

2026 4-H-ENTRY BOOK

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Note: Copies of the 4-H Animal Affidavit and State Fair Grievance/Appeal Form can be found at the back of this book.

Exhibitor Information



Animal ID Deadline: May 15, 2026

Entry Opens: May 18, 2026

Entry Deadline: July 1, 2026

(Late Entries accepted in most departments. See individual department for more information.)

State Fair Online Entries: <https://entry.indianastatefair.com/>

Animal ID: <https://v2.4honline.com>

2026 Animal ID Requirements:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/animal-identification/animal-id-requirements.pdf>

Exhibitor Admission & Parking Passes

Complementary Exhibitor Credentials

All Exhibitors will receive 2 complimentary Exhibitor Credentials good for admission for each week an entry is made, not by species:

Market	Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9
Breeding	Tuesday, August 11 - Sunday, August 16
Open	Tuesday, August 18 - Sunday, August 23

Individual Week Credentials for Purchase

Provides admission to the Indiana State Fair. A **\$18.00** admission will be charged for each person, each time, each day without a badge. Badges may be purchased and used by parents. Credentials are valid for admission for each week an entry is made:

Market (\$45)	Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9
Breeding (\$55)	Tuesday, August 11 - Sunday, August 16
Open (\$55)	Tuesday, August 18 - Sunday, August 23

Full Fair Exhibitor Credential:

Everyday (\$100) Friday August 7 - Sunday August 23

Exhibitor Single Day Ticket - **\$13.00**

Provides admission to the Indiana State Fair.

Vehicle Parking Pass - **\$30.00**

Valid for the Exhibitor Parking Lot (South of 38th St.) or overflow lot(s) as directed by State Fair Management. Enter and exit parking, without being charged for each entry.

Trailer Parking

Complimentary trailer parking is available at the 46th St. Parking Lot – 1209 E 46th St Indianapolis, IN 46205.

The trailer parking lot is monitored by off-duty law enforcement 24/7. Shuttles run from the trailer parking lot to the Livestock barns 24/7. The official release will be required to remove the trailer from the lot (see specific department for release times).

Campgrounds

The Indiana State Fairgrounds operates a campground with spots available on a first-come, first served basis at:

1209 E. 45th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Reservations for 2026 will open on May 18, 2026 at 9am. Spots fill very quickly!

Please visit: <https://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/camping-information/> for additional information and to reserve your spot.

All exhibitors should be familiar with and must abide by the terms and conditions of the Indiana State Fair. Failure to do so may result in loss of the privilege to exhibit at the State Fair and/or ejection from the Fairgrounds.

Definitions

As used in these Terms & Conditions, the following Definitions apply:

- A. "Animal Wellness and Care Plan" shall mean a document in place to provide a statement of intent and standards by which the Indiana State Fair will operate to ensure the care, safety, and well-being of all animals involved with the Indiana State Fair. Indiana State Fair agrees to adhere to the best animal care practices, ensure all animals are under the care of an official veterinarian and that all animals are in accordance with the Indiana Board of Animal Health rules and regulations.
- B. The "Board" shall mean the Indiana State Fair Board.
- C. "Department" means any of the following 4-H event divisions:
 - a. Horse & Pony
 - b. Llama and Alpaca
 - c. Beef Cattle
 - d. Dairy Cattle
 - e. Swine
 - f. Sheep
 - g. Dairy Goats
 - h. Poultry
 - i. Rabbit
 - j. Dog
 - k. Cats
 - l. Pygmy Goat
 - m. Meat Type Goat
- D. "Premium" shall mean an award of any kind, including cash, plaques, ribbons, trophies and other such articles awarded to or received by exhibitors as prizes for accomplishments in the Show.
- E. "Rules" shall mean these General Terms & Conditions and any applicable Special Terms & Conditions for each species.
- F. "Show" shall mean the Indiana State Fair and the events and activities that it sponsors.
- G. "Show Management" means an adult individual duly appointed by to serve as the overall show managers including, but not limited to, the Executive Director or designee, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, Indiana State Fair Commission, Livestock Director, Livestock Manager, Department Superintendents and State Fair Veterinarians.
- H. "4-H Show Manager" means an adult individual appointed by the Purdue Cooperative Extension 4-H Animal Science Specialist to organize and supervise animal identification, judging and activities in the Indiana 4-H Livestock shows at the Indiana State Fair.

General Principles

1. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, 4-H Exhibitors agree to all Terms & Conditions.
 - a. Exhibitors entered under one account are also responsible and held accountable to all Terms and Conditions.
2. The Indiana State Fair is fully committed to ensuring integrity in all 4-H Competitions. As such, there is **No Tolerance** for any violation of Terms & Conditions; intent is not relevant (i.e., strict liability) and any determined violations including testing results are final and binding. 4-H Exhibitors should expect that any animal exhibit may be tested at any time while on the Fairgrounds or at harvest.
3. The Indiana State Fair is fully committed to carrying out the Animal Wellness & Care Plan and ensuring the proper treatment of all animal exhibits. Therefore, sick animals shall not be exhibited because of the risk to the animal exhibit, other animal exhibits, the 4-H Exhibitor, other 4-H Exhibitors, other persons, and the integrity of 4-H Competitions. Based on Animal Wellness & Care Plan, Show Management may prohibit an animal exhibit from showing at their sole discretion.

Eligibility to Enter

4. To be eligible to participate in a 4-H Livestock show at the Indiana State Fair an exhibitor must:
 - a. Be enrolled in and a member in good standing of the 4-H Project in which they are entering.
 - b. Submit DNA for the animal being shown by May 15, 2026 to the County Extension Office. This is required for Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy Females, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goats.
 - c. Have satisfactorily fulfilled county 4-H requirements.

Animal Ownership, Possession and Exhibition

5. Each exhibitor shall own his/her own 4-H Exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county and state ID deadlines and continuously until after the 4-H show at the County and/or State Fair.
 - a. For 4-H breeding animals, family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or legal guardians are acceptable.
 - b. For 4-H dairy cattle, family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
 - c. Dairy heifers, horses, ponies, alpacas and llamas may be leased subject to approval of both the county 4-H dairy, horse and pony, or llama committee and the respective County Extension Educator. 4-H animals (horse and pony, dairy, alpacas and llamas are only eligible to be leased by a single 4-H member in a 4-H program year.
 - d. 4-H animals are expected to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them (unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by the County 4-H Extension Educator) from the animal ID deadline until the conclusion of the County and/or State Fair.

- e. 4-H market animals and commercial animals must be individually identified and verified under the supervision of the county 4-H program at county identification events by May 15th. These species include market lambs and commercial ewes, dairy wethers, dairy feeder steers, dairy beef steers, beef steers, market and commercial heifers, meat goat wethers, and market wether dams.
- f. 4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal, is considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction."
- g. 4-H animals exhibited after the May 15 State 4-H animal ID deadline at any show by anyone other than the individual whose 4-H enrollment record is connected to the ID of the animal in Indiana 4-H Online will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. 4-H animals that are selected by 4-H Extension Staff or 4-H Adult Volunteers for use in supreme showmanship contests (Master Showmanship, Round Robin, etc.) may be used in those county events without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without state ID deadlines, the person who enters them in the Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the owner of the animals.
- h. 4-H breeding beef, boer goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine must be registered in one of the following ownership methods:
 - i. in the 4-H members' name
 - ii. John Smith and Sons
 - iii. John Smith, Sons and Daughters
 - iv. John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only)
 - v. Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister)
 - vi. Family corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date
 - vii. Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be on file with the Extension Office before the ID deadline. A single animal can only be included in one 4-H Online family profile.
- i. 4-H breeding beef, boer goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine will NOT be accepted in the State Fair 4-H Show if they are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)", "Long Oak and William Smith (4-H Member)", etc.).
- j. For 4-H dairy cattle, partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are acceptable (i.e. John Doe and William Smith (4-H member) or Long Oak and William Smith). Dairy cows and heifers, owned in a partnership, may not be exhibited by more than one person from May 15 until the conclusion of the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. This person must be the exhibitor of the animal in the current State Fair 4-H Dairy Show, or the animal will be ineligible for this show. 4-H dairy cattle will not be accepted in 4-H classes at the State Fair if they are registered in the father's name only or in a farm name, such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", etc., unless the 4-H member has a certified lease agreement for this animal.
- k. The Dairy lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy cows and/or heifers. Only dairy heifers that will be less than two years-of-age at the time of the Indiana State Fair 4-H dairy show, may be leased. Leasing a dairy heifer will be considered the equivalent of ownership. The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the heifer, regardless of where the heifer is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15 until the 4-H dairy show at the Indiana State Fair. Leased 4-H dairy heifers must be registered (although it is not necessary to have the registration paper transferred to the 4-H member's name) by May 15 and be properly identified in Indiana 4-H Online.

Care Of Animal Exhibits

6. 4-H Exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of animal exhibits at the Indiana State Fair.
7. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their own animals entered at the Indiana State Fair. An exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Indiana State Fair, provided that the assistance shall be limited to explanation or demonstration and that the exhibitor is involved in the preparation. 4-H Exhibitors will be held accountable for all individuals contributing to animal project including but not limited to parents, siblings and animal fitters or groomers.
8. Ownership of the animal exhibits passes from the 4-H Exhibitors or their families to the Indiana State Fair Commission when the Indiana State Fair Commission takes possession of the animal exhibits for harvesting.

