



4-H Animal Identification 2025

It's time to start working with your 4-H animal projects. We hope you find your projects both challenging and rewarding. **You will need to identify all 4-H animal projects; breeding heifers, cow/calf pairs, prospect calves (steers and heifers), dairy, dairy goats, dog, horse, llama-alpaca, meat goats, poultry (doves and pigeons), rabbits, sheep, and swine.**

Animals MUST be identified in 4-H Online by May 15, 2025.

- All market beef (market steers, market heifers, and dairy steers) should have been identified by February 18, 2025
- Cloverbuds do not need to identify animals at this time.

Identification Steps:

- 1) Read through the appropriate **information sheet** for the animal(s) that you will be identifying and the **Minnesota 4-H AnSci Updates for 2025** (z.umn.edu/AnSciUpdates2025). These documents include information for identification, animal project rules, classes, State Fair participation and more.

Info sheets are included for project areas that you are enrolled in through 4Honline. *If you are planning on exhibiting in a project area but did not get the info sheet for that species, you can either view them online (links below), or you can contact Sarah at the Extension Office (hiniko35@umn.edu, 507-835-0600) for a copy.*

- Beef Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/BeefInfo25
 - Dairy Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/DairyInfo25
 - Dairy Goat Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/DairyGoatInfo25
 - Dog Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/DogInfo25
 - Horse Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/HorseInfo25
 - Llama-Alpaca Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/LlamaAlpacaInfo25
 - Meat Goat Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/MeatGoatInfo25
 - Poultry Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/PoultryInfo25
 - Rabbit Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/RabbitInfo25
 - Sheep Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/SheepInfo25
 - Swine Information Sheet - z.umn.edu/SwineInfo25
- 2) Do you need a 4-H tag? Double check the **MN 4-H Animal Science identification requirements table** (<https://z.umn.edu/AnSciIDrequire>). If so, contact the Waseca County Extension Office for your 4-H tag(s).

All market project animals, commercial animals, and prospect calves will need a 4-H tag.

- Tags are **\$3.00** each this year. Bring exact change or write a check for the amount. Checks can be made out to Waseca County 4-H.

- Ear Tags can be picked up from the Waseca County Extension Office M-F, 8 am to 4:30 pm. If you are coming from a distance, please call the Extension Office (507-835-0600) prior to coming to ensure staff is available.
- If you need an evening pick-up time because you can't get to our office during normal business hours, email Amy at dobbe007@umn.edu.
- **Unused 4-H tags must be returned to the Extension Office within 2 weeks of the ID deadline to be in compliance with MN Board of Animal Health and USDA official tag tracking.** Ear tag disbursement will be carefully monitored by 4-H staff. ALL TAGS need to be accounted for. The numbers of each tag should either show up on an ID worksheet or the tag should be returned to 4-H staff. **Any 4-H ear tags that are "destroyed" during an attempted application need to be returned to 4-H staff along with all unused tags.**

- 3) Taggers are available for you to check out and use; please inquire about the return procedure.
- 4) If your animal is leased (<https://extension.umn.edu/4-h-projects/leasing-animal>), you must upload a **Minnesota 4-H Lease Information Form** (<https://z.umn.edu/IDLeaseForm25>) into 4-H Online by May 15, 2025 with 4-H Online ID information.

- **NOTE: Market animals may not be leased.**

- 5) Locate the appropriate species ID Worksheet to assist you in collecting the required ID information for entering your animal information into 4-H Online.

ID Worksheets are included for project areas that you are enrolled in through 4Honline. *If you are planning on exhibiting in a project area but did not get the ID Worksheet for that species, you can either view them online (links below), or you can contact Sarah at the Extension Office (hiniko35@umn.edu, 507-835-0600) for a copy.*

- Beef - May ID Worksheet (*Breeding Heifer, Cow Calf Pair, Prospect Calf*) - z.umn.edu/BeefID25
- Dairy ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/DairyID25
- Dairy Goat ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/DairyGoatID25
- Dog ID Form (required to upload in 4-H Online by May 15, 2025) - z.umn.edu/25DogIDForm
- Horse ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/HorseID25
- Llama-Alpaca ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/LlamaAlpacaID25
- Meat Goat - Market Goat ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/MarketGoatID25
- Meat Goat - Meat Breeding Doe and Wether Dam ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/MeatGoatBrWetherDamID25
- Poultry - Pigeon/Dove ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/PigeonDoveID25
NOTE: all other poultry projects (*Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Guineas, Show & Hobby, etc...*) do not need to be identified at this time. They will have some additional questions to answer as part of the Fair Registration process in FairEntry that is due June 11.
- Rabbit ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/RabbitID25
- Sheep ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/SheepID25
- Swine ID Worksheet - z.umn.edu/SwineID25

