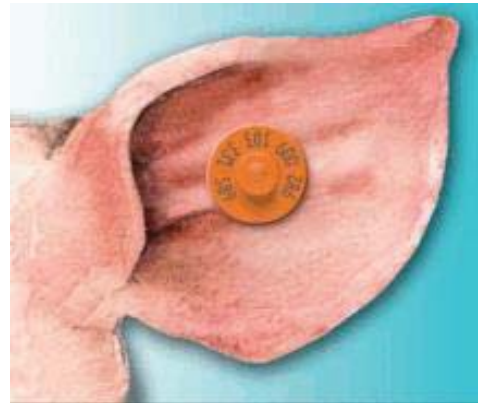


Swine Tagging Management 2023

The continued threat of swine and human virus that could affect the health of pigs and 4-Hers alike, continues from the past year. A survey was conducted to see how many of you felt a mandatory in-person, centralized weigh-in/tagging should be held this spring. We had a great response rate and nearly two thirds of you prefer to leave home tagging and identification with forms and photos. That said, we will continue with the established home/self-tagging process for swine in 2023 but will be exploring some “open scale” dates at the fairgrounds where you can weigh your pigs for your information. Watch your email and/or newsletter for details.

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.** IDEALLY, the photo would be very similar to the one on the left below and would include as much of the pig’s body as possible, while still having the tag remain visible. **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): ALL swine project members will be required to follow YQCA program guidelines. Information on YQCA can be found at: <http://yqcaprogram.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 Clay if you have specific questions about the YQCA certification process. Scheduled dates for 2023 thus far are as follows:

March 13, 6:30 pm - Northeast Kansas Heritage Building, Holton

January 3, 10:00 AM - Nemaha County Community Building, Seneca

January 11, 6:30 pm - 4-H Building, Valley Falls

As you can see, these dates have passed, your options are to take a web-based training or attend a training in a neighboring district/county.