Swine Tagging Management 2021

The continued threat of swine and human virus that could affect the health of pigs and 4-Hers alike, continues from the past year. That said, we will continue with the established home/self-tagging process for swine in 2021. If you need assistance and would like to explore the option of getting a starting weight for your pigs, please visit with the Extension office for possible options.

All market swine must be tagged with the official Kansas 4-H EID tag and completed 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, found on our District website. 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 For the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA): The national program of YQCA for all meat animal livestock. Information on YQCA can be found at: http://yqca.org/, on the “NEWS” page of the Meadowlark District website: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html or by visiting your local Extension Office. Please visit with Ross if you have specific questions about the YQCA certification process.