Tagging Management 2020

Due to the current COVID 19 situation and suspension of all face to face 4-H activities through July 4th, traditional weigh-ins will not be happening for the remainder of 2020. We will be moving to a home tagging arrangement, similar to what our swine project members have been doing the past several years.

**ALL MARKET** animals must be tagged with the official Kansas 4-H EID tag and completed identification forms returned to the Extension office by **JUNE 1st**!!! Using official Kansas 4-H EID tags for breeding animals is not generally required, but recommended, especially if breeding animals do not have any other form of identification or possibly could be used in market classes or sold to floor buyers. In addition to a 4-H EID tag, Sheep and Goats MUST have a Scrapie Premise tag. Please reach out to the Extension office if you have questions on which animals need to be tagged with what.

Families will need to request tags via a Google form, found on their local office page of the Meadowlark District website. Tags are $3.00 a piece for Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine, $3.50 for any remaining market Beef. If you do not have access to the internet/Google form, please contact your local Extension office and we can complete a request form for you. Tags will be mailed to families on Friday of each week, along with the required ID paperwork. These forms, with photos of the animals with tag in ear, along with payment, will be mailed back by you, to your Extension office. **JUNE 1st** is the deadline for all forms & payment to be returned.

To be USDA 840 compliant, 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, found on our District website [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/2020_tagging_information.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/2020_tagging_information.html) REQUIRED is submission of a clear photograph showing the animal with the tag in its ear. 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. Digital submission of photos via email is acceptable, IF you can’t print photos.

**Youth For the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA):** YQCA is required for all exhibitors showing livestock at fairs. Information on YQCA can be found at: [http://yqca.org/](http://yqca.org/), on the “NEWS” page of the Meadowlark District website: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html). Given the current restrictions on face to face meetings, ONLINE certification is the only way to complete this requirement for the remainder of 2020. The April 4-H newsletter addressed this process and the FLASH SALE for coupons during the month of April. Please visit with Ross if you have specific questions about the YQCA certification process, or for any tagging related questions. rmostell@ksu.edu or 785-336-2184 (office), 785-541-1012 (mobile).