

**\*\*Updated Animal ID Information\*\***

April 28, 2020

Greetings Swine Club Members,

I wanted to let you know about our Animal ID process this year and some changes that have been made due to the COVID-19 situation. This year we will not be having our traditional tagging days at the fairgrounds. Instead, each member will need to tag their own animals. The Extension office will house all of the tags and taggers to distribute to families. We have a limited supply of taggers that need to be shared, so don't wait until the last day to reserve your tagger and tags.

### **What does this mean for you?**

1. You need to reserve tagging supplies through Sign-up Genius.
  - a. Link: <https://bit.ly/SwineTag20>
2. Pick up the tagging supplies **after 1:00 PM** from the Extension Office foyer on the date you reserved.
3. Return tagger and ID worksheet to the Extension Office **by 10:00 AM the next day.**
4. Enter your Animal ID information into 4HOnline **by July 1<sup>st</sup>**. *(If you don't enter this information you will not be allowed to show at the county and/or state fair.)*
5. Complete your YQCA training by **July 15, 2020**. *(If you don't complete this training you will not be allowed to show at the county and/or state fair.)*

**There have been changes to the required information for Animal ID this year. Please see the list below on what you will need to ID your Animals.**

### **Gilts and Barrows:**

- **County:** Ear Notch and 840 RFID Tag
- **Additional for State Fair:** DNA Sample

### **Swine Vaccination Information:**

All swine are to be vaccinated following the protocols set by the Swine Advisory Board, Extension office and Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board. Since we are not having our traditional tagging/vaccination day, swine project members will need to pick up vaccinations to give their pigs. You will also sign an affidavit stating that the vaccinations were administered.

You will need to pick up two rounds of the vaccinations from the Extension office on the following days:

- Saturday, June 6, 2020 between 8:00 am-10:00 am
- Saturday, June 20, 2020 between 8:00 am-10:00 am

You must pick up vaccinations both times. If you don't pick up the vaccinations and administer it to your pigs then you will not be allowed to show that animal at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.

**Reserving tags:**

Please use the links above to reserve taggers and tags. If you have not reserved a time, then you cannot check out a tagger. In the comment section you will need to type in the quantity of county tags you will need as well as how many RFID tags. Currently you will be able to pick up tagging supplies after 1:00 PM that business day. Taggers and a copy of the ID worksheet will need to be returned to the office the next business day by 10:00 AM. If you need the tagger for more than one day then reserve it for two days. Be aware we have a limited supply of taggers to loan out! All tagging supplies will be placed in our foyer which is open 24 hours a day due to limited access to our office.

When you pick up your tagging supplies you will get a packet of information that contains:

- Animal ID instructions
- Animal ID worksheet. These are duplicate forms, one copy for you and one copy for the office.
- Tags requested
- Tagger with instructions
- DNA envelopes for state fair bound animals
- 4HOnline instructions

If you are a new member and are unsure on how to tag your animals please reach out to the Extension office at 574.533.0554 or your 4-H Club leader. Thank you for taking the time to navigate these new waters with us. We appreciate your support.

Regards,



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