- 6) **Enter your animal identification information into 4-H Online by May 15, 2025.** *(Note: all market beef should have been identified by February 18, 2025)*

Utilize the animal ID'ing [tip sheet](#) for ease in entering your animal information. If you are unable to enter your information into 4-H Online, please bring your completed ID worksheet to the Extension Office for assistance in entering your ID information into 4-H Online by the end of business day on May 15, 2025.

- 7) An AFTER HOURS helpline is available for use if you are experiencing challenges with your identification process. Please use these helplines during the available hours only. All other calls for assistance should be directed to Amy Nelson at the Waseca County Extension Office during normal business hours (include county operating hours). Helpline dates and hours:

Wednesday, May 14 - 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - 218-232-5174

Thursday, May 15 - 4:30 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. - 507-649-0684

AGAIN IN 2025 - We are strongly encouraging all 4-H families to submit photos of their livestock identification (tags, tattoos, etc..) in addition to entering the animal information in 4Honline. Submitting photos of your animals with their identifiers is your insurance that animals are identified properly, by the deadline, with the necessary forms of identification. This step in the identification process is **not a required portion** to completing livestock identification in 4Honline, but it is strongly recommended. **See the enclosed handout for more information.**

Board of Animal Health Requirements for exhibition, county, and state fair - ALL species

z.umn.edu/BAHRequirements25

All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian on the day of arrival and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine area or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts. 4-H exhibitors who have an animal quarantined by the official veterinarian may request to utilize another 4-H member's animal for showmanship classes only.

Any animal showing evidence of any disease, open or healing abscesses, contagious lesions, or warts will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the official veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm, including healing lesions related to these diseases, may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an

infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock, may not be entered in an exhibition.

Animals coming in from out of state must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) to travel across state lines. A CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of the inspection. An import permit or other requirements may also be required. Contact the Board of Animal Health for requirements ([Import Regulations | Minnesota Board of Animal Health \(state.mn.us\)](#)) or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 201-6832.

For species-specific health information, please read z.umn.edu/BAHRequirements25

Previously added animals

If you identified an animal/s in 4Honline in 2024 that you will be using for a project animal again in 2024, you do not need to re-enter all of their information. You can simply select the animal you wish to renew from the list of "previously added animals" The bottom line is that when you log in to 4-H Online, you MUST see, on or before May 15, every animal listed that you'd like to have as 4-H animal projects in 2025. If they are not already listed, you must enter them yourself or contact your local Extension staff for assistance.

Lost 4-H Ear Tags - On rare occasions, 4-H animals will lose the official Minnesota 4-H ear tag. If this occurs, you will need to contact the Waseca County Extension Office **immediately** at 507-835-0600 so that the tag can be verified and replaced. ***Do not wait until the county fair if this occurs.***

Cloverbud Animal Science Specifics

- Cloverbud may show their own animal or another 4-Hers animal.
- Cloverbuds will be mailed instructions on their "ID process." The Minnesota Board of Animal Health requires all animals at exhibitions to have an official ID (tag or tattoo) this includes Cloverbuds. **Cloverbud ID information does not need to be included in 4-H Online.**

Species Specific Notes

BEEF - z.umn.edu/BeefIDRequirements25

Birthdates

Breeding Heifer – Spring calf	January 1 – May 15, 2025
Breeding Heifer – Fall calf	September 1 – December 31, 2024
Breeding Heifer – Summer Yearling	May 1 – August 31, 2024
Breeding Heifer – Junior Yearling	January 1 – April 30, 2024
Breeding Heifer – Senior Yearling	September 1 - December 31, 2023
Cow/Calf	Calves must be born between January 1 - May 15, 2025
Prospect Market Calves	January 1 – May 15, 2025
Market Beef	January 1 – August 31, 2024
Dairy Steers	January 1 – August 31, 2024

All beef animals identified after November 5, 2024 must have a Minnesota 4-H RFID Ear Tag.

