2025 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag **and** Tattoo **and** DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag **and** animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) **and DNA Hair Sample**	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat			
Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Wethers	5-digit County Tag **or** Tattoo		
Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digitCounty Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo **and** DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats			
Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo **or** Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	40 total	May 15
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag **or** Official Scrapie Tattoo		
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep			
Market Lambs	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag **and** 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag **and** DNA Hair Sample		
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag **and** ID that matches registration Papers **and** DNA Hair Sample		
Swine	840-RFID Tag **and** Ear Notch **and** DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

The ID Day Process

1. Complete Worksheet
2. Apply yellow 5-digit county tag.
3. If your animal already has an 840 RFID in it's ear, don't remove it. Record the 15-digit number on your form.

If your animal does not have an 840 RFID tag, beef committee will apply one. Complete 15-digit number MUST BE recorded accurately on worksheet.

Any Chance You want to show at State Fair?

Showing only at Porter County Fair

Submit a DNA hair sample in official collection envelope.

Enter all information from worksheet into 4HOnline by our county target date of March 10th!

Indiana 4-H Beef ID Worksheet

Not an official state 4-H animal enrollment form

4-H Member's Name_____County_____Premises ID # _____

All beef cattle must be identified in the Indiana 4-H Online Animal ID system by **May 1**5th .The online animal ID website is located at: **https://v2.4honline.com/**. For specific county ID deadlines, please contact your County 4-H Educator. For Indiana State Fair eligibility, **all beef and dairy beef steers, dairy feeder steers, market heifers and commercial heifers must have an 840-RFID tag and a county tag** and registered heifers must have an **840-RFID tag and a tattoo**; also, **all beef/dairy beef cattle must have a DNA hair sample turned into the county office by May 15th.** Please contact your County Extension Office for a collection envelope. For specific ID information related to county fair only animals, please contact your County 4-H Educator.

840-RFID Tag # (steers, comm heifers, reg heifers)															**Tattoo** (reg heifers)	**5-digit County Tag #** (steers, comm heifers)					**Breed**	**Gender**	**Birthdate** (reg heifers)	**Date Weighed**	
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Animal Identification

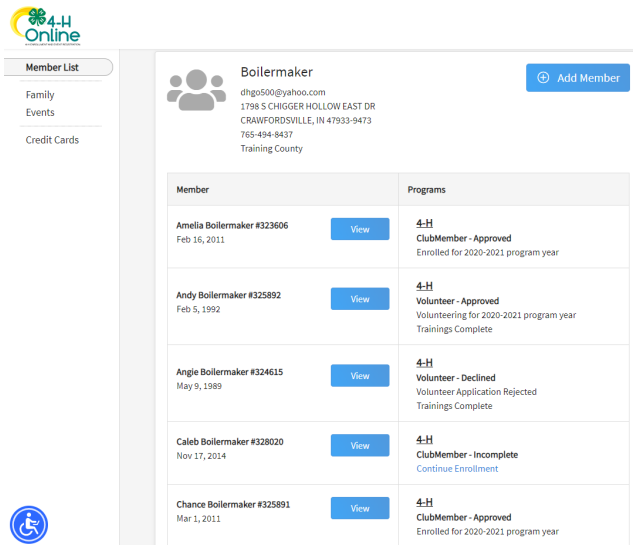
4-H members (Grades 3 – 12) must identify all Beef and Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep and Swine in the 4-H Online system by the species deadline or earlier county deadline if applicable to be eligible for exhibition.

- Beef and Dairy Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, and Swine must be entered into 4-H Online no later than May 15, 2025.

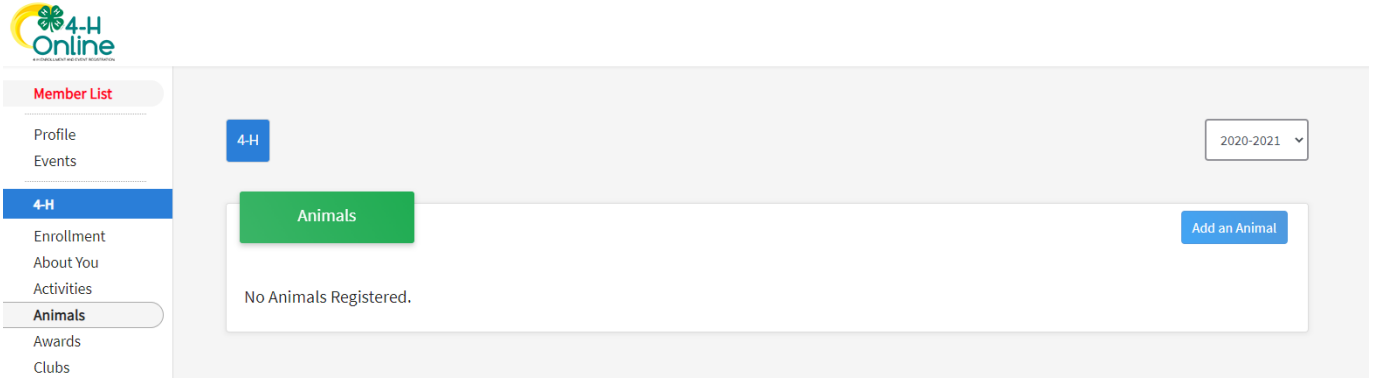
Animal Identification in 4-H Online

Please complete the following steps to identify your livestock in the 4-H Online system.