Code of Ethics

9. In order to protect the integrity of the Indiana State Fair 4-H Competitions and the food supply, the Indiana State Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal(s) they have reasonable cause to believe have been fitted in an unethical manner.
 - a. By submitting an Indiana State Fair Entry Form or online entry, 4-H Exhibitors represent that the exhibitors' animal(s) natural conformation and structure have not been altered in any way. This alteration is also known as "unethical fitting" and includes but is not limited to injection of air, gas, or other foreign substances, cutting/tearing of the hide, or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the physical appearance or shape of the animal, numbing an animal's tail, cutting tendons of an animal, using foreign substances to build or cosmetically re-shape feet.
 - b. Any animal found to have surgical alterations other than dehorning, castration, or docking as permitted by the species-specific rules may be disqualified. Unethical fitting also includes attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which includes stomach pumping or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited for all species.
 - c. No injection sites (including sites from acupuncture treatments) may be found in marketable areas such as top, rounds, loin, hips, etc.
 - d. The administration of any drug prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law or any drug used in a manner prohibited by Federal, State, or Local law is prohibited.
 - e. In such cases where unethical fitting appears to have been attempted, the Indiana State Fair may appoint a veterinarian to inspect the entry. The Indiana State Fair will follow a course of action based on the findings and conclusions of the examining veterinarian. Any 4-H Exhibitor that is disqualified for any rules or code of ethics violations will forfeit all premiums

Drug & Alterations Testing/Examination Principles

10. The Indiana State Fair 4-H Animal Testing Program protects the integrity of the Indiana State Fair, 4-H Competitions and the food supply. At no time shall animal exhibits have any substance present, alteration or tissue anomalies that:
 - a. Violates standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
 - b. Violates standards established by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Should testing results reveal non label compound use, consideration may be given if credible veterinary disclosure or testimony is provided, accompanied by credible documentation citing appropriate exercise of the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act of 1994 (AMDUCA) within an existing Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) at the time of treatment is provided in a timely manner when requested by State Fair officials before, not after an Appeal Process as outlined in General Terms & Conditions 34-48 has been initiated and is recorded and present on the exhibit's Animal Affidavit.
 - c. Is determined by the Purdue University Meat Lab Manager or State or Federal Meat Inspectors to be unacceptable for human consumption either during or post-harvest.
 - d. Provides any potential performance enhancing quality or any potential showing advantage including but not limited to tampering, altering, or misrepresenting any exhibit; coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics; pumping air or other substances to alter conformation; methods to induce artificial fill; performing surgical and/or non-surgical procedures to alter the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body; and unethical fitting. The following generally accepted management practices are allowed: hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, and docking of tails.

Treatment of Acute Injury Policy for 4-H Animal Exhibits at the 2026 ISF.

11. In the event that an animal suffers an acute injury, it is permissible for the animal to be treated with FDA approved medications. An ISF veterinarian must administer all treatments. The determination of the time of injury and its impact on the animal is solely based on the evaluation and diagnosis of the attending ISF veterinarian. For market animals, all withdrawal times must be completed prior to the start of the show. Failure to meet this withdrawal time requirement shall disqualify an animal from exhibition. Non-market animals are exempt from withdrawal times being completed by the time of show.
12. The use by non-veterinarians (exhibitor or otherwise) of animal compounds or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law and individuals found to be in violation may be disqualified and/or ejected from the event at the discretion of Show Management.

[https://entry.indianastatefair.com/Animal Affidavit](https://entry.indianastatefair.com/Animal%20Affidavit)

13. Upon check-in at the State Fairgrounds, an animal affidavit (found [HERE](#) shall be submitted for all animal exhibits (i.e., market and breeding) in the:
 - a. Beef Cattle Department,
 - b. Dairy Cattle Department,
 - c. Swine Department,
 - d. Sheep Department,
 - e. Dairy Goat Department,
 - f. Boer Goat Department, and
 - g. Meat Goat Department.
14. All medications, vaccinations, injections, medical treatments, and any foreign substances administered, in any form or manner, from the ownership deadline (May 15, 2026) through the day of check-in must be recorded.
15. Disclosing drugs and/or alterations on the animal affidavit does not affect the imposition of penalties should there be a violation of the Code of Ethics or drug testing /examination principles outlined above. Attaching accompanying veterinary documentation to support any Animal Affidavit claims is recommended.

16. If you are exhibiting multiple species on multiple weekends you will need a separate affidavit per weekend. (ie all barrows would be on one affidavit and the following weekend gilts would need a separate document.)
17. Failure to complete the animal affidavit shall result in automatic disqualification and may result in additional imposed penalties as listed below in General Terms & Conditions 36-40.

Veterinary Treatment Of Animal Exhibits

18. Upon check-in at the State Fairgrounds, all 4-H Exhibitors irrevocably consent to emergency medical care that may be needed to preserve an animal's life or prevent extreme suffering. 4-H Exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby waive any claim related to emergency medical care and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, 4-H Exhibitors and any person affiliated with them hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Indiana State Fair Board, Indiana State Fair Commission, Purdue University, Indiana 4-H Program, Cooperative Extension, the State of Indiana, and respective agencies, affiliates, agents, officers, and employees from all claims and suits including court costs, attorney's fees, and other expenses related to emergency medical care. If the following conditions have been met, the Indiana State Fair is expressly authorized to perform any medical treatment, including but not limited to medical practices/procedures, administering of medications, surgery, and euthanasia, for an animal in the absence of the 4-H Exhibitor if:
 - a. The 4-H Exhibitor is unreachable after due diligence has been made to contact the 4-H Exhibitor, and
 - b. A State Fair Veterinarian or Show Management determines that the animal's health is in danger and delaying treatment would be detrimental to the animal's life, or that the animal is in extreme pain.
19. Only the State Fair Veterinarians may administer drugs to animal exhibits at the Fairgrounds.

Non-ambulatory/Deceased Animal Policy

20. The Indiana State Fair will not allow the unloading of animals that are non-ambulatory or unable to walk off the vehicle under their own power. If an animal becomes non-ambulatory after arrival at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the owner shall immediately notify the Superintendent in charge of that department.
 - a. Livestock that becomes non-ambulatory after arriving at the Indiana State Fairgrounds must be removed within 12 hours of discovering or receiving notice of the animal's condition. If the animal is treatable and Show Management agrees, the owner must remove that animal from the Fairgrounds (at the owner's expense) within the 12-hour period.

21. In the event of an animal dying while at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, the Indiana State Fair Commission will remove and dispose of the animal at the owner's expense. The owner must contact species superintendent, who will then be responsible for communicating with ISF staff for removal.

22. Show Ring Ethics

- a. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- b. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- c. Commercial advertisement, names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing is prohibited. Distribution or posting of flyers, advertisements, banners or posters are prohibited from being hung in the Barns or Coliseum, Youth Arena or any other building.

23. Assignment of Stalls

- a. Assignment of stalls will be made and enforced by department personnel.
- b. Alteration or removal of stall or pen structures - Exhibitors are required to notify and obtain approval from department personnel to alter any assigned stall(s) or pen structure(s), or any part thereof. If an Exhibitor does not seek and obtain such approval, the Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Indiana State Fair Board and the Indiana State Fair Commission for any damage to person or property that results from such alteration or removal and penalties may be imposed on the exhibitor. The Indiana State Fair reserves the right to alter, move or revoke stalls on an as needed basis.
- c. Feed and Bedding of good quality will be available for exhibitors to purchase at reasonable prices. The Indiana State Fair will not furnish these items. The selling of feed or bedding is strictly prohibited, with the exception of the approved Indiana State Fair vendor.

Drenching

24. Drench guns may be used in the exhibitor's stall/pen for hydration purposes. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is strictly prohibited.

Judges & Judging

25. The decision of the judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proven. Any objections to a judge must be submitted as an Official Protest(See Rule 31 below for Official Protests).
26. 4-H Exhibitors and any person affiliated with them shall treat officials and judges with respect. 4-H Exhibitors shall not interfere/attempt to interfere with or influence/attempt to influence a Judges' decision.
27. Any exhibit not presented promptly when called shall be disqualified.
28. Competition placings are not official until all carcass examinations, animal testing, re-weighing, and animal verifications are complete.
29. 4-H Exhibitors may appeal a Judge's decision only by alleging either that a specific and applicable Term & Condition was violated, or that the Judge's decision was improperly influenced. 4-H Exhibitors appealing a Judge's decision shall describe relevant facts and their proof (e.g., witnesses) as well as give **written** notice to Show Management within two (2) hours of the alleged infraction.
30. The 4-H Exhibitor, parent or guardian submitting the Protest Form shall use the Due Process procedure below to appeal.

