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Wabash County 4-H NEWSLETTER



March 2024



CLUB MEETINGS:

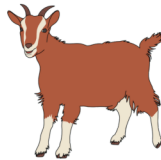
16th - Hi-Flyers 9:00 a.m.

18th - Town & Country 6:00 p.m.

20th - Twisters 6:00 p.m.

20th - Sprouts 6:00 p.m.

26th - YQCA Training 10:00 a.m.



GOAT WORKSHOP



Registration
for goat
workshop

This is a hands-on experience for youth to learn about goat selection and how to get your goat project started. Topics such as early care, feed, facilities, health, and more will be covered. The main focus of this workshop will be on meat goats and dairy goats but information on pygmy goats can be provided. This workshop is open to all of Unit 25 (Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash & Wayne).

This will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 10 am- 12 pm at the Wabash County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn located at 15039 Four H Lane, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863.

SHEEP & GOAT STATE FAIR NOMINATIONS

Exhibitors will self-nominate their lambs and goats by filling out a nomination form. They will include a close-up photo of the ear with the scrapie tag attached and readable. They will no longer be tattooed. The nomination form will be turned in to our office so we can sign it and send it to the State Extension Office.

These are due to our office by May 15th. Nomination forms can be picked up at the 4-H office or by emailing logank@illinois.edu.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 LAST DAY TO ADD OR CHANGE PROJECTS ON ZSUITE & TO ORDER PUBLICATIONS!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Goat Workshop 9:00 am
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16 9:00 am Hi-Flyers 4-H Club Meeting
17  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18 6:00 pm Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting	19	20 6:00 pm Twisters 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm Sprouts 4-H Club Meeting	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday  Happy Easter 31	25	26 YQCA Training at Annex 10:00 am	27 Office Closed for Unit Meeting	28	29	30 2



March 2024

Wabash County Fair Dates: July 12 - 20, 2024

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend now!

Reminders:

- Every 4-H'er will be required to attend **FOUR** 4-H events to be eligible to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office holds.



YQCA is a training that is required by the state for all 4-H'ers who are exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, or goats. you are required to take this training **each year**. Wabash County will offer two in-person trainings, or members can take the training online, or with another county. Wabash County training dates are March 26th at 10:00 am and April 11th at 6:00 pm. Both trainings will be held at the Annex Building at the Fairgrounds.

QUALITY ASSURANCE and ETHIC CERTIFICATION (QAEC)

All 4-H'ers who are exhibiting horses, poultry, rabbits, dogs, & and cats **MUST** complete online QAEC to show at the fair. This is a **one-time** certification and is valid your entire 4-H career. You only need to take QAEC in one livestock area regardless of the number of livestock projects you are enrolled in. All new members enrolled in these projects and/or any members who have not taken it before must complete the certification by June 1. You can find the online training on ZSuite at <https://4-h.zsuite.org>. Directions can be found at <https://go.illinois.edu/TakeQAEC>.

Please remember to print a copy of your certificate for your records. If you have trouble or questions, please call the Extension office.

Rabbit Classes

Wabash County 4-H rabbit novelty and commercial classes will be following the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) breed guide this year. If your rabbit breed is listed in the four class you will sign up for novelty classes. If your rabbit breed is listed in the six class you will sign up for commercial classes. The breed guide can be found on the Wabash County 4-H website, under Fair and Show Information. Please contact our office if you have any questions!



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OWNERSHIP FORMS

Wabash County 4-H will not be requiring ownership forms this year. All other required health papers and purebred registration papers will be inspected at fair check-in like normal. Please refer to the handbook when it is published for further details or contact our office with any questions you may have.

LIVESTOCK BIRTH & OWNERSHIP DEADLINESS

Market Animals

ANIMAL	OWNERSHIP DEADLINE	BIRTH DATES
Market Steers	January 1, 2024	Calved on or after January 1, 2023
Market Pigs	May 1, 2024	Farrowed on or after January 1, 2024
Market Lambs	May 1, 2024	Lambled on or after January 1, 2024
Market Meat Goat	May 1, 2024	Born on or after January 1, 2024

Breeding Animals

BEEF – HEIFERS AND COWS:

Heifers

- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2024 (with the exception of Junior Heifer and Bull Calf)

Performance Cows

- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since January 1, 2024

SWINE – GILTS:

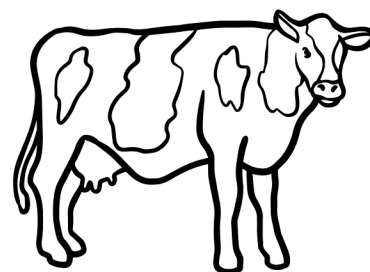
- Owned by exhibitor since May 1, 2024

SHEEP – EWES & RAMS:

- Owned and personally cared for by exhibitor since May 1, 2024

DAIRY – COWS AND HEIFERS:

- Calves and Heifers – Owned since May 1, 2024
- Cows – Owned since January 1, 2024





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Breeding Animals Continued

HORSE & PONY:

- On or before May 1, 2024

DOGS:

- Dogs must be owned or leased by June 1, 2024

DAIRY GOATS:

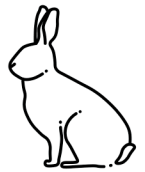
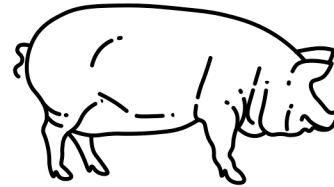
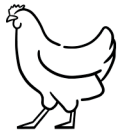
- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2024.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2024.

MEAT GOATS

- All meat goats (market and all breeding animals) are to be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2024.

RABBITS, NOVELTY GOATS & POULTRY:

- Animals in these species that are to be exhibited at the ISF Jr. Show must be owned by the exhibitor as indicated: Does -- By June 1 of the year exhibiting; All others -- Out of stock owned by the exhibitor prior to June 1, 2024.



Livestock Judging

Congratulations to the Wabash County Livestock Judging team for winning High Senior Team Overall at the Black Hawk East judging contest and 4th High Overall Senior Team at the IL Beef Expo. Keep up the great work!

If you are interested in joining the Livestock Judging team, please contact our office at 618-262-5725 or email logank@illinois.edu.



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FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Scholarships

- Available to MCHS graduates; high school students may only apply for one scholarship
- \$2000 scholarship and \$1000 scholarship available to high school seniors and current college students pursuing a degree in agriculture
- \$1000 scholarship available to high school seniors pursuing a non-ag degree
- Applications can be found on the Wabash County 4-H website and must be turned in to the Farm Bureau office by April 15, 2024

Grants

- Available to 4-H members ages 8-12 (as of September 1, 2023)
- \$25-\$100 grants to be used for materials needed for 4-H projects (including supplies for livestock care and show, but cannot be used to purchase an animal)
- Application must be hand-written by 4-H member, signed by a parent, and signed by the club leader
- Applications & guidelines can be found on the Wabash County 4-H website and must be turned in to the Farm Bureau office by April 15, 2024

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Change in Livestock Health Requirements



IN THE PAST:

Steers have not had to have health papers for County & State Fairs

THIS YEAR:

Steers **DO** need to have health papers for County & State Fairs

2024 Livestock Health Requirements for County & State Fairs can be found at: <https://go.illinois.edu/2024LivestockHealthRequirements> or

by scanning the QR code



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