1. Login to your family profile at: https://v2.4honline.com using your family email address and password associated with your 4-H enrollment record.
    a. If you have forgotten your password, please use the 'Reset password' option on the 4-H Online login page, and you will be sent a new temporary password.
    b. If you have forgotten your family email address or turned in a paper 4-H enrollment form, please contact your local Purdue Extension Office for assistance.
2. Click View next to the Member's record for whom you would like to add an animal

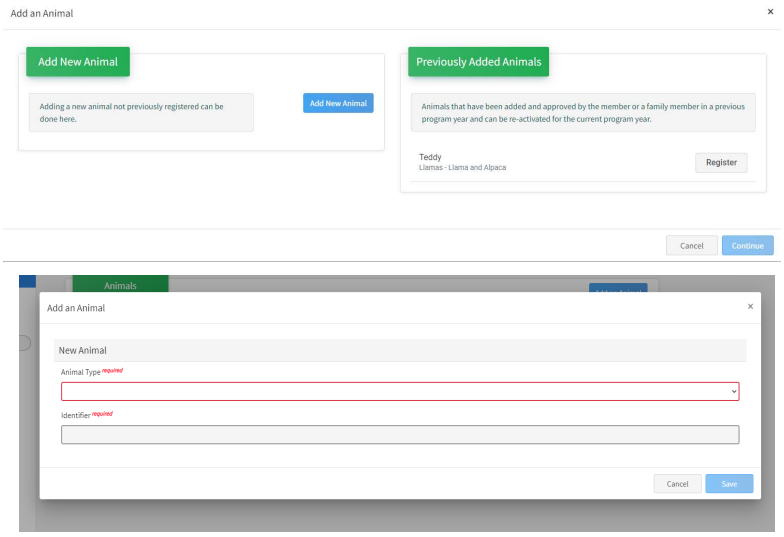


3. Click Animals in the navigation pane.
4. Click the blue "Add an Animal" button. (even if you have previous year animals that can be registered again, click "Add an Animal")



Animal Identification

5. Click on "Add New Animal" to start adding a new animal **or** if you have animals that carry over from the previous year you **"Register"** those. Animals that can be registered from previous years **must be REGISTERED** every year by completing this step. You cannot select a previous year and assume they are there. Animals that carry over are Dairy Cattle Females, Horse&Pony, Llama&Alpaca, Dairy Goat Females, and Pygmy Goats (move onto step 9 if registering previous animal).
6. Select the appropriate animal type from the drop-down menu.
7. Enter the required Tag, Tattoo, or Animal Name as directed for the first step that will then allow you to proceed to the remaining identification process. (see Key)
8. Click Save.



Key

Animal Type	Required Identifier	What do I put in this field?
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Commercial and Market Heifers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Cow-Calf Pair	Tag	Calf's tag
Beef Feeder Calves	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Beef Registered Heifers	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Feeder Steers	Tag	5-digit County Tag
Dairy Cattle Females	Animal Name	Animal's name
Dairy Goat Females	Tattoo	Tattoo
Dairy Goat Wethers	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Meat Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo or NA (if not applicable)
Pygmy Goats	Tattoo	Tattoo, Microchip, or Scrapie ID
Horse and Pony	Animal Name	Animal's name
Llama and Alpaca	Animal Name	Animal's name
Sheep	Tag	5-digit County Tag or Scrapie ID (commercial ewes) or registration number(breeding ewes)
Swine Barrows	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)
Swine Gilts	Tattoo	Earnotch (Pig's Right Ear-Pig's Left Ear)

9. Read the on-screen instructions for Animal ID requirements for County Fair and Indiana State Fair Exhibition.
10. Click on the button "Show Questions" after reading the instructions.
11. Required fields are indicated, but be sure to complete all other visible fields as applicable.
12. Click next once completed. If animals have been carried over, the ID information will already be there.
13. Upload any files if required or necessary for the particular Animal type. For animals that are carried over, new photos and files must be uploaded each year.
14. Click next once completed.
15. Review the entered information. Use the Back button at the bottom of the page to return to the previous screen to make corrections if needed.
16. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.
17. The animal information will display on the screen with the status, created, modified, and submitted date and time stamp (local time). You will also receive a confirmation email upon submission.
18. To add more animals for the same member repeat steps 3-17. To add animals for another member return to the Member List and View another member.

Note Members are able to edit Animal ID information until the species specific Animal ID deadline of **May 15, 2025**. Click on the Animals tab from your account at any time to view the status for all of the animals for a member in the family.

Family Enrollment of Animals

Animals are automatically co-enrolled within the same family (Siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be identified under a single 4-H member in 4-H Online and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. **With this capability in 4-H Online, animals do not need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family.** The exhibit management program will allow a member to select to exhibit any animal identified by the family in 4-H Online. It is suggested that at least 1 animal be identified by each member enrolled in the project.