Protest Procedure

31. All protests must be made in writing on the protest form (Found) by the 4-H Exhibitor and accompanied by a \$300 deposit (**Cash or Certified Check**), of which the deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
32. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint and must be filed within 2 hours immediately following the occasion that prompted the protest. Protests concerning the ages of animals must be filed with the Show Management prior to the day on which the animal(s) is/are to be judged.
33. Protest Investigation: Show Management shall investigate all protests. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation has been conducted. Show Management reserves the right to hold all protests and investigation findings confidential.
34. The 4-H Exhibitor submitting the Protest Form may use the Due Process procedure below to appeal.

Determination and Interpretation Principles

35. The Indiana State Fair Board and Show Management:
 - a. Shall act to ensure integrity in all 4-H Competitions and penalize Terms & Conditions violations, fraud, deception, and improper/unethical activities,
 - b. Have the final authority to interpret all Terms & Conditions and make determinations at their discretion,
 - c. May resolve any unforeseen matters in their sole discretion, and
 - d. May amend or add to these Terms & Conditions and/or withdraw all premium offerings in any Departments should they determine that an emergency exists and/or circumstances require such action.

Indiana State Fair Board Due Process, Determinations, Penalties and Appeals

36. The Indiana State Fair Commission is the final authority for all actions relating to programs funded through it.
37. When a Term & Condition violation is reported, Show Management shall investigate and determine whether a violation has occurred and either may seek assistance, guidance, and vet any questions via the Indiana State Fair Board..
38. Upon determining a Term & Condition violation has occurred, the Executive Director, or designee may adjust, amend or impose a penalty, sanction, disqualify, ban from future competition, assign alternative penalties or dismiss from violation any exhibitor or project determined to be in violation. These determination decisions may extend to a 4-H Exhibitor's immediate family and animal fitters or groomers.. No action of the family or exhibitor shall affect the timeline or process for the appeal under Ind Code 4-21.5-3 et. Seq. (the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, AOPA)
39. 4-H Exhibitors whose animal exhibit tests positive for any substance in violation of General Term and Condition shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - a. First Offense
 - i. Disqualification of that animal exhibit from the Indiana State Fair,
 - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with that animal exhibit,
 - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with that animal exhibit,
 - iv. Forfeiture from the animal exhibit being awarded 4-H Champion Award.
 - b. Second Offense
 - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from the Indiana State Fair,
 - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
 - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
 - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award, and
 - v. Ban from competing in the Indiana State Fair for the following year.
 - c. Third Offense
 - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from the Indiana State Fair,
 - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
 - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
 - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award, and
 - v. Lifetime ban from exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair.

40. 4-H Exhibitors whose animal exhibit test positive for any substance or are determined to be in violation of General Term and Condition 9b, 9c, or 9d or is determined to have been fitted unethically in violation of General Term and Conditions 10a-10d shall be subject to the following penalties:
- a. First Offense
 - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair,
 - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
 - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
 - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award,
 - v. Ban from competing in the Indiana State Fair for the following 2 years, and
 - vi. Forfeiture of any proceeds from an animal exhibit awarded premiums from the Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions (the Indiana State Fair Board shall withhold proceeds and shall donate the entire sum to the Indiana State Fair Foundation).
 - b. Second Offense
 - i. Disqualification of the exhibitor from the Indiana State Fair,
 - ii. Forfeiture of all entry and other fees associated with the exhibitor,
 - iii. Forfeiture of all monetary awards associated with the exhibitor,
 - iv. Forfeiture from the exhibitor being awarded 4-H Champion Award,
 - v. Forfeiture of any proceeds from an animal exhibit awarded premiums from the Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions (the Indiana State Fair Board shall withhold proceeds and shall donate the entire sum to the Indiana State Fair Foundation), and
 - vi. Lifetime ban from exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair.
41. Show Management reserves the right to assess additional penalties beyond those listed.
42. The Indiana State Fair Board may notify the International Association of Fairs and Expositions and the North American Livestock Stock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSRMA) of any decision related to their National Code of Show Ring Ethics including but not limited to addition to the NALSRAMA Rule Infraction Database (RID) List.
43. The Indiana State Fair Board may be required to notify the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of any finding that violates applicable regulations.
44. Within 15 days of the violation determination Show Management shall notify the 4-H Exhibitor in writing of the violation determination and imposed penalty. For violations not involving rules 9 and 10 the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Indiana State Fair Board within 15 days of the determination of a violation..
45. The 4-H Exhibitor receiving a violation determination and/or imposed penalty may request an appeal hearing within 18 days of the initial violation determination. Requests for an appeal hearing must be sent to the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) by submitting a petition for review. To submit a request, please visit <https://www.in.gov/OALP> and select that you are an individual filing for a petition for review. Then:
- a. Fill out the online for via the link at the bottom of the page (you will be asked to upload a copy of the violation determination):
 - b. Download a paper copy of the request form and mail it to ALP; or
 - c. Personally appear at OALP's office located at 100 N Senate Avenue N802 Indianapolis, IN 46204.
46. OALP shall appoint an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct an appeal hearing. The ALJ shall issue an order to parties setting a date for the appeal hearing.
47. OALP's assigned ALJ shall issue a final order concluding the Administrative Review. Either party wishing to appeal the ALJ's final order may file for judicial review of the order. Any judicial review shall take place in a competent court situated in Marion County, Indiana.

4-H Determinations

48. Independently, the Director of the Purdue Cooperative Extension or his/her designee may assess penalties under 4-H Policies and is the final authority for all actions pertaining to the statewide policies and programs of Indiana 4-H, including but not limited to eligibility determinations for competitions

Premises ID

49. The Indiana State Fair requires all Indiana Exhibitors to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for beef and dairy cattle, goats, swine and sheep. Indiana exhibitors of horses, poultry, llamas and alpacas as well as out of state exhibitors will be requested to voluntarily provide Premises ID numbers. To obtain a Premises ID#, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 877- 747-3038. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at www.in.gov/boah.

4-H Substitute Showman

50. 4-H exhibitors having an entry in animal classes at the State Fair are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the owner may request another Indiana 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Substitute showmen must be approved in writing by the 4-H show manager. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances deemed unavoidable by the 4-H show manager. Failure to be excused from a job and/or participation in a non-4-H-related creative arts or sporting event or practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.

Supreme 4-H Livestock Showmanship

51. The champion and reserve champion senior beef showmen, champion senior barrow showman, champion senior gilt showman, the champion senior market lamb showman and champion senior breeding ewe showman, champion senior meat goat wether & wether dam showman, the champion senior meat goat breeding doe showman and the champion dairy goat showman will compete for the title of Supreme 4-H Livestock Showman. The winner will be declared the Indiana State Fair Supreme 4-H Livestock Showman and will be part of Celebration of Champions. Once a 4-H member is declared the Indiana State Fair Supreme 4-H Livestock Showman, they will become ineligible to compete in any showmanship classes that compete in Supreme Showmanship at the Indiana State Fair in future years.

4-H Grand & Supreme Drive

52. Should a champion animal become ill/injured or be determined to be unsound and unable to participate in either the Grand or Supreme Drive, the reserve animal of that breed will represent the breed. The Department Superintendent shall inform the judge of the situation prior to judging the Grand/Supreme Champion. The reserve breed champion from the same breed as the Grand Champion is eligible to be selected for the ISF Celebration of Champions.
53. Once a market animal is selected for the Celebration of Champions it cannot be withdrawn and will undergo testing and harvest.
54. All 4-H Celebration of Champions market animals will be transported by the State Fair or designee to the processing harvest site.
55. All 4-H Celebration of Champions market animal carcasses will remain under the jurisdiction and ownership of the Indiana State Fair until such time as all carcass examinations, tissue testing, and/or any other required testing as determined by the Show Management or State 4-H Youth Development officials have been completed.
56. Monetary awards will not be issued until test results are complete.

Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions

57. The 2026 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions will honor the top five in 4-H Market Lambs, Barrows and Beef Steers. Additionally, the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether, Supreme and Reserve Supreme Wether Dam Sheep, the Grand Champion 4-H Commercial Waterfowl, the Grand Champion 4-H Meat Pen of Rabbits, the Grand Champion 4-H Meat Type Chickens, the 4-H Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat Wether, and the Grand Champion 4-H Dairy Beef Steer will be recognized as market projects.
58. The 2026 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions will also honor the top five in 4-H Beef Heifers, 4-H Gilts, 4-H Ewes, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Cows, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Heifers, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Full Blood & Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Percentage Meat Goat Does, 4-H Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether Dam, 4-H Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Sr. & Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Jr. Dairy Goat Does, 4-H Best of Show Halter, Champion overall performance and Champion showman Llama & Alpaca, 4-H Best Exhibition in Show Poultry and 4-H Best of Show Rabbits as non-market/breeding projects.
59. Also included in the 2026 Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions will be the Supreme Showman, Horse & Pony Western, English and Contesting Champions, Best of Show Dog, Best of Show Cat, Grand and Reserve Champion Pygmy Goat Doe.
60. An exhibitor will receive a Celebration award for every qualifying project category (Market and Non-Market) for which they are selected as outlined in rules #57 and #58. There are no limitations on the number of Celebration awards an exhibitor may receive. Only one video will be created for exhibitors winning multiple species.
61. The Youth Development and Fundraising Committee reserves the right to eliminate any 4-H animals from the ISF Celebration of Champions which it deems to not be in the best interest of the Indiana State Fair.
62. The Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions Award total monetary amount includes premiums and accomplishment award for all participants, and market value price for market animals. Total monetary award amount is based on a formula. Awards will not be given to exhibitors until testing results are complete.
63. With regard to ISF Celebration of Champions animals, it is understood that the market animals awarded upon showing and/or processing will have urine, blood, saliva and/or tissue samples taken per the mandatory testing under 4-H General Terms & Conditions and the animal may be examined by a panel of licensed and accredited veterinarians. Upon said examination, if in the opinion of the examiners, the animal has been fitted in an unethical manner or tampered with, the animal will be disqualified from the ISF Celebration of Champions, all premiums and awards forfeited, and the award proceeds will be withheld by the Indiana State Fair Board and donated to the Indiana State Fair Foundation.
64. Exhibitors of reserve 4-H breed champion market animals not selected for Celebration of Champions must take their animal home.
65. The ownership of a market animal or an exhibit receiving an ISF Celebration of Champion award is maintained by the exhibitor until the conclusion of Grand Drive, Sunday, August 9. The animal or exhibit must be on display until the Transfer of Ownership is signed over to the Indiana State Fair. Signatures of both a guardian and the 4-H Exhibitor is required.

