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Welcome Letter

Welcome to Elkhart County 4-H! You have made a great choice to join the premier youth organization in the nation. 4-H has been around for over 100 years and has given countless youth life skills to prepare them for a great future. The door has now been open for you to participate in many different opportunities.

There are several things that you will need to know being in the animal science side of our program. But don't worry we are here to help you along the way and encourage you to ask questions along your 4-H journey. In this livestock update you will find many of the items you will need to know about being in a livestock club, from the Youth for Quality Care of Animals program, Animal ID information and other animal science events during the year.
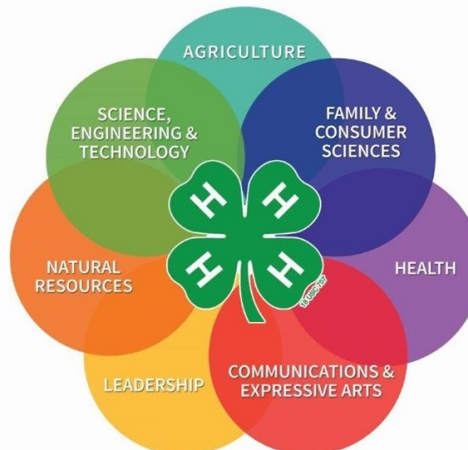
Above all, it is important for you to attend club meetings, be active and read communications from the Purdue Extension Office. You will note that most of our communication is done via email and our website (you will see the link on the left hand side of this page, along with our social media). Please pay attention to deadlines for programs. Feel free to reach out to our amazing volunteers or our Extension office staff along the way.

All the best,

Robert Kelly

4-H Animal Records

Did you know that you should be keeping records on your animal projects? This is one of the many important pieces when it comes to raising animals. All 4-H members who have a livestock project will need to fill out a record sheet. Records help you keep track of your expenses and income from your project, health of your animal and what skills you have learned.

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4-H Livestock Club Contacts

Below you will find a list of 4-H Livestock Club leaders.
Be sure to reach out to them for information and their assistance.

Club Name	Organizational Leader	Phone	Email
4-H Beef Club	Mark Slabaugh	260-350-4506	mark.slabaugh@weaveragandlawn.com
Dairy Feeder Calf	Ken Metzler	574-533-0726	kdmetzler57@gmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Club	Stephanie Kronk	574-312-8674	strenshaw08@gmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club	Jane Hathaway	574-320-1156	cash701@yahoo.com
	Kelly Ropp	574-903-5346	kelly.ropp@kulzer-dental.com
Elkhart County 4-H Saddle Club	Misty Glandon	574-238-5215	mistyglandon@gmail.com
Elkhart County 4-H Swine Club	Don & Jill Lehman	574-596-9251	djlehman@embarqmail.com
Goat Club	Dawn Birr	574-596-9467	dawn@fairlandfarm.com
	Tim Clark	574-202-3690	tkclark@bnin.net
Guernsey Club	Carla Weaver	574-238-4996	weaver482@gmail.com
	Lonnie Weaver	574-361-8533	yllwcrk@frontier.com
Jersey Club	Jo Ward-Selman	574-238-4067	jwardselman@gmail.com
Poultry Club	Valerie Jacobs	574-354-0612	poultryleader@gmail.com
Rabbit Club	Lisa Wolf	574-518-2325	mom2kalibug@comcast.net
	Stacy Burden	574-202-3513	sburden@fairhavenobgyn.org

Animal Information

What is a Premise ID?

If you are planning to show livestock (excluding rabbits, cats, dogs, and horses), it is important that you obtain a premise ID number from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). A Premise ID is a unique number assigned to the place where your animals are kept. This is part of the national animal traceability program, and allows for tracking and movement of animals. This is important for animal health and safety. You will have to have this information with you when you ID your animal for the 4-H program. Premise ID numbers are free, and easy to get. You can obtain yours by visiting B O A H ' s w e b s i t e a t www.in.gov/boah or by calling 877-747-3038

What is 4HOnline?

4HOnline is our web-based data management system. This is where you sign up information, projects and Animal ID information. This allows the Purdue Extension office and 4-H Club leaders to generate reports and other items that they need to inform you of events, and project information. You as a 4-H family can read our newsletters, update your contact information and sign up for events using the 4HOnline system. It is important if you move, or change a phone number or email address that you update that information in your family profile. To access this website go to https://in.4Honline.com

What is FairEntry?

F a i r E n t r y i s o u r d a t a management system for items related to the fair. This system is where classes are selected, auction information is generated, and show programs are managed. All 4-H Livestock members will need to log into this system using their 4HOnline profile to place their animals into their proper classes, sign up for showmanship and other club events. It is important that you complete this information when you receive the instructions at the end of May.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA is a great learning program that all 4-H members that are involved in: Beef, Dairy Feeder, Dairy, Lamb, Swine, Goat, Poultry and Rabbit projects need to complete each year. This program will allow the youth to learn more about:

*Their role in food animal production   *Food Safety
*Animal Care   *How to use the life skills members learn from their projects.

This program is nationally recognized and has the support of many of the national breed and commodity organizations. There are two ways that a 4-H member can complete this requirement, via online or an instructor led session. Both sessions do require you to be signed up on: http://yqca.org
Please be sure to use your 4HOnline log in information to sign up to insure your information gets into our database. The online version is $12.00 and the instructor led version is $3.00 and is paid during online registration.

The requirement will need to be completed by **May 15, 2020** in order to be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.

