



**ANIMAL  
IDENTIFICATION  
DUE MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>. READ  
THIS MAILING  
COMPLETELY AND  
CAREFULLY!**

April 20, 2026

#### **4-H ONLINE ANIMAL ID REQUIREMENT**

*Species Included in online animal ID: Beef (Including Dairy Feeder Steers), Dairy Cattle, Goat, Horse (Including Draft & Miniature), Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine.*

*Species submitting paperwork: Cats, Dogs, and Pigeons..*

*Poultry: **NO** online animal ID or paperwork required for May 15. Continue to read for other important information.*

Step-by-step instructions for 4HOnline Animal ID are available for download at [2026 Animal ID](#). **It is the responsibility of the 4-H families to enter the required information into the online system.**

#### **ANIMAL ID DAYS – Dairy Feeder Steer, Goat, Sheep**

For those who participate in an ID Day (members of Dairy Feeder Steer, Goat, & Sheep), you will find enclosed a copy of the Indiana 4-H Livestock ID Worksheet - please complete the top of the worksheet and bring it with you. Your project volunteers will record the information gathered at ID day so that you can take the information home with you and enter the information into 4HOnline.

- Goat ID Day: Fri., May 8th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Sheep/Goat Barn
- Dairy Feeder Steer ID Day: Sat., May 2nd, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Cattle Barn
- Sheep ID Day: Sat., May 2nd, 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Sheep/Goat Barn

#### **DEADLINE!**

**All paperwork and/or 4-HOnline Animal ID MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 15<sup>th</sup>.** (Dairy Feeder Steers, Goats, and Sheep will need to be present at ID Day as indicated in the enclosed project info, and will have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to enter the information into 4-H Online.)

*These deadlines will be strictly enforced with a zero-tolerance policy for lateness. NO LATE IDs will be accepted. Missing the deadline will result in not showing at the county or state fair. Absolutely no exceptions! 4HOnline Animal ID is the responsibility of the 4-Her and his or her parent/guardian. If you need assistance, you can stop by the Extension Office and use one of our computers. (M-F, 8:30-4:30. Please call ahead. 465-3555)*

#### **Specific Information for Your Animal/Livestock Project**

Be sure to read the enclosure entitled “Animal Project Information” for specific details about your project(s).

#### **Educational Requirement: Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat and dairy goats, poultry, and/or rabbits**, Indiana 4-H members must be certified through Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care [Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care](#) **OR** the YQCA Program <https://yqcaprogram.org/login/index.php>.

#### **Read the Handbook**

Be sure to read and understand the “Livestock General Terms and Conditions” and your project rules in this year’s edition of the Porter County 4-H Handbook. Download the [2026 Handbook](#). Please be sure to review the Handbook, paying close attention to your project pages and the opening sections. ***It is the responsibility of the 4-H member and his/her family to obtain, read, and understand their 4-H resources.***

### Animal Health

Animal health is a very important part of your work with livestock. You are encouraged to have a positive veterinarian/client/patient relationship with your veterinarian. For more information on animal health, contact your veterinarian or visit the State Board of Animal Health website at: <http://www.in.gov/boah>.

### Animal and Premises Identification: Requirements of the State of Indiana

Premises Identification: Indiana state law requires that anyone who owns property where livestock is kept to register the premises with the Indiana Board of Animal Health. Any questions on premises identification should be directed to the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2400 (learn more at: [www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm](http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm)).

Animal Identification: 4-H animals must be properly identified according to Indiana 4-H Animal Identification requirements, as well as complying with official Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) methods that protect the livestock industry as a whole. The ID requirements play into the larger system of Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) that goes hand-in-hand with Premises Identification (PremID). Learn more about ADT and PremID at [www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm](http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm).

### Indiana State Fair Info

If you are taking animals to the Indiana State Fair, you need to complete entry with the State Fair in addition to the 4HOnline Animal ID process. Info (including deadlines) and online entry will be available at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair>. Be sure to use the same email address for 4HOnline and the State Fair entry system. The email address links 4HOnline info with the state fair's system.

### June Animal Project Responsibilities

In addition to the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, all animal project members will be mailed more information in early June related to the online FairEntry process. The FairEntry process tells us exactly which animal(s) you are bringing to the fair so the data is available to livestock show management and the Celebration Sale committee. **If your animals are not entered into FairEntry in June, THEY WILL NOT BE EXHIBITED AT THE FAIR.** The FairEntry system will open for entries in June.

If you have any questions, please contact your livestock project superintendent or the Extension Office. I can be reached by email at [myersjn@purdue.edu](mailto:myersjn@purdue.edu) or by phone at 219-465-3555.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Animal Project Superintendents

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

If you miss the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, **YOU WILL NOT SHOW YOUR ANIMAL(S) AT THE COUNTY OR STATE FAIR!** Period. End of story. (As per the "Livestock General Terms and Conditions" in the handbook.)