- Exception: If an **animal is already tagged** with a RFID tag, do not remove that tag; that will be accepted in place of a 4-H tag. You must list all 15 digits of non-4-H tags on the ID.
- Exception: **Cows and heifers** identified with official ID prior to November 5, 2024 will be grandfathered in for 2025 with previous official ID of a 4-H green tag or a registration paper and matching tattoo.
- Exception: **Market Beef** (market heifers, market steers, dairy steers) identified with a 4-H green tag prior to November 5, 2024, will be grandfathered in for 2025 with the 4-H green tag.

All registered animals must have registration papers AND must be identified with the approved breed association designated ID (ear tattoo, brand, EID) that is recorded and matches the ID on the registration paper by May 15. Animals registered after November 5, 2024 must also have a Minnesota 4-H RFID ear tag.

Exhibitors are responsible to ensure that registered animals have a legible tattoo prior to animal verification at county fair and state fair.

**** For complete beef ID (tag and tattoo) requirements, read z.umn.edu/BeefIDRequirements25 ****

DAIRY

Birthdates

Spring Calf	March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025*
Winter calf	December 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025
Fall calf	September 1 – November 30, 2024
Summer yearling	June 1 – August 31, 2024
Spring yearling	March 1 – May 31, 2024
Winter yearling	December 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024
Fall yearling	September 1 – November 30, 2023
Milking Yearling	Born Sept 1, 2023 or later that has freshened & in milking form
Junior two year old	March 1 – August 31, 2023
Senior two year old	September 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
Three year old cows	September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022
Four year old cows	September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021
Aged cow	Born before September 1, 2020
Dry cow	Dry cow of any age

Current dairy animals on ID need to be reactivated by May 15.

All cattle identified after November 5, 2024 must have a USDA RFID ear tag. If not using a 4-H RFID tag, you must list all 15 digits of the RFID tag on the ID.

- Exception: cows and heifers identified with official ID (*official breed association ear tag or tattoo, 4-H ear tag, USDA tag (7 or 9 digit)*) prior to November 5, 2024 will be grandfathered in for 2025.
- Pictures of animals as the only form of ID WILL NOT be accepted as pictures do not meet BAH requirements.



Registered animals must provide breed association information by May 15. *If registration for the animal being ID'd is pending, it is your responsibility once you receive the official registration to contact your local county Extension office. Request that the registration number be entered for the correct animal in 4-H Online to replace "pending." This should be done before your county fair.*

*For dairy spring calves born after May 15th, families will need to submit a [Dairy ID worksheet](#) to your local county Extension Office by June 1.

Cows do not need to be identified before first freshening. Exhibitors are allowed to show an animal that has been shown by another 4-H'er after the animal's first freshening (no restrictions like the other project areas)

DAIRY GOAT

Birthdates

Junior Kid Doe	April 1 – June 30, 2025
Senior Kid Doe	January 1 – March 31, 2025
Dry Yearling Doe (never kidded)	January 1 – December 31, 2024
Milking Yearling Doe	January 1 – December 31, 2024
Milking Two Year Old Doe	January 1 – December 31, 2023
Milking Doe - 3 Years and under 5 Years	born in 2021 or 2022
Milking Doe - 5 Years and older	born before 2021

A unique animal ID number is required to be tattooed into animals' left ear or tail web. The 2025 American Dairy Goat Association preferred letter will be "T".

An American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) or American Goat Society (AGS) assigned herd tattoo **OR** Board of Animal Health (BAH) assigned scrapie tattoo is required to be tattooed into animals' right ear or tail web (*Note: While tattoos or tags are acceptable, Minnesota 4-H prefers tattoos because tags are more susceptible to chewing and eventual loss*).

- ADGA or AGS registration certificate, or a stamped duplicate of the registration application, is required at the time of verification. Stamped duplicates must include the animal's registration number.
- If the animal is not registered with a breed association, documentation of a BAH-assigned scrapie tattoo is required at the time of verification.

For information or questions about the USDA scrapie identification program, contact the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) (651-201-6809).

For dairy goat junior doe kids born after May 15th, families will need to submit a [Dairy Goat ID worksheet](#) to your local county Extension Office by July 1.

Minnesota 4-H requires visible ID and does not accept microchips as a form of ID.

Dairy goats do not need to be ID'd prior to first freshening. Dairy goats can be identified for the first time at any age.