Recognized Breed Participation Policy

66. Recognized Breed Participation: Indiana State Fair recognized breeds (those listed in the current entry book) are required to have a minimum of head total (market and/or breeding) in order to offer breed classes.

Cattle: 5 head

Goats: 15 head

Swine: 15 head

Sheep: 15 head

67. Each Breed Class must have a **minimum of three animals** in order to be a recognized Breed Class. If minimum is not met, Breed Class becomes an exhibition class for current Indiana State Fair, premiums will not be awarded and Breed Class is ineligible for Grand or Supreme Drive.

68. **AOB Division:** The AOB Division will be offered in the Swine, Beef Cattle, and Sheep departments and shall be considered a recognized breed. The division will include all other registered breeds papered with a recognized breed association, not listed in the current department entry book. Regardless of the number of animals in the AOB class, premiums will be offered for AOB division. Champion of the AOB division would be eligible for Grand or Supreme Drive.

Establishing New Breeds In Competition

69. The Indiana State Fair must approve a state-affiliate breed association application for a breed show. The breed must also have a minimum number of head exhibited in either proposed breed/gender classification (ie. rams, ewes, market lambs) over a two-year period prior to the recognition of the new breed. This rule does not apply to any Poultry or Rabbit Exhibits

b. Breed association letters are to be sent to the Exhibitor Livestock Manager at livestock@indianastatefair.com.

70. To place an established breed of livestock on probation the following shall apply:

c. The first year that a breed does not meet a minimum number of head, it shall be considered on its first probation.

d. At the end of the second consecutive year of probation, if the breed does not meet the minimum head, that breed will then exhibit as Exhibition Only the following year, if the minimum head is not reached, the breed will be removed and eligible for exhibition in AOB.

e. The same entry fees shall be paid by all livestock exhibitors regardless of show classification.

Minimum Number of head:

Cattle: 5 head

Goats: 15 head

Swine: 15 head

Sheep: 15 head

Loss or Damage

71. It is mutually agreed that the Indiana State Fair assumes no liability for loss to property or by reason of any claim for personal injury, including death. The exhibitor herein agrees to release, discharge and indemnify the State of Indiana, Indiana State Fair Board, Indiana State Fair Commission, its component members, and their successors from liability by reason of injury to property and/or persons, including death, which may occur within or upon the premises herein described in any manner connected with use thereof by exhibitor.

Entry Revisions, Cancellations & Refunds

72. Entries may be revised in advance of check-in. Additional fees may apply.

73. Entry Fees are non-refundable.

Premiums

73. Premium Checks will be mailed in October for all departments.

74. Premiums will be paid according to official judging result sheets.

75. Any exhibitor receiving \$600.00 or more in monetary awards will be required to provide the Indiana State Fair with a completed IRS Form W-9 (W-8BEN for foreign exhibitors) providing a taxpayer identification number. Failure to provide this information will result in the forfeiture of all premium monies. Forms may be obtained at the Barn Offices, at the Entry Office in the Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion or on the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

76. Questions and/or discrepancies noted in issued premium checks must be addressed to the Indiana State Fair Entry Department prior to December 1, 2026 for resolution. Premium records will be considered closed on December 1, 2026. After this date the exhibitor's right of protest is relinquished.

All emergencies, safety concerns and suspicious activity should be reported immediately to the Indiana State Fair Operations Center at (317) 927-7520.

Prohibited Items

1. No alcoholic beverages may be brought on to the Fairgrounds during the annual Indiana State Fair.
2. No person in possession of a deadly weapon shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds, unless that person can demonstrate that the deadly weapon is intended for sale or trade at an event that is taking place on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(b)).
 - a. The definition of a deadly weapon includes firearms, knives or sharp bladed items (regardless of blade length), or any object carried or possessed with the intent to be used as a deadly weapon.
 - b. Exhibitors will be permitted to carry and use knives and other tools necessary for the proper care of their animals, tack, and equipment. However, these items may only be carried within the confines of the barn in which the animal(s) is housed. Knives and other tools carried outside of the barn are subject to confiscation under the deadly weapon rules found in the Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2.
3. Any deadly weapon found in the possession of a person while on the Fairgrounds is subject to immediate confiscation by persons authorized to provide security protection services as well as city, county, and state police agencies. Federal, state, or local law enforcement officers or those employed or authorized by the Indiana State Fair Commission are excepted from this rule (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2 (a), (c), and Section 11-2-3 CI) and (2)).
4. Any person properly licensed to carry a firearm must secure the firearm in a locked compartment of his/her vehicle and it shall not be visible to passersby (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-2(d)).
5. No generators (not attached to a working/in transit RV/trailer/living quarters) or animal scales are permitted on the Fairgrounds except those furnished by the State Fair.

Animal Policies & Procedures

6. The only animals permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair are animals registered, boarded or entered for exhibition, show or other competition; animals that will be used in a scheduled performance or to perform work at the Fair; law enforcement animals and service animals. Household and family pets, whether domestic or wild, and service animals not recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 36.104 are not permitted on the Fairgrounds during the Indiana State Fair. No person in possession of or having control over an unauthorized animal shall be permitted onto or be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds (Indiana Administrative Code, Title 80, Section 11-2-4).
7. Animals entered for exhibition, show or competition and animals scheduled to perform must remain in approved areas at all times. Violation may be disqualifiable offenses. See individual department terms and conditions for more specific information.

General Safety Policies & Procedures

8. Smoking is not permitted inside barns and buildings. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas on the Fairgrounds.
9. Cameras are located throughout the Fairgrounds for security and promotional purposes.
10. Motorized vehicles, including golf carts, are not permitted in any barns or buildings (IFC 313.1). This does not apply to personal mobility devices. A valid State issued driver's license is required to operate a motorized vehicle including a golf cart on the Fairgrounds.
11. Fans are permitted, so long as they have safety-approved shrouds. See individual department requirements pertaining to size, allowable number, and placement of fans.

Tents, Canopies, & Stall Coverings

- Any tent, canopy, or stall covering in a building must be made of a material to allow for or not block water distribution as well as meet or exceed NFPA Standard 701.
- A portable fire extinguisher must be located under each tent, canopy, or covering. Fire extinguishers mounted in the building by the ISFC do not apply. Exhibitors must have their own fire extinguisher under each tent, canopy, or covering.

Fire Safety

- The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office conducts regular inspections of all barns and buildings during the Indiana State Fair to identify any potential fire hazards or threats to life safety. The decisions of the fire marshal are final and will be enforced.
- Fire extinguishers are located throughout every barn and building. They may be used for approved purposes only. Do not use a fire extinguisher if you are not trained on its proper use.
- Most buildings and barns are equipped with fire alarm and/or fire suppression systems. In the event of a fire, these systems should be activated.
- Emergency exits are clearly marked in all barns and buildings. In the event of an emergency, calmly evacuate through the nearest accessible emergency exit.
- Do not store tack/supplies in primary aisles, in front of exit doors, or in/under stairwells.

Severe Weather

- In the event of severe weather impacting the Fairgrounds, be it a severe thunderstorm or tornado, you may receive instructions over the barn or building public address system. If the barn or building is not equipped with a public-address system, State Fair staff will notify people in person.
- During a severe weather situation, you will be asked to remain inside, away from windows and doors whenever possible. Staff may be instructed to close all doors and windows, including overhead doors.
- Larger barns and buildings will be used for shelter-in-place (points of refuge) to allow Fairgoers to seek shelter. This may cause an influx of people into livestock areas and result in the postponement of a show or exhibition. Exhibitors should be mindful of this, keep aisles and walkways clear, and tend to their animals accordingly.

