock tag and retinal image
Registered ewes	Tag from registration paper and retinal image

Goats

Meat wethers, meat does (Boer), and dairy wethers are to be brought for identification and tagging. Tattooing will not be done at identification day. This is the members' responsibility. All animals must be identified online by May 15th in 4HOnline at <https://in.4honline.com>

Required ID for State Fair:

Meat goat wethers	5 digit county tag or tattoo and retinal image
Market goat does	5 digit county tag or tattoo
Boer goat females	Tattoo
Dairy goat females	Tattoo
Dairy goat wethers	5 digit county tag or tattoo
Pgymy goats	Tattoo or microchip or digit county tag or scrapie tag

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If your animals have sore mouth or other diseases, please notify the Extension Office and bring them during the latter part of ID day.

Beef & Dairy Starter Calves

All beef and dairy starter calves are to be brought for ear tagging. All calves will be tagged on the trailer. **All starter calves must be dehorned and castrated. Please have all starter calves on a halter. All starter calves must be off the cow (do NOT bring the cow with you).** If they are not, the animals will be sent home and cannot be exhibited.

All animals must be identified online by May 15th in 4HOnline at <https://in.4honline.com> We will provide you an information card at the ID day that will include all the information you will need to complete the Identification of your beef or dairy cattle on the 4-H Online Animal ID system.

Retinal Scanning

Only those goats and lambs to be exhibited at the State Fair will be retinal scanned. **Retinal Scanning will not be completed during ID day on May 5th. Please contact Julia at the Extension Office to let her know if you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. She will work with the Superintendents to schedule a day for your animals to be scanned.**

YQCA Training

Quality Assurance programs are a great way to ensure our youth producers are creating a product we can be proud to consume. In the past, we have used the Pork Quality Assurance Program (PQA), but that program phased out at the end of 2017. Starting in 2018, Indiana youth wishing to exhibit an animal at a county or state fair need to complete a YQCA Certification. YQCA is a national multi-specie Quality Assurance Program.

The two dates the YQCA training will be offered at the Knox High School Cafeteria are Tuesday, April 24th and Thursday, May 3rd. Both trainings will begin at 6:30 p.m. A letter was mailed to all 4-H livestock members on March 23rd describing the YQCA program, when to complete the program by, how to complete the program, and how to sign up for the trainings. The letter is available on our website at extension.purdue.edu/starke. 4-H members in Starke County **need to complete the training by the 2018 Starke County 4-H Fair, the week of July 9, 2018.**

How do I complete the YQCA program and what does it cost?

- There are two ways to complete:
 - Online - \$12.00
 - In-person training - \$3.00
 - The cost of these trainings will need to be **paid online** (for an online training or an instructor led training) to the YQCA Company. The fee covers the cost of the training materials, which are updated each year and the maintenance of the database.
 - All Starke County 4-H members can complete the in-person training (\$3) for free. Coupons were donated from the State 4-H Office paid by the Indiana 4-H Foundation and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and donated by the Starke County 4-H Council.
 - Contact Julia at the Extension Office at 574-772-9141 or email jwickert@purdue.edu to receive your coupon code needed when registering for an in-person training. Each coupon code is unique.

If you have any questions about the livestock projects, contact the Extension Office at 772-9141; Sheep Superintendent—Wes Radtke at 574-896-0022; Goat Superintendents: Seth Johnson at 574-540-9838 or Michael Keiper at 574-904-9278. See you May 5th!

Contact our office at 772-9141 or email Julia at jwickert@purdue.edu if you have questions about animal enrollment or the YQCA program.

Sincerely,

Julia K. Miller,
Extension Educator,
CED/4-H Youth Development

Cc: Wes Radtke, Sheep Superintendent; Seth Johnson & Michael Keiper, Goat Superintendents
Andy Tilleraas & Jay Temple, Beef Superintendents

Enclosures: Goat, Sheep, and Beef (starter calf) Identification instructions

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