DOG TRAINING

Dog information was sent out previously to members enrolled in the Dog Project in 4Honline. If you are interested in participating in the Waseca County 4-H Dog Project, please contact Amy at dobbe007@umn.edu

HORSE

- All required information must be complete in 4-H Online
- **A photo must be uploaded into 4-H Online** (*the photo on coggins is not the required photo upload*)
- A current negative coggins should be uploaded if available by the May 15 ID deadline. If it is not available by the May 15th ID deadline the horse ID will still be considered complete but a current negative coggins must be submitted and on file before the horse can participate in any group practices or competitions.
- The horse's name on the coggins **MUST** match the horse's name in 4-H Online. The owner listed on the coggins doesn't matter as long as the horse matches.

HORSE INSURANCE & INFORMATION FORM

- Before you can participate in any 4-H sponsored practices, you must submit your Horse Project Insurance & Information Form and \$10 membership fee (*covers insurance of members and volunteers, equipment, supplies, training/ride nights, educational opportunities and more*).
 - Make your check payable to Waseca County 4-H Federation and submit your form and \$10 by June 11 or prior to your participation in any practices (whichever comes first).
- The insurance covers volunteers and/or parents that are participating in the training/clinics. The insurance does NOT cover adults or youth who are not enrolled in Waseca County 4-H. Be sure to fill out the form completely. You and your parent must both sign the form.
- The Minnesota 4-H Horse Program Rule Book contains IMPORTANT information about the Horse project and every family should have a copy. This Rule Book can be found online and downloaded from the [Minnesota 4-H Horse webpage](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/horse) (www.4-H.umn.edu/horse) under "Important information for enrolled members." If you can't go online, contact your County Extension Office for a copy.

MEAT GOAT

Birthdates

Meat market goat (wether)	Nov 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025
Meat market goat (doe)	Nov 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025
Dairy market goat (wether)	Nov 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025
Wether dam yearling (never kidded)	Sept 1, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024
Wether dam kid	Sept 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025

Meat goat breeding does

Senior yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)	Sept 1, 2023 – Feb 29, 2024
Junior yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)	March 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024

Fall yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)
Senior meat breeding doe kid
Junior meat breeding doe kid

June 1, 2024 – Nov 30, 2024
Dec 1, 2024 – Feb 28, 2025
Mar 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025

Market goats must have the following in their ears by May 15th:

Recommended tag placement:

- Left Ear: 4-H ear tag.
- Right Ear: Scrapie tag OR Board of Animal Health (BAH) assigned scrapie tattoo

Exception: animals with gopher or elf ears must be tattooed with a unique animal ID number AND Board of Animal Health (BAH) scrapie ID number in the tail web.

Meat breeding does and wether dams must have the following in their ears by May 15th.

Recommended tag placement:

- Left Ear: Tattoo with a unique animal ID OR 4-H ear tag
- Right Ear: Scrapie tag OR Board of Animal Health (BAH) assigned scrapie tattoo in their ears OR a breed registered herd prefix.

If the animal is not registered through a breed association, documentation of a BAH-assigned scrapie tattoo is required during verification.

All meat goats must have a USDA official scrapie tag. Refer to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health [Exhibition Handbook](#) for acceptable scrapie ID.

POULTRY

Hatch dates

All exhibited birds (except pigeons) must be of this year's hatch. SUGGESTED hatch dates are:

Breeding poultry and waterfowl	January 1 or after
Egg production chickens, hybrid recommended	March 1 or after
Domestic turkey & market waterfowl	March 1 or after
Guinea — pearl, white or lavender	January 1 or after
Market chickens, not to exceed 10 lbs	April 1 or after (should be 7–9 weeks old at fair)

*** You may need two hatches of market chickens to accommodate an early county fair and (a late August) state fair.*

Purebred animals

All birds exhibited in breeding classes must be purebred and will be judged according to the American Poultry Association (APA) "Standard of Perfection." All pigeons will be judged according to the NPA's Pigeon Standard book. All doves will be judged by the "Book of Pigeon Standards."

All birds (except pigeons and doves) will be leg banded with a county provided numbered leg band and must be banded before checking in at the county fair. Leg Bands will be provided in the Livestock Exhibitor's packet that will be handed out at the Livestock Exhibitor's Meeting on July 1.