Food Preparation/Cooking Policies & Procedures

- Cooking inside and adjacent to barns and buildings is not advised. The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity plan recommends that food be excluded from animal areas. If cooking and/or food preparation is necessary, the following policies and procedures must be followed:
 - All grills and flat-top cook surfaces that are powered by gas, charcoal, or other fuel are prohibited on the Fairgrounds. Only electric-powered cooking devices are allowed. **Any cooking device with an open flame is prohibited.**
 - Approved cooking devices are limited to crockpots, or similar slow cookers, and microwave ovens. Cooking devices must have a cover approved for use with the device and comply with all applicable electrical and fire codes. Cooking devices are also required to be powered by approved cords that are not frayed or malfunctioning in any way.
 - Exhibitors cooking in the barns and buildings do so at their own risk and assume all liability for their actions concerning food contamination from pathogens that may be present in or near a livestock area.

Extension Cords

- Extension Cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. IFC 2012 (605.4.1) Extension Cords shall not be affixed to structures. IFC 2012 (605.5)
- Extension Cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.5) Extension Cords shall not be buried under carpet or animal bedding.

Multi-plug Adapter/Power Strip

- Multi-plug adapter(s) are prohibited. IFC 2012 (605.4)
- Power strip(s) shall be grounded and be equipped with overcurrent protection. IFC 2012 (605.4.1) Power strip shall be directly connected to an electrical outlet (no piggy-backing). IFC 2012 (605.4.2) Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, doorways, or floors. IFC 2012 (605.4.3)

Animal Wellness & Care

The Animal Wellness & Care Plan (AWAC) was established to reinforce the Indiana State Fair's commitment and belief in the proper treatment of all animals in exhibition. The Indiana State Fair holds exhibitors of the various species of animals being exhibited to the highest standards in wellness, care and ethics of exhibition. The AWAC is responsible for ensuring the most up to date standards as well as to be a source for the public to seek answers to their questions relating to the health and safety of the animals involved in the Indiana State Fair. Failure or refusal by an exhibitor or fairgoer to comply with the Animal Wellness & Care Plan can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

Biosecurity

The Indiana State Fair Biosecurity Plan was developed to prevent the outbreak of diseases carried by both animals and humans that spread pathogens that can be transmitted to and from farm animals, as well as through the food supply. Many diseases and pathogens can be prevented through maintaining the cleanliness of facilities and encouraging good hygiene. The Biosecurity Plan will be enforced during the Indiana State Fair and all exhibitors are expected to carryout and preform basic biosecurity and hygienic task including:

- Hand Washing/sanitizing following exposure to animals and always before consuming food or drinks
- Excluding human food and food preparation from animal areas
- Maintaining general cleanliness of animals and animal areas
- Properly disposing of animal waste/soiled bedding in properly identified/designated areas
- Cleaning-up after your animal if it soils/has a biological event in a building/Fair common space
- Reporting the appearance or evidence of animal/human sickness or distress to Fair officials

Failure or refusal to comply with the above can result in penalties up to and including but not limited to removal and a ban from the Fairgrounds for the duration of the event.

The Indiana State Fair is committed to providing opportunities for all 4-H participants to show their animals as part of the State Fair. The State Fair also wants to ensure the integrity of its 4-H competitions as is evidenced by the various terms and conditions set forth in this Entry Book, including its policy with respect to testing for unauthorized substances in certain animals that are entered into these competitions and the penalties associated with positive results. By entering into these competitions, you agree to these terms and conditions and as such, we strongly recommend that you read this information carefully prior to submitting your entry.

Terms and Conditions for 4-H Dairy Cattle



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1. **Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions** - By entering exhibits at the Indiana State Fair, you agree to the Indiana State Fair General Terms and Conditions.
 - a. All animals must meet the official health requirements, general terms and ownership conditions located in the front of the State Fair 4-H Entry Book. Especially note terms and conditions on tampering, misrepresentation, conduct, drugs, etc. Officials reserve the right to require drug steroid testing and examination of animals entered for show.
 - b. Read official health terms and conditions, general terms and conditions and official ownership terms and conditions located in the front of the 4-H Entry Book. Pay particular attention to the terms and conditions on tampering, misrepresentation, conduct, drugs, pumping, forced fillings, etc.
 - c. Each animal entered in the following shows: Beef Cattle Department, Dairy Cattle Department, Swine Department, Sheep Department, Dairy Goat Department, Meat Type Goat Department must be listed on a 4-H Animal Affidavit to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. The completed and notarized form must be turned into their respective department during check-in. Failure to complete and submit an affidavit as requested may result in disqualification of the animal, or the exhibitor from the Indiana State Fair.
 - d. All Dairy stalls and tack in the West & South Pavilion must be ADA compliant, all barn aisles between stalls/tack must be no less than 36 inches wide with open floor space that is wheel-chair accessible.
2. **4-H County Terms and Conditions** - For 4-H animal ownership, possession and exhibitor guidelines relative to State Fair exhibition, see 4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION AND EXHIBITION on page 17 of the Indiana State Fair 4-H Entry Book.
 - a. Only animals who are properly identified by May 15 through Indiana 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/>) are eligible for entry in the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. To be properly identified, 4-H members must enter the 840-RFID tag number, animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) completely and correctly into Indiana 4-H Online and **have a DNA hair sample** submitted for each 4-H Dairy animal to the county Extension office by May 15. The registration name and number must match the corresponding number on the animal's registration paper during check-in at the Indiana State Fair in order for the animal to be eligible for the 4-H dairy show.

After your county fair auction is completed, the Extension Educator will denote any animals that were purchased, sold or offered for sale after the ID deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction") in Indiana 4-H Online and shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (**including animals that have gone through a "Premium Only Auction"**), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal, are considered equivalent to a "Premium Only Auction".
3. **Quality Assurance Training** - To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care training or the online Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. 4-H Members should present a copy of their completion certificate upon species check-in. This is an annual program that must be completed by 4-H members. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office.
4. **Animal Official ID Requirements** - ALL 4-H Dairy Cattle must have an **840-RFID tag and have a DNA hair sample for each 4-H Dairy animal** submitted to the county Extension office by May 15. All dairy animals are subject to DNA verification at any time during the Indiana State 4-H Dairy Show.
 - a. DNA hair samples are dairy feeder cattle to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair. They must be submitted to the County Extension office by May 15 or earlier deadline set by the county. Collection envelopes and instructions are available from your County Extension office. If DNA is not submitted by May 15th to the County Extension Office that animal is not eligible to show at the Indiana State Fair.
5. In the event of an identification error with what is entered into Indiana 4-H Online, there will be an opportunity to have a DNA hair sample collected at state fair check-in to compare to the sample from prior to May 15 at the 4-H member's expense of \$70.00. This would allow the animal to be shown in the 4-H dairy (only if the animal was identified in Indiana 4-H Online for 2026) show, even though results will not be available until after the show. If a conclusive match is NOT found, the animal will be disqualified and will forfeit all winnings. **The 4-H member must submit payment for the DNA sample at the time of collection at the Indiana State Fair.**

6. **Animal Ownership and Registration** - Identified dairy cows and heifers must be owned or leased by the 4-H exhibitor by May 15 and must remain under that 4-H member's continuous care and responsibility through the date of the 4-H dairy show at the Indiana State Fair.
- Each 4-H member shall own (or lease) his/her own exhibit. The ownership or lease agreement must be in effect on or before the county and state Identification deadlines and continue through the State Fair 4-H Dairy show. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the identification deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal identification deadline (May 15) at any show, by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. Family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H club member with a parent or unrelated persons, are accepted for breeding animals in 4-H dairy classes. Dairy cows and heifers owned in a partnership may not be exhibited by more than one person from May 15 until conclusion of the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. This person must be the exhibitor of the animal in the current State Fair 4-H Dairy Show or the animal will be ineligible for this show.
The Dairy lease program is only for 4-H members who do not own their own dairy cows and/or heifers. 4-H members may not enroll both leased and owned dairy animals. As of 2023, leased dairy cows may be shown as long as the animal was shown by the same 4-Her from the 2020 Indiana 4-H program year and forward). Leasing a dairy female will be considered the equivalent of ownership. 4-H animals (horse and pony, dairy, alpacas and llamas) are only eligible to be leased by one individual 4-H member in a given 4-H program year.
 - The 4-H member should be regularly involved in the care of the heifer regardless of where the heifer is kept, and the 4-H member should have exclusive show rights to the heifer during the 4-H lease period from May 15 through the 4-H dairy show at the Indiana State Fair. Leased 4-H dairy heifers must be registered (although it is not necessary to have the registration paper transferred to the 4-H member's name) by May 15 with their registration number listed on the 4-H member's 4-H Online profile in the animal identification section under the dairy species. At check-in during the Indiana State Fair, the 4-H member with a leased dairy heifer must provide the heifer's registration paper and a lease agreement signed by them and the person they are leasing the heifer from.
 - If a 4-H dairy member lists the dam's registration number on his/her dairy in Indiana 4-H Online, then the animal's name, date of birth and dam's registration number must all match the corresponding information on the animal's registration certificate during check-in at the Indiana State Fair in order for the animal to be eligible for the 4-H dairy show.
 - A registration certificate (no photocopies, carbons or fax copies except a fax directly from the national breed association to the Indiana State Fair) must be presented to the 4-H show manager before 5 pm the day preceding the 4-H Dairy show, indicating that the exhibitor owns the animal being exhibited, as per ownership terms, on or before the May 15 enrollment deadline and continuously until show day. Acceptable registrations are (1) in the 4-H member's name, (2) John Smith & Sons, (3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters, (4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only), (5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister), (6) Family Corporations, where the 4-H member's name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of the same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, (7) Family partnership where the 4-Hers father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline.
 - 4-H animals, in breeding classes, will NOT be accepted at the State Fair, if they are registered in a father's name only or farm name only, (such as "Smith View", or "Smith Oak", etc.) unless the 4-H member has a certified lease agreement for this animal.
 - The State Fair 4-H dairy show is for registered animals only (no commercial dairy cattle).
 - All dairy cows and heifers must be purebred animals that are registered in recognized herd books of the following American Associations: Ayrshire Breeder's Association - Brattleboro, Vermont; Brown Swiss Cattle Breeder's Association - Beloit, Wisconsin; American Guernsey Association - Plain City, Ohio; Holstein Association U.S.A., Inc. - Brattleboro, Vermont; American Jersey Cattle Association - Reynoldsburg, Ohio; American Milking Shorthorn Society Beloit, Wisconsin.
 - Registration papers must be made available upon request for checking ear tags, tattoos or color patterns at the stalls on the afternoon before the 4-H dairy show. Dairy cows and heifers whose ear tags, tattoos or color patterns do not match their registration paper will be disqualified from the 4-H dairy show.
7. For 4-H dairy cattle, partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are acceptable (i.e. John Doe and William Smith (4-H member) or Long Oak and William Smith). Dairy cows and heifers, owned in a partnership, may not be exhibited by more than one person from May 15 until the conclusion of the State Fair 4-H Dairy Show. This person must be the exhibitor of the animal in the current State Fair 4-H Dairy Show, or the animal will be ineligible for this show. 4-H dairy cattle will not be accepted in 4-H classes at the State Fair if they are registered in the father's name only or in a farm name, such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", etc., unless the 4-H member has a certified lease agreement for this animal.
8. All guidelines will be in accordance with THE PUREBRED DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RING CODE OF ETHICS (<http://www.usjersey.com/Reference/PDCAethicscode.htm>).
9. Dairy animals may be any one (1) of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey or Milking Shorthorn.

