



May 2024

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Office Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed 12 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- 1st- Fair Entry opens
- 15th - Twisters 6:00 p.m.
- 15th - Sprouts 6:00 p.m.
- 25th - Hi-Flyers 9:00 a.m.
- 27th - Town & Country 6:00 p.m.
- 31st- Last day to register in Fair Entry,
Last day to complete QAEC & YQCA

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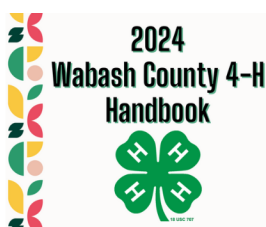
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4-H Wabash County, Illinois



4-H Fair Handbooks have been distributed to club leaders! Every 4-H household should now have a handbook, if you missed your meeting or need an additional handbook we have a few extras at the Extension office!

Fair Entry instructions have been sent out in an email and can be found on our website. Fair Entry will open on May 1st. Both Cloverbuds and regular members are required to complete Fair Entry. The deadline to have all entries made is June 1st, 2024.



Wabash County
4-H Website

Off Premise Form

Animals enrolled in the 4-H program are expected to be in the 4-H member's regular care from the animal project starting date until the conclusion of the 4-H show, at the county fair and/or state fair. If animals are housed someplace other than the 4-H member's residence, then an Off-Premise form needs to be on file at the Extension Office by June 1, 2024. The Off-Premise Form can be downloaded from our website or picked up at the extension office.

Dog and Horse Papers

If you plan to lease your animal, your completed lease agreement, with picture of both the right and left sides of the dog or horse must be turned into the extension office by June 1. The Lease Agreement can be downloaded from our website or picked up at the extension office.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Fair Entry Opens	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Happy <i>Mother's</i> Day Mother's Day	13	14	15 6:00 pm Twisters 4-H Club Meeting 6:00 pm Sprouts Cloverbud Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21 Office Closed	22 Office Closed (Afternoon only)	23	24	25 9:00 am Hi-Flyers 4-H Club Meeting
26	27 6:00 pm Town & Country 4-H Club Meeting ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 Fair Entry Closes	QAEC & YQCA must be completed



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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 were in March & April. If you were unable to attend you will need to take the training online at yqcaprogram.org.

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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Wabash
County 4-H
Website





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OWNERSHIP, HEALTH, & REGISTRATION PAPERS

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. Failure to have health papers during weigh-in/check-in on Sunday, July 14th at 2:00 p.m. may cause:

- 1) Inability to exhibit livestock
- 2) \$275 vet charge for turning in papers late.

Please refer to the handbook for further details on requirements 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





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Breeding Animals Continued

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

HORSE & PONY:

- On or before May 1, 2024

DOGS:

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

DAIRY GOATS:

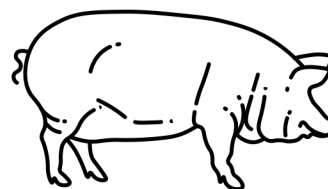
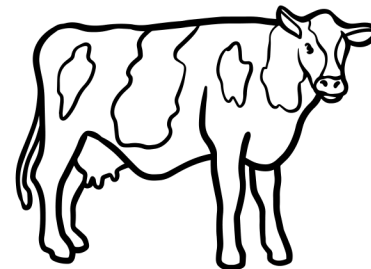
- Kids and Yearlings not in milk must be owned by exhibitor only by May 1, 2024.
- Milking Does must be owned by exhibitor only by January 1, 2024.

MEAT GOATS

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

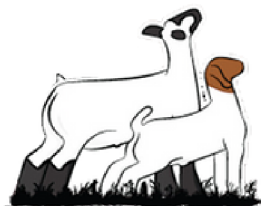
RABBITS, NOVELTY GOATS & POULTRY:

- 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.



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.





Change in Livestock Health Requirements

IN THE PAST:

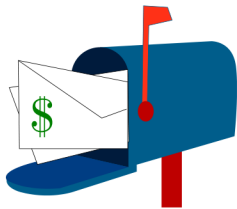
Steers have not had to have health papers for County & State Fairs

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

Wabash County Fair Queen & Fair Princess Entry Forms are available at the Extension office. If you have any questions please contact Alexa Price at 618-262-1828. Entry forms are due by May 30th.



2023 Wabash County 4-H Fair Premium Checks have been mailed! Please be on the lookout for your check and cash it as soon as possible. Checks are void if not cashed in 90 days!

The Wabash County Livestock Judging Team ended the Junior College Circuit strong this month at Lincoln Land, ICC, and Joliet! Highlights include:

Joliet Junior College

RESERVE HIGH TEAM OVERALL

High Team Sheep and Goats

2nd High Team Questions

3rd High Team Cattle

Maycee Moore

High Individual Cattle with a PERFECT SCORE

DJ Brashear

2nd High Individual Sheep and Goats

Braxton Pittman

3rd High Individual Sheep and Goats

6th High Questions

MaKinzie Gaither

4th High Individual Sheep and Goats

Lincoln Land Junior College

High Team Overall

Illinois Central College

3rd High Team Overall

High Team Swine

High Team Questions

5th High Sheep and Goats

5th High Beef

Maycee Moore

High Individual Beef

5th High Individual Questions

8th High Individual Overall

MaKinzie Gaither

4th High Individual Swine

Aly Williams

9th High Sheep and Goats

