

Dear 4-H Families,

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As you may have read in an e-mail that was sent on April 15 through 4-H Online, due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and the important need to slow this spread, Purdue University and Purdue Extension announced the decision to extend the existing ban on face-to-face events through June 30, 2020. With these changes, 4-H must also adjust to best accommodate our 4-H families. Therefore, for this year only, all animals must be identified in 4-H Online (paper forms for rabbit, llama, and poultry) by **July 1**. For those animals that you wish to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, identification information must be uploaded into 4-H Online and DNA hair samples, if applicable, must be turned into the Extension office by **July 1**. With these adjustments, there are also adjustments to animal identification requirements. Please read the information below *carefully and thoroughly*.

#### **4-H Online Deadline**

The deadline for **all animal species** to be identified in 4-H Online (enrolled via paper forms for llama, poultry and rabbits) and be eligible for the 4-H shows at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair is now **July 1, 2020**. **All DNA samples for those swine, beef, sheep, and meat goats that you plan to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair will be due to the Extension office by July 1.** (Forms may be dropped in the locked drop box to the right of the Extension Office door).

#### **County Only 4-H Animals**

**For 2020 only**, county only animals shall be identified using **basic measures that meet the Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements**. Click [here](#) to see a chart for those Hamilton County 4-H requirements (2020 4-H Animal ID Requirements). **The deadline for entering this information into 4-H Online is July 1**. If your animal needs an RFID tag or a county tag in order to meet BOAH compliance requirements, please see the tag ordering procedures that are outlined below.

#### **Indiana State Fair Animals**

Those animals that you intend to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, **MUST still meet the required 2020 Indiana 4-H Animal Requirements**. Please see livestock ID website for [2020 4-H Animal ID Requirement](#). This also means the **information needs to be in the 4-H Online system by July 1 and DNA envelopes, if applicable, need to be turned into the Extension Office by that date as well**. Tag ordering and tagger checkout procedures are outlined below.

#### **2020 Tag/DNA Envelope Ordering Procedures**

1. Refer to the "2020 4-H Animal ID Requirements" chart to see what the requirements are for your animal(s) to be exhibited.
2. Fill out the Google Form to let us know exactly what tags/envelopes you need and how many. The link for placing your order is <https://bit.ly/tagrequestform>
3. Your tags/DNA hair sample envelope packet will be available for a drive by pick up at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 13 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. After this date tags and envelopes will be available for pickup by appointment if the Extension Office is still limiting access to public.

#### **Procedures for Checking Out Taggers**

a. You will be able to borrow taggers from the Extension Office. However, we have a *VERY* limited supply of taggers available. We ask that you click [here https://bit.ly/taggersignout](https://bit.ly/taggersignout) to sign out the taggers that are used to put in the 5-digit county sheep and goat tags and RFID swine and cattle tags (or you may use what you have at home) and/or Shearwell sheep and goat RFID tags (this tagger is specifically designed to put in these types of tags for sheep & goats).

b. Taggers will be available for checkout May 13-June 26. Taggers can be picked up after 3:00 p.m. the day you sign up to check them out. Taggers must be used the day you sign them out and be *sanitized* and returned by 2:00 p.m. the following day to ensure that the next family signed up can use them. You **MUST** return them by 2:00 p.m. the day after you sign them out as we have a limited supply. Families **MUST** work together.

c. It is also advised that you make sure you have all the tags you need before you sign out the taggers.

### Payment

a. There is no charge for 5-digit county tags or the sheep and goat RFID tags.

b. For swine, the first 4 tags/4-Her are free. Each additional RFID tag is \$3.00

c. If purchasing additional RFID tags for swine, please put payment in an envelope with the 4-H member's name on

it. There will be a box for you to drop your payment into when you pick up your tags.

d. We accept cash or checks (made out to: Hamilton County 4-H Council).

### Resources

The Indiana State 4-H Office has provided resources to help families properly tag and identify their animals in 4-H Online. See details below:

a. Click [here](#) to find a video for how to tag goats using the county tags.

b. Click [here](#) to find a video for how to tag sheep using the county tags.

c. The new Shearwell 840-RFID tagging handout can be found [here](#) for sheep and meat goats, and click [here](#) for a video tutorial with further instruction.

PLEASE NOTE: While the tags in the videos may actually be different tags than they will be using, the positioning of the tag and the application procedure is the same. **It does not matter which ear is tagged.**

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA):** To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H'ers must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals or for 2020 County Fair exhibitors only can use the Animal Ethics Modules. Either option needs to be complete by **July 1**. Click [here](#) for additional information.

**Animal Location Form:** 4-H members must turn in a 2020 Animal Location Form to the Extension Office by July 1. Click [here](#) to locate the online form.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. Please continue to check your e-mail and the Hamilton County 4-H Purdue Extension Facebook page for further updates as we learn more from Purdue and the Indiana State 4-H office. It is greatly appreciated. Stay safe!

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