10. A 4-H member may show more than one (1) dairy breed, but they may not show more than one (1) animal in each of the age group classes listed on the following pages under **AGE GROUP CLASSES**.
11. A 4-H member **may only show in one (1) breed showmanship class per year**.
12. Sand will not be permitted in the cattle barn.
13. Grand champion 4-H dairy cattle from previous Indiana State Fairs are eligible to show again this year.
14. Yearling heifers that are “in milk” must show in the cow class.
15. It is required that 4-H exhibitors wear white pants or slacks (culottes or skirts also acceptable, shorts are not allowed) in the dairy show ring. White or colored shirts with 4-H emblems and/or breed insignias are permissible.
16. Milking machines must have belt covers, etc.
17. Power washers will not be allowed in the wash racks.
18. Only one (1) overhead fan located in front of the animals will be permitted for each three (3) head of dairy cattle per 4-H family. Fans must blow on the halter side of the animal. No butt fans or misters will be allowed.
19. Fans must have proper (safety approved) shrouds.
20. Hay and straw storage: one (1) large bale of hay and one (1) large bale of straw allowed in barn after initial bedding. All other large bales can be stored out of barn in designated area at exhibitor’s risk.
21. The breed associations reserve the right to have a qualified veterinarian check all questionable animals for their correct age and insure that all animals have a legible tattoo. Any altered tattoos will be disqualified. Any misrepresented animals will be disqualified from the show and will be reported to the national associations.
22. **Requirements for the Production and Handling Milk** - Requirements for the production and handling of milk produced on the grounds of the Indiana State Fair during the course of the Fair are prescribed by the Dairy and Milk Products Division and the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Bring your stall number to the milk house/parlor when you register.
 - a. Cows’ udders shall be washed with sanitizing solution prior to milking and the udder dried with a clean cloth or cow towel.
 - b. **Milk will NOT be sold at the Indiana State Fair. The milk will be disposed by the Indiana State Fair.**
 - c. Cow(s) may be milked in the designated area provided near the milking parlor. Exhibitors supplying their own milkers, milking claws and milk pails shall take this equipment to the milk parlor for cleaning, sanitizing, and approval prior to the first milking. The equipment will be returned to the milk parlor after each use for washing and storing.
 - d. **State Fair and 4-H officials may use technologies for testing bodily fluids like milk or blood or other examination techniques at any time while the animals are on the grounds to detect any unethical procedures. By making an entry: (1) Exhibitor consents to the collection of materials such as milk, blood, etc., photographic or direct examination of the animal; and (2) owner, Exhibitor and/or any individuals handling or fitting Exhibitor’s animal agree to produce proper animal and personal identification when requested by show management.**
23. The exhibitor or representative is to be at stalls with registration papers for registration paper & visual check.

Entry Information

1. All entries must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions.
2. Online Entry - To enter the Indiana State Fair, please go to <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/> and enter online. Each exhibitor is required to pay an entry fee at the time of entry. An exhibitor will not be considered entered into the Indiana State Fair until payment is made in full. Payment can be made online with a valid credit card. Entries will not be accepted over the phone.
3. Two (2) exhibitor badges will be given per exhibitor for each week an entry is made into the Indiana State Fair (not by species). Purchasing of Parking Passes are optional and are sold separately through Exhibitor's Corner.
4. Entry Deadlines and Fees –

Enter between
May 18, 2026 - July 1, 2026
Per Head Entry Fee: \$22.00

Enter Between
July 2, 2026 - July 31, 2026
Per Head Entry Fee: \$82.00

Enter Between
August 1, 2026-August 2, 2026
Per Head Entry Fee: \$97.00

5. Confirmation of Entry- A confirmation email will be sent to the email address used to sign in for the account once entries have been paid in full.
6. Exhibitor Badges- Exhibitors will have the option to view arrival information on their exhibitor dashboard located on the entry system. All exhibitor badges will be picked up on-site at the Indiana State Fair Entry Office located in the Youth Arena. **NO BADGE PACKETS WILL BE MAILED.** Exhibitors are asked to use their unloading pass to access the fairgrounds before acquiring exhibitor badge packets. To reduce congestion only one representative per family or group should collect badges. A signature and printed name will be required from the individual picking up the badges. To avoid delays, we recommend picking up badges during Tack Drop-Off or Animal Unloading / Check-In.
7. 4-H members are encouraged to make stall requests on the State Fair Online Registration.
8. 4-H members wishing to compete in open class must enter online under the open class department, pay all open class fees, and meet open class deadlines as listed in open class Entry Book.
9. Substitutions within a breed are allowed during the scheduled entry period on Saturday morning (if the animals have been properly identified by May 15 in Indiana 4-H Online).

Arrival

All arrival information can be found on your exhibitor dashboard and will be emailed to exhibitors prior to arrival.

4-H Dairy Cattle Entry Information



Schedule

Date	Time	Description	Location
Thursday, August 13	6:00pm	Tack and supplies only may arrive (no cattle) No trucks in the barn after 8am on Friday August 10.	West Pavilion
Friday, August 14	8:00am	4-H and Open class dairy cattle may arrive	West Pavilion
Saturday, August 15	8:00am	4-H Dairy Animals must be stalled	TBA
	9:00am-12:00pm	4-H Dairy Entry Check-in	Front Foyer
	10:00am	Outstanding 4-H Dairy Producer Competition	North end of Cattle Barn
	11:00am-4:00pm	4-H Dairy Skill-a-thon	West Pavilion
	1:00pm	Breed Manager Meeting	Admin Building Conference room
	2:00pm	Begin checking ALL registration papers and confirming entries of 4-H Dairy Cattle at Exhibitor Stalls (Papers and visual inspection of animals). The exhibitor or representative is to be at stalls with registration papers at this time.	West Pavilion
	7:00pm	4-H Dairy Exhibitors Meeting 10 year and Rookie Awards	
	8:15pm	Dairy Exhibitor Ice Cream Social – EXHIBITORS ONLY	
Sunday, August 16	7:30am	Begin judging 4-H Dairy Cattle Show	Corteva Coliseum
	1:30pm	Showmanship to be at the conclusion of each breed show	Corteva Coliseum
		Supreme showmanship to follow at the end of the dairy show.	Youth Arena
		4-H Dairy Cattle released after showing	West Pavilion
		Jr. Champions and Grand Champions from each breed are required to stay over for the Supreme Drive on Sunday.	
Monday, August 17	8:00am	All Open Class cattle must be stalled	
	9:00am-11:00am	Open Entries confirmed and substitutions (3 per exhibitor) and group classes entered.	
Tuesday, August 18	8:00am	Begin Judging Open Dairy Show. Guernsey alternating with Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn alternating with Brown Swiss, Holsteins alternating with Red and White's Jerseys to be in their own ring.	Corteva Coliseum
	9:00am	Begin Judging Open Jersey Show	
	At conclusion of last breed show	Supreme Champion Heifer and Cow to be selected	
		Open Cattle released after showing	

