

Swine Tagging Management – Meadowlark District

After evaluation the options for a centralized swine weigh-in/tagging for the current year, it has been decided that the bio-security risk and facility requirements to hold such an event are again prohibitive this year. We will continue to evaluate the risks and the benefits of holding a centralized event in future years and welcome your input for future years.

All market swine must be tagged with the official Kansas 4-H EID tag and identification forms returned to the Extension office by **MAY 1st**. Tags are \$3.00 a piece and can be purchased at the Extension Office. To be USDA 840 compliant, swine tags may go in either ear, but the **LEFT** ear is preferred. See the “Kansas 4-H Tagging Guidelines and Tips for EID Tags” for complete instructions on proper placement of tags. **REQUIRED for all Meadowlark District swine members is submission of a clear photograph showing the pig with the tag in its ear, with the Identification form by May 1st**. The visual management numbers must be visible and legible as in the photo on the left. The electronic button goes in the INSIDE of the ear like the photo on the right. The tag sets (visual number and electronic buttons) **MUST** stay matched together.



Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus Certification: All swine exhibitors are required to have a current YPQA certification on file with the National Pork Board, prior to exhibiting at fairs. For the current year we will again use the on-line certification from the National Pork Board where you can sit down at a computer at your convenience and get YPQA certified. Please complete this process by **MAY 1st**! A detailed two page document with step-by-step instructions as well as a listing of current member status can be found on the 4-H Youth Development page of the Meadowlark District site, under 4-H News <http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html>

Currently, there are a couple of ways to get to this site.

1. Go to <http://www.pork.org> Click on "Log In" on the far right edge of the black banner across the top.

OR

2. Go to

<http://www.pork.org> Click on "CERTIFICATION" in the orange banner across the top.

Click on “CERTIFY ONLINE NOW” in the center of the page OR click on "Youth PQA Plus - Click Here To Certify Online" on the upper right hand side of the page. After going through one of the two routes above, you should come to a "Login" screen that displays 4 boxes under a "Register For An Account" heading.