Dove and Pigeon bands: doves and pigeons must be identified by permanent seamless leg band numbers by May 15. Must be entered in 4-H Online. MUST include all numbers and letters (ex. NPA2023ABI4005).

If you own your poultry, there is not an identification form that needs to be submitted to your county extension offices. Waseca County 4-H WILL NOT be utilizing a county-specific ID form in 2025. You will complete additional information in FairEntry when registering for the county fair - information includes breed and hatch date.

For exhibition (county fair and state fair) - poultry health paperwork must list the exhibitor's name, exhibitor's parent/guardian name, and exhibitor's address

RABBIT

All breeding rabbits and fryer or meat pen rabbits must be purebred. Waseca County 4-H offers a "Rabbits for Fun" class that is not state fair eligible that is for rabbits that are not purebred - Rabbits in the "Rabbits for Fun" class must be identified by May 15 and have a left ear tattoo. They are not eligible for state fair.

Each rabbit must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the animal's left ear by May 15. It is best practice for any rabbit breeder or 4Her to not tattoo their baby rabbits at least until they are a minimum of 6 weeks of age.

- Baby rabbits born before the May 15 ID deadline and not a minimum of 6 weeks old may not be age appropriate to have a tattoo in the left ear. Also, small breeds like Netherland Dwarfs or Polish (to name a few) ears are also too small to tattoo much before 10-12 weeks of age. Therefore any juniors will not be penalized for lack of tattooing by the May 15 ID deadline.
- Market fryers or meat pens cannot be more than 70 days of age at show time, therefore only the Doe is ID'ed by the May 15 deadline and babies are not tattooed until 6 weeks of age.
- **A legible tattoo is "a tattoo that shows ink below the skin and must be readable."** Permanent marker or ink is not acceptable.
- For a fryer or meat pen, the 4-H'er must own the doe producing the fryers by May 15 and have her listed on their ID form by May 15.
 - Tattoos for rabbits in the fryer or meat pens must include 2 digits from the producing doe's tattoo that are unique to the doe. Pen of three entries cannot have duplicate tattoos within the pen.

SHEEP

Birthdates

- Ewe lambs must be born on or after September 1 of the previous year.
- Wether dams must be born on or after December 1, 2024.
- Market lambs (wethers and ewes) must be born on or after December 1, 2024.
- Yearling ewes over one year of age and under two years of age and must not show evidence of four permanent incisors.

- Market lambs will be weighed at the county fair to determine market weight and weight class.
- The RECOMMENDED state fair minimum weight is 105 pounds. No ribbon deductions for below.
- The RECOMMENDED state fair maximum weight is 170 pounds.
- **All sheep must have a USDA official scrapie tag. Refer to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health [Exhibition Handbook](#) for acceptable scrapie ID.**
- **In addition, all market sheep (wethers and ewes), commercial/breeding ewes/ewe lambs, and wether dams must be tagged with a MN 4-H ear tag by May 15.**
- **Registered ewes/ewe lambs must have two permanent forms of identification. Permanent ID must match the registration papers. USDA official scrapie tag and option of 4-H tag, tattoo or individual ID tag that matches registration paper.**
- All sheep must be owned, tagged and ID data must be entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to the county extension office by May 15.
- **2025 new state fair offering - [Hair Sheep Division at 4-H market lamb show](#)** (see sheep updates) - we will not be offering a hair sheep division at the Waseca County 4-H market lamb show.

SWINE

Premise ID numbers ARE REQUIRED. Find Information for [online registration of premises](#) (bah.state.mn.us/register-your-premises).

Birthdates

- All swine must be farrowed on or after January 1 of the current year.
- Market swine recommended farrow date of January or February.
- **All swine must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag by May 15.**
 - If an animal is purchased with an Official USDA tag, do not remove that tag. Request an unofficial 4-H swine ID tag from your local office.
- All swine must be ear notched in both ears using the universal ear notch system by May 15. Information about ear notching can be found on the [Animal ID webpage](#) (www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.)
- Recording of ear notches and 4-H tags are required in 4-H Online. **It is highly recommended that 4-H'ers upload photos of ear notches in 4-H Online as support documentation.**
- Waseca County does not require a beginning weight for hogs.
- Animals without registration papers should be ID'd as crossbred in 4-H Online.

Universal Ear Notching System

Both ears must be notched.
The right ear indicates the litter number and the left ear indicates the pig number.