Dairy Cattle Class Classifications

AGE GROUP CLASSES

- Spring heifer calf - born March 1, 2026 to May 15, 2026
- Winter heifer calf - born December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026
- Fall heifer calf - born September 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025
- Summer yearling heifer - born June 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025
- Spring yearling heifer - born March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025
- Winter yearling heifer - born December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025
- Fall yearling heifer - born September 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024
- Yearling heifer in milk - born September 1, 2024 or later (Brown Swiss, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn)
- Junior 2-year-old cow - born March 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024
- Senior 2-year-old cow - born September 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024
- Junior 3-year-old cow - born March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023
- Senior 3-year-old cow - born September 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023
- 4-year-old cow - born September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022
- 5-year-old cow - born September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021
- Aged cow six years and older, born prior to September 1, 2020
- Aged cow (dry) - born prior to September 1, 2021 (Holstein only)
- Three or four-year-old cow, (dry) born September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023 (Holstein only)
- Dry cow, born prior to September 1, 2023 (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss)
- Dry cow, any milking age (Guernsey, Milking Shorthorn)

Dairy Cattle Showmanship Qualifications

Showmanship Description

1. SHOWMANSHIP CLASS - each breed association is responsible for determining the number of 4-Hers in their breed to participate in showmanship. Only the grand champion showmen of previous years are ineligible. Awards will be based on the showmanship ability of the exhibitor.
2. 4-H members who compete in the State Fair dairy showmanship classes must show one (1) of their own animals that was exhibited in a halter class of the 4-H dairy show. Each exhibitor will receive a showmanship participation ribbon.
3. CHAMPION SHOWMAN - a champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior showman from each breed will be selected.
4. A 4-H member may only show in one (1) breed showmanship class per year.
5. All of the showmanship classes and selection of overall Senior Showman will take place in the Coliseum.
6. Grade in school on January 1 of current year.

Junior Showmen - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall junior dairy showmanship winner, the 4-Her is only eligible to compete in the intermediate or senior dairy showmanship classes in future years.

Intermediate Showmen - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are eligible (exception - previous years' junior showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion intermediate dairy showman, they must compete in senior showmanship in subsequent years.

Senior Showmen - all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade and above are eligible (exception - previous years' intermediate showmanship winners). The Champion Senior Showman of each breed (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Milking Shorthorn) will be eligible to show for Grand Champion 4-H Dairy Showman.

Overall Senior Showman Competition Details

1. The overall Senior Showmanship competition will be scored 100% on the showing of the animal.
2. Each breed champion showman will be scored from 1 - 10 on their showing ability. Each of the judges will score the contestants independently from the other judges (no collaboration).
3. The overall showmanship winner will receive \$500. The other five (5) contestants will each receive \$150.
4. Ties will be broken by the lead judge.
5. The Grand Champion Showman will be selected by the breed judges. One of the 4-H dairy judges will be selected alphabetically within the breeds to serve as the "lead judge" for the showmanship finals. This person is the Ayrshire judge in 2025
6. The six senior breed champion winners and the overall winner of the Grand Champion 4-H Dairy Showmanship Contest will be announced during the Supreme Drive in the Corteva Coliseum.

Ayrshire Division

Breed Manager- Adam Bales (765) 524-9907 & Samantha Bales (765) 524-8150

Category: Heifers Calves

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
2	Winter Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
3	Fall Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale

Category: Yearling Heifers

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
4	Summer Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
5	Spring Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
6	Winter Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
7	Fall Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Heifer	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Category: 2-years old or more Cows

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
8	Junior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
9	Senior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
10	Junior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
11	Senior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
12	4-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
13	5-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
14	Aged Cow six years and older	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
15	Dry Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Cow	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Cow	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Do Not Enter	Grand Champion Ayrshire	Banner	\$220
Do Not Enter	Reserve Grand Champion Ayrshire	Banner	

Category: Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
16	Junior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Junior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Junior	Lavender Rosette	
17	Intermediate Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Intermediate	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate	Lavender Rosette	
18	Senior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Senior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Senior	Lavender Rosette	

Brown Swiss Division

Breed Manager- Katie Teeters (317) 878-4594; Nila Armstrong (317) 441-6638

1. The Brown Swiss Cattle Breeder's Association has also approved that cattle holding a green certificate of identification be accepted to exhibit in the Indiana State Fair 4-H dairy show.
2. All Brown Swiss 4-H exhibitors are required to wear a show harness. The exhibitor number should be visible on the back and the class identification card carried in the front of the harness.

Category: Heifers Calves

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
2	Winter Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
3	Fall Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale

Category: Yearling Heifers

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
4	Summer Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
5	Spring Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
6	Winter Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
7	Fall Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
8	Yearling Heifer in milk	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Heifer	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Category: 2-years old or more Cows

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
9	Junior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
10	Senior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
11	Junior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
12	Senior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
13	4-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
14	5-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
15	Aged Cow six years and older	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
16	Dry Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Cow	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Cow	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Do Not Enter	Grand Champion Brown Swiss	Banner	\$220
Do Not Enter	Reserve Grand Champion Brown Swiss	Banner	

Category: Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
17	Junior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Junior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Junior	Lavender Rosette	
18	Intermediate Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Intermediate	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate	Lavender Rosette	
19	Senior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Senior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Senior	Lavender Rosette	

Guernsey Division

Breed Manager- Jeff Crandall (765) 524-6660 & Margaret Crandall (765) 524-6660

Category: Heifers Calves

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
2	Winter Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
3	Fall Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale

Category: Yearling Heifers

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
4	Summer Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
5	Spring Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
6	Winter Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
7	Fall Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Heifer	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Category: 2-years old or more Cows

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
8	Junior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
9	Senior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
10	Junior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
11	Senior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
12	4-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
13	5-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
14	Aged Cow six years and older	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
15	Dry Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Cow	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Cow	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Do Not Enter	Grand Champion Guernsey	Banner	\$220
Do Not Enter	Reserve Grand Champion Guernsey	Banner	

Category: Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
16	Junior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Junior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Junior	Lavender Rosette	
17	Intermediate Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Intermediate	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate	Lavender Rosette	
18	Senior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Senior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Senior	Lavender Rosette	

Holstein Division

Breed Manager- Lindsay Lafollette (812) 212-5637; Brian Engleking (260) 438-9509

Category: Heifers Calves

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
2	Winter Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
3	Fall Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale

Category: Yearling Heifers

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
4	Summer Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
5	Spring Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
6	Winter Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
7	Fall Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Heifer	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Category: 2-years old or more Cows

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
8	Junior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
9	Senior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
10	Junior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
11	Senior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
12	4-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
13	5-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
14	Aged Cow six years and older	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
15	Aged Cow (Dry)	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
16	Three or four-year-old cow (dry)	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Cow	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Cow	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Do Not Enter	Grand Champion Holstein	Banner	\$220
Do Not Enter	Reserve Grand Champion Holstein	Banner	

Category: Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
17	Junior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Junior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Junior	Lavender Rosette	
18	Intermediate Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Intermediate	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate	Lavender Rosette	
19	Senior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Senior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Senior	Lavender Rosette	

Jersey Division

Breed Manager- Carrie Jo Bollenbacher (812) 253-1099 & Danny Messmer (317) 446-2669

Category: Heifers Calves

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
2	Winter Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
3	Fall Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale

Category: Yearling Heifers

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
4	Summer Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
5	Spring Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
6	Winter Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
7	Fall Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
8	Yearling Heifer in milk	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Heifer	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Category: 2-years old or more Cows

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
9	Junior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
10	Senior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
11	Junior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
12	Senior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
13	4-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
14	5-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
15	Aged Cow six years and older	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Cow	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Cow	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Do Not Enter	Grand Champion Jersey	Banner	\$220
Do Not Enter	Reserve Grand Champion Jersey	Banner	

Category: Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
16	Junior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Junior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Junior	Lavender Rosette	
17	Intermediate Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Intermediate	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate	Lavender Rosette	
18	Senior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Senior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Senior	Lavender Rosette	

Milking Shorthorn Division

Breed Manager- Terry Sargent (317) 277-4280; Ryan Benter (812) 525-0909

- Milking Shorthorn cattle must have a full herd book six (6) digit registration certificate. Tattoo numbers must correspond with the registration certificate. All individual class winners may be blood typed. Milking Shorthorn entries with any black hair will be disqualified and cannot show.

