

TO: 4-H Swine Members (Grades 3-12)

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REMINDER



Swine tagging days will be Saturday **May 5th** from 8:00 am-Noon and Sunday **May 6th** from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Both dates will be held in the swine barn at the fairgrounds. During these times you may either bring your pigs to the fairgrounds to be tagged or you can pick up tags, and tag your pigs yourself. **If you are tagging your swine yourself, you need to pick up your swine tags and hair sample envelope at one of the tagging days.**

There will be a charge for all tags of **\$4.00** each.

All swine shown at the Morgan County 4-H show must have a radio frequency identification tag (RFID tag), according to the Board of Animal Health regulations and be ear notched.

You must register each pig **online** at <https://in.4honline.com> with tag number by May 11th **by using the worksheet provided. Have your Premise I.D. number and tag information for each animal per child on this worksheet. You will not be happy if you wait until the last minute.**

All Morgan County 4-H Swine must also have a **hair sample for exhibition**, and exhibitors must have a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification.

Swine members exhibiting must provide hair samples of each animal for DNA testing. Envelopes for collection of hair will be available by contacting Jason Maxwell, Swine Supt. at 765-346-0935 or at tag days. A second hair sample for each pig is required for State Fair Exhibition.

A "how-to" take hair samples video is available at:

<https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/item.asp?itemID=21396#.WP3wSmnyuUI>

Morgan County Born and Raised Swine entries will be at the fair check in. There is no form.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

All 4-H members exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits are required to attend a YQCA certification session or complete the training online at yqca.org before July 15th. Currently, we have some coupons for free face-to-face training sessions at the Extension Office. Call us at 765-342-1010 to get your coupon code **before** you register. Register for a YQCA class at: www.yqca.org and choose the "4honline option" to enter using your 4honline e-mail and password. Choose a training session/date and register for it. Be sure to call us for a coupon code while they last, otherwise there is a \$3.00 charge for face-to-face training. There is an online training option also, and the cost of the online course is \$12.00. (We do not have coupons for this option.) **Dates for training to be held at the Extension Office Sadler Room at 6:30 p.m. are: April 30th, June 21st, June 28th. Another session on May 3rd will be held at the Monrovia Public Library at 6:30 p.m.**

The summer Swine workshop date and time will be announced at a later date.

Reminder: State Fair entries: www.indianastatefair.com. Entry price increases substantially after June 1st.

Enclosure: Swine 4-H I.D. worksheet

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