Ear-Notching System

The Key

RIGHT LEFT

Right ear - Litter number
Left ear - Pig number

Litter Mark: Right ear is used for litter mark and all pigs in same litter must have the same ear notches in the ear. Right ear is on pigs own right.

Individual Pig Marks: Left ear is used for notches to show individual pig number in the litter. Each pig will have different notches in this ear.

Notches are shown on this page for 149 litters. You can mark up to 161 litters with this system. Litter number and notches for that number are shown in each square.

Reminder about the 21 Day Rule & ID-ing "Back-Up" Pigs for State Fair

Livestock exhibits shown at the state fair must be the same animal that won the trip at the county fair, **EXCEPT** Market Swine. Youth who win a market barrow or market gilt trip CAN take a different pig to the state fair since the Waseca County Fair 4-H swine show is more than 3 weeks (21 days) prior to the date of the Minnesota 4-H State Fair market hog show. **The back-up pig HAS to be properly ID-ed by May 15th in order to be shown at the Minnesota 4-H State Fair.** It does not need to be exhibited at the county fair to be shown at the state fair. This is for Market Gilts and Market Barrows only - Breeding Gilts trips need to be the actual pig that won the trip, and must show in a breeding gilt class at the state fair.

Rate of Gain Note

If you are planning to enter the rate of gain contest as part of the 2025 County Fair Swine Show, **you must enter a beginning weight for your pigs and the date the pigs were weighed.** Animals without weights in 4Honline by May 15 will not be entered into rate of gain.

Rate of Gain is calculated by taking the weight of the pig at the fair minus the weight you enter in 4Honline. That number is divided by the number of days between weighing the pigs, using the date you enter as the beginning weigh date.

Example:

4-H Tag	Beg Weigh Date	Beg Weight	Ending Weigh Date	End Weight	Days btw weights	AVG Daily Gain
0001	05/10/25	59	7-11-25	179.6	62	1.945
0002	05/15/25	80	7-11-25	189.5	57	1.921
0003	01/06/25	4	7-11-25	240	187	1.262

Both the beginning weight and date weighed have to be entered in 4Honline for you to participate in the rate of gain class. We will not be tracking down this information at the fair - if both aren't entered, your pigs won't be placed in the contest.



CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds **do not** enter their animals in 4HOnline like regular 4-H members (3rd grade and up). Instead, Cloverbuds complete the questions prompted in FairEntry when they sign up for their fair entries by **June 11, 2025** (The FairEntry system will open on May 20).

If you plan on showing livestock (beef, dairy, horse, lama, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, or swine) at the Waseca County Fair, complete your registration in FairEntry **on or before June 11.**

Please read:

- Minnesota 4-H Cloverbud Information Sheet available at extension.umn.edu/ways-participate/4-h-cloverbuds (Request a copy from the Extension Office if you have not received one yet or cannot access it online.)
- The enclosed "Required Health Information for Cloverbud Animals" for more details on what is needed to exhibit at county fair.

Remember, by May 15, 2025, you must own your animal, have the appropriate ID applied (tags/tattoos), and enter the animal information into 4-H Online.

Please contact Amy Nelson at dobbe007@umn.edu or 507-835-0600 with any questions.

Livestock Quality Assurance Training Options

<https://extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-livestock-quality-assurance-training-lqa>

Minnesota 4-H supports livestock quality assurance and animal science ethics. All youth participating as a state fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat goat, dairy goat, and llama - alpaca must complete livestock quality assurance training.

Certification is required for state fair grade/age-eligible youth. Must be completed before their home county fair qualifying show (deadline for certification set by county of enrollment). The training accommodates multi-levels of learning for all ages. The level of training required is determined by the grade/age of the youth at the time the training takes place. Minnesota 4-H youth must participate in one of the training options to be eligible for Minnesota 4-H state fair shows. Minnesota 4-H recognizes two training options:

1. A face-to-face 3-hour livestock quality assurance and ethics training from Minnesota 4-H. These will be offered in multiple locations statewide. This certification is valid for three fair seasons. Cost is set by the county/regional host.
2. An online 1-hour youth quality care of animals training offered via distance learning. This certification is valid for one fair season. Cost: \$12; pay at registration with a credit card. (This is a national program and the registration fee pays for the national training system.)
z.umn.edu/YQCA2025

<https://extension.umn.edu/4-h-events/4-h-livestock-quality-assurance-training-lqa>