Category: Heifers Calves

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
1	Spring Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
2	Winter Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
3	Fall Heifer Calves	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale

Category: Yearling Heifers

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
4	Summer Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
5	Spring Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
6	Winter Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
7	Fall Yearling Heifer	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
8	Yearling Heifer in milk	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Heifer	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Heifer	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Category: 2-years old or more Cows

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
9	Junior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
10	Senior 2-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
11	Junior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
12	Senior 3-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
13	4-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
14	5-year-old Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
15	Aged Cow six years and older	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
16	Dry Cow	1-10 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Cow	Larger Banner	\$220 (not in Celebration of Champions)
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Cow	Medium Banner	\$110 (not in Celebration of Champions)

Do Not Enter	Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn	Banner	\$220
Do Not Enter	Reserve Grand Champion Milking Shorthorn	Banner	

Category: Showmanship

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
17	Junior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Junior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Junior	Lavender Rosette	
18	Intermediate Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Intermediate	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Intermediate	Lavender Rosette	
19	Senior Showmanship	1-5 Place Ribbons	Sliding scale
Do Not Enter	Champion Senior	Small Plaque	
Do Not Enter	Reserve Champion Senior	Lavender Rosette	

Overall Champion Division

Category: 4-H Supreme Champion Dairy Females

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
Do Not Enter	Supreme Champion 4-H Dairy Heifer	Banner	Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions
Do Not Enter	Reserve Supreme Champion 4-H Dairy Heifer	Banner	Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions
Do Not Enter	Supreme Champion 4-H Dairy Cow	Banner	Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions
Do Not Enter	Reserve Supreme Champion 4-H Dairy Cow	Banner	Indiana State Fair Celebration of Champions

Category: Champion Showman Classes

Class #	Class Description	Awards	Premiums
Do Not Enter	Supreme Champion 4-H Dairy Showman	Large Plaque	\$550
Do Not Enter	Reserve Supreme Champion 4-H Dairy Showman	Small Plaque	\$165
Do Not Enter	Breed Champion 4-H Dairy Showman (The remaining four (4) Breed Showmen not winning Grand Champion or Reserve Showman		\$165 each

Outstanding 4-H Dairy Producer Competition

1. The Outstanding 4-H Dairy Producer competition is open to Indiana 4-H members enrolled in the dairy project in the 8th grade and above who are entered in the 4-H dairy project.
2. This competition will take place on **Saturday, August 9 starting at 10 am at the North Foyer** on the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
3. The objectives of this award are to:
 - a. Emphasize the educational aspects of raising and showing livestock
 - b. Provide a learning laboratory which will enhance knowledge of the dairy industry
 - c. Improve self-confidence and verbal skills in one-on-one communication
 - d. Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
 - e. Provide additional opportunities to recognize youth for their accomplishments
4. Scholarships will be awarded based on knowledge and skills demonstrated in different contests within the dairy species.
5. The contest format is a four (4) phase competition consisting of the following events:
 - Phase 1 - four (4) stage skill-a-than contest
 - Phase 2 - dairy management test
 - Phase 3 - Judging Contest
 - Phase 4 – Showmanship
6. An informational flyer will be emailed to 4-H Dairy Project members via 4-H Online prior to the contest.
7. Results will be announced at the conclusion of the event. Recognition will be given to the top individuals in each phase as well as to the overall winner.

4-H Dairy Skill-a-Thon Contest Format

1. The 4-H Dairy Skill-a-than is open to any Indiana 4-H member entered in the dairy project in grades 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 as of January 1 of the current year.
2. Pre-registration for the contest is not required. You may sign up the day of the contest in the Cattle Barn Office.
3. The objectives of the Skill-a-than are to:
 - a. Provide a learning laboratory which will enhance knowledge of the dairy industry.
 - b. Improve self-confidence and verbal skills in one-on-one communication.
 - c. Develop responsibility for completing a project.
 - d. Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
 - e. Provide additional opportunities to recognize youth for their accomplishments.
4. The skill-a-than will consist of six (6) stations, worth 20 points each. If a tie exists at the end of the event, contestants will answer a tiebreaker question at one of the stations.
5. The dairy skill-a-than can include a variety of topics including dairy science, dairy industry, and dairy foods topics. An informational flyer will be emailed to 4-H Dairy Project members via 4-H Online prior to the contest.

4-H Dairy Cattle Premium Schedule



Number in class	Placings									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
19+	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13
17-18	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	
15-16	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15		
13-14	22	21	20	19	18	17	16			
11-12	22	21	20	19	18	17				
9-10	22	21	20	19	18					
7-8	22	21	20	19						
5-6	22	21	20							
3-4	22	21								
1-2	22									

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN INDIANA 2026

This document describes the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) requirements for all animal exhibitions in the state. Indiana State 4-H has imposed additional requirements as a condition of exhibition. These additional conditions are denoted with an "*" throughout this document.

Please call the Indiana State 4-H Office at (765) 494-8435 with questions concerning 4-H exhibition requirements in Indiana.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

A. Limitations on Exhibition

This section describes limitations on exhibiting animals in Indiana. Other exhibition limitations may be described in the species-specific requirements that follow.

1. Failure to meet all animal health requirements will result in removal of animals from the exhibition premises.
2. The following animals are not eligible for exhibition in Indiana:
 - a. Animals that originate from a herd that is under quarantine.
 - b. An animal prohibited from exhibition under any law or order.
 - c. Any animal classified as a brucellosis "suspect".
 - d. Animals showing signs of any infectious or communicable disease or that are a health hazard to people or other animals.
 - e. Any animal that does not meet state animal health requirements.
3. Any animal that develops or shows signs of any infectious or communicable disease during exhibition must be removed from the premises, including the surrounding exhibition grounds. An owner who is disputing the exclusion of his/her animal(s) from exhibition may not exhibit the animal in question pending any appeal.
4. The State Veterinarian is authorized to make the final determination as to an animal's eligibility for exhibition. The State Veterinarian may order removal of any animal from the exhibition grounds.
5. Exhibition organizers may impose health requirements in addition to those prescribed by BOAH. Added requirements may not contradict requirements imposed by BOAH.
6. Exhibition organizers may have a licensed and accredited veterinarian review animals and animal health documentation during the exhibition.

B. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection

1. **For animals located within Indiana**, a certificate of veterinary inspection (commonly known as a "health paper") is not required by the Indiana State 4-H Office or BOAH for exhibition.
2. **For animals located outside of Indiana**, the exhibitor must have a properly completed CVI for all animals prior to entry. This requirement applies to all domestic animals (except fish and poultry).
 - a. CVIs must be completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian who has personally inspected the animals.
 - b. A CVI for any animal is valid for 30 days from the date it is issued by a licensed and accredited veterinarian. NOTE: Animal(s) must be inspected by a licensed and accredited veterinarian no more than ten days prior to the date in which the CVI is issued.
 - c. CVIs must clearly include a description of each animal including the age, sex, and breed of the animal, and the official individual identification.
 - d. CVIs must accompany the animal while on the exhibition premises.
 - i. CVI's can be made available in their original format (i.e., digital, or physical copy).

C. Pre-Entry Movement Permit (REVISED)

Effective January 1, 2022:

1. **For swine and cattle located within Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required.
2. **For swine and cattle located outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is not required when an **electronic certificate of veterinary inspection is issued**.
3. **For swine and cattle located outside of Indiana**, a pre-entry movement permit is required when a **paper** certificate of veterinary inspection is issued.
 - a. The 2026 Indiana State Fair pre-entry movement permit number is "INSF26" and must be noted on all **paper** certificates of veterinary inspection.

D. Indiana State Fairgrounds

1. The Federal Premises Identification Number for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **00C6T69**
2. The physical address for the Indiana State Fairgrounds that should be recorded on all associated CVIs is: **1202 E 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205**

E. Official Identification

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified unless otherwise noted. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA that bear the US shield. All official identification and any additional identification devices should be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

F. Testing

1. All tests required for exhibition must be conducted at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University, a laboratory approved by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, or a state or federal-approved laboratory.
2. All animals, including Indiana animals, that are to be offered for sale to out of state buyers should have the necessary testing completed prior to the sale date. The destination state should be contacted to ensure all pre-entry movement requirements are met prior to the planned movement. www.in.gov/boah/movements-out-of-indiana/

DAIRY CATTLE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A. SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES

B. Identification*

1. 840 RFID tag (15 digits, beginning with "840," with US shield), and;
2. 5-digit County tag, and;

C. Testing

1. **Dairy Cattle located within Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test, tuberculosis test, or Influenza A for exhibition in Indiana.
2. **Dairy Cattle located outside of Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana, as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis and tuberculosis free by the USDA. *The current status of USDA eradication programs, by state, can be found [HERE](#).*
3. **Lactating Dairy Cattle located outside of Indiana** are required to have a negative Influenza A virus test (H5N1) within 7 days prior to interstate movement. Results are required to be documented on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).

D. Vaccination

1. No vaccinations are required for exhibition of Dairy Cattle at the Indiana State Fair.

INDIANA STATE FAIR GRIEVANCE/APPEAL FORM



INDIANA STATE FAIR

WARNING: You must read and initial this section before proceeding to complete this document.

_____ 1. I understand and agree that filing a grievance that alleges
a. facts that are not true, or
b. facts that I know are not true, or
c. facts I should know are not true:
will be considered a violation of the 4-H behavioral expectations.

_____ 2. I understand and agree that all statements made herein by me are subject to the pains and penalties of perjury and I hereby affirm that my statements herein are true.

_____ 3. I understand that perjury is a crime in Indiana.

I, the undersigned, allege that the following term(s) and condition(s) have been violated:

The facts which support this allegation are set out as follows:
(If needed, additional sheets may be attached.)

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ that I have read, understand, and accept the above statements to be true, accurate, and complete

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(1) Perjury - knowingly making false material statements under oath or affirmation. In Indiana, person who commits perjury commits a Class D felony⁽³⁾, which may be punishable by imprisonment, fine or restitution (Indiana Code 35-44-2-1 and 35-50-2-7)

(2) Prosecution for violations of Indiana law will be referred to the proper authorities.

(3) Felony - a crime of graver or more serious nature than those designated as misdemeanors.

Form received by signed: _____ Date: _____