

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

April 28, 2020

Greetings Goat 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. Note there are two different sign-ups.
 - a. County tag pick up: <https://bit.ly/GoatTag20>
 - b. State fair tag pick up: <https://bit.ly/SheepGoatState2020>
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 1st**. *(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.

Meat Goats:

- **Females Registered:**
 - **County:** Breed Registry Tattoo
 - **Additional for State Fair:** DNA Sample
- **Females Unregistered:**
 - **County:** Scrapie tag or tattoo
- **Wethers and Wether Dams:** weather dams are only a state project; females in this category show in the market class at our county fair.
 - **County:** 5-digit County Tag, 2 Photos
 - Full Body with all 4 feet
 - Head showing tags.
 - **Additional for State Fair:** 840 RFID Tag and DNA Sample

Dairy Goats:

- **Females Registered:**
 - **County and State Fair:** Breed Registry Tattoo
- **Females Unregistered:**
 - **County:** Scrapie tag or tattoo
- **Wethers:**

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- **County and State Fair:** 5 digit County Tag or Tattoo. Tattoo is only acceptable if the goat doesn't have ears that are big enough to tag.

Reserving tags:

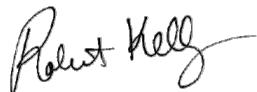
Please use the links above to reserve taggers and tags. Note that there are two different sign ups. If you have not reserved your spot then you can't check out a tagger. In the comment you will need to place the amount of tags that you need for county tags and how many for state fair tags. If you plan on going to state fair then you need to fill out both. 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, that 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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