

Swine Tagging Management 2018

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 2019 and beyond.

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Youth For the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA): Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus (YPQA Plus) has been replaced by the national program of YQCA for all meat animal livestock. YPQA Plus will no longer be an active certification program after 2018, so all swine project members planning to participate in Premium Auctions, will be required to follow YQCA program guidelines. Information on YQCA can be found at: <http://yqca.org/> or by visiting your local Extension Office.