Session Dates & Times:

Thursday, 2/13 6:30 p.m. - Fair Board Rm.   Saturday, 3/7, 9:00 a.m.. - ECCC - Martin Rm.
Monday, 3/16, 6:30 p.m. - ECCC- Martin Rm.   Monday, 4/27, 6:30 p.m. - Fair Board Rm.
Thursday, 5/7, 6:30 p.m. - Fair Board Rm.

Animal Identification

Identification is an important part of your animal project. This will assist in making sure that you keep good records, and know which animal is which. Below is the identification methods that are used by the 4-H program. This is the information that you will need to enter into the 4HOnline system, please check the club deadlines on the next page and verify with your club leaders if you have questions.

Species	County Required Animal Information	Additional State Required Animal Information
Beef & Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID tag & 5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample
Commercial & Market Heifers	840-RFID tag & 5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample
Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag & tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Market Lambs	5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Commercial Ewes	5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag
Registered Ewes	ID that matches registration papers	DNA Hair Sample & 840-RFID tag
Swine	840-RFID tag & ear notch	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Cattle Females	840-RFID tag & animal's registered name & registration number	
Meat Goat Wethers	5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Market Goat Does	5-digit county tag	DNA Hair Sample & 840 RFID Tag
Boer Goat Females (Registered)	Breed Registry Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Goat Females	Breed Registry Tattoo	DNA Hair Sample
Dairy Goat Wethers	5-Digit county tag or tattoo	
Pygmy Goats (Registered)	Breed Registry Tattoo or microchip that matches registration papers	
Pygmy Goats (Unregistered)	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	
Horse and Pony	Color picture	
Llama and Alpaca	Color picture	
Rabbit	Tattoo, breed & sex	

Club Specific Information

Each species of livestock may have different requirements for ID's and other information. Under each one you will find the dates for each. Please check with the volunteers of your 4-H clubs to make sure that you have the most current information.

Beef - 2019 - 2020
12/14 - Tagging Day 9am @ Shipshewana Sale Barn
2/22 - Tagging Day 9am @ Shipshewana Sale Barn
4/01 - Steer/ Market Heifer ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - Registered Heifer ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dairy, Guernsey and Jersey - 2020
5/15 - Lease papers due to Purdue Extension Office
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Dairy Feeder Calf - 2020
5/02 - Tagging Day
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Goat 2020
4/25 & 5/02 - Tagging/Tattoo Day
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Lamb 2020
5/07, 5/09, 5/12 - Tagging Day
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Poultry - 2019 & 2020
Dec. 2019 - Deadline to order through club,
(All commercial poultry must be ordered from the club)
1/13 - Deadline to order geese
3/09 - Deadline to order ducks
4/01 - Ownership deadline for exhibition birds
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/03 - FairEntry deadline
7/11 - Exhibition bird banding
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline
7/18 - Commercial banding except turkeys
7/23 - Poultry check in 9am - 9pm & turkey weigh-in

Rabbit - 2020
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Saddle - 2020
5/15 - Must have horse vaccinations completed
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - Lease papers due to Purdue Extension Office
5/26 - FairEntry opens
7/08 - FairEntry completion deadline

Swine - 2020
5/02 - Tagging & Vaccination Day
5/15 - Animal ID completed in 4HOnline
5/15 - YQCA completion deadline
5/16 - 2nd Vaccination Booster
5/26 - FairEntry opens
6/11 - FairEntry completion deadline

State Fair Information

The Indiana State Fair is a great way to showcase 4-H livestock projects from around the state. Many families have a tradition of going down every year to show and make new friends. The State Fair may have some different rules and animal ID requirements than we do in Elkhart County. Note that animals and or products sold in place of that animal are not eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair that same year. Most of their livestock deadlines are June 1, and more information can be found on their website at: www.indianastatefair.com

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Animal Science Programing

Dairy Foods Team

Do you have an interest in learning more about food science, dairy products, or tasting food? Then the dairy foods team is for you. This program is open to any 4-H member in 3rd - 12th grade, and you don't have to be in a livestock club to join! Participants learn more about dairy products, cheese, milk quality, and marketing. All of our practices are hands on and interactive. The team will start their practices in August 2020. Be on the look out for more information.

Jr. Livestock Advisory Board Building Teen Leaders

This program is open to all 9th - 12th grade 4-H members who are nominated and selected on their leadership capacity, and willingness to learn more about animal science. Members also need to be enrolled in a livestock club. This group focuses on building leadership skills, developing presentations to engage younger 4-H members at countywide events.

Animal Science Day Camp

This program is geared towards any 3rd - 6th grade youth. You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate in this hands on experience. This one day workshop will offer you an up close and personal view of animal parts, hands on science and learning more about animal body systems. The Animal Science day camp will be held in June 2020.

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4-H Academy @ Purdue

Geared towards 9th - 12th grade 4-H members, this program at Purdue University is your chance to learn first hand from campus professors, graduate students and staff in a hands on atmosphere! 4-H Academy has workshops based on: Animal Science, Aviation, Engineering, Computers, Health Careers, Nutrition and much more. 4-H members will get to network with over 400 other youth from across the state and have a 3-day experience on a Big Ten Campus! This year 4-H Academy will take place in June. Registration forms are due to the Extension Office on May 1, 2020.

Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy

The Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy is for youth who have an interest in the dairy industry and are going to be in grades 10th - 12th in the 2020 school year. This is a year long program where youth gain hands on knowledge of the dairy industry, dive into their leadership journey and network with industry professionals. Youth will participate in the National Dairy Conference, leadership weekends, an international dairy experience, and an Indiana dairy tour. Information on this program will be released during the spring and applications will be taken until August 2020 for the 2020-2021 class.

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