

May 8, 2020

Dear 4-H Families,

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to host in-person animal identification days. We are asking members to order tags electronically so we may create packets of tags and instructional information for members to pick-up from the Extension Office by appointment or at our drive-through pick-up day on Thursday, May 21 from 2-7 pm at the fairgrounds. For the pick-up day on May 21, families will enter the east gate entrance of the fairgrounds near the livestock barns and follow the signs to the north entrance of the Community Building. Families will exit the west parking lot gates. See enclosed map.

To order your 2020 animal identification tags, please go to this link: <https://bit.ly/2020TAGS> and complete the order form by May 15. I have included a hard copy of the order form in this mailing so you will know what questions will be asked prior to entering the information into the form. If you experience issues submitting the tag order form electronically, members may also place their tag order by calling the Extension Office at 812-352-3033 or you may email Deidre Wagster at dwagster@purdue.edu. **All tag orders must be submitted by May 15.**

This mailing also includes the following:

- A copy of the April 30th letter that explains this year's 4-H virtual fair experience. This letter was emailed to members and posted on the Purdue Extension Jennings County Facebook page on April 30th.
- A hard copy of the 2020 Tag Order Form. This information will help you prepare to complete the electronic order form found at: <https://bit.ly/2020TAGS>.
- The 2020 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification (at a minimum requirements) For County Fair. The 4-H Council and Livestock Committee agreed to use the minimum required animal identification for this year ONLY. If you are exhibiting your animal in the Jennings County 4-H virtual fair this year, you will need to review the tag/identification requirements listed on the "For County Fair" sheet and select these tags on the electronic order form. Animal identification information must be entered into 4HOnline by June 1 so you are prepared to enter your project information into Fairentry starting June 8.
- The 2020 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification requirements. Members who want to exhibit an animal at the Indiana State Fair 4-H livestock shows must order the required tags and DNA hair sample envelopes on the electronic order form. Please note, the deadline for entry is July 1. Members must meet this 4HOnline deadline in order to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair 4-H livestock shows.
- Special Note about 4HOnline deadlines: Members MUST be enrolled in 4HOnline and pay their program fee by June 1. Due to the state fair's 4-H livestock show July 1 deadline, the

animal identification portion of 4HOnline will not be “closed” until July 2. It is important for families to remember that **animal identification information MUST be entered into 4HOnline FIRST before animals can be entered into Fairentry**. Our staff must upload your 4HOnline projects into Fairentry. If members add their animal identification information into 4HOnline after June 1, they may experience problems entering their project information into Fairentry.

- Poultry will not be tagged this year. More information about how to identify your poultry in Fairentry will be sent to poultry members. Please note, poultry and rabbit animal identification information is NOT entered into 4HOnline. Members will enter their animal identification information for these species into Fairentry.

We are aware that members may need to borrow a tagger. Please complete the section of the survey about borrowing a tagger and our staff will set up times for families to pick up a tagger. Due to the limited number of taggers the livestock committee owns, we cannot guarantee that families will be able to pick-up a tagger on May 21.

When families pick up their tags either at the scheduled May 21 pick-up day or by appointment at the Extension Office, they will also receive 4HOnline instructions on how to enter their animal identification information into 4HOnline. Fairentry requirements and instructional information will be mailed to members at the end of May. Fairentry will be open June 8-July 3.

4-H Handbooks, Manuals, Record Sheets, Poster Boards, Poster Sleeves, etc.

The Government Center will be open by appointment ONLY starting May 11. If you still need 4-H supplies, please call the Extension Office at 812-352-3033 or email Deidre at dwagster@purdue.edu and she will prepare your supplies and schedule a time for you to pick-up them up at the office. Payments must be made with exact cash or with a check. Poster boards are \$2.00 and poster sleeves \$1.00. Call for electric kit prices.

Please check your 4HOnline email, follow the Purdue Extension Jennings County Facebook page or visit our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/jennings for updated information. For more information about animal identification requirements, contact Melessa Wiesehan at mwieseha@purdue.edu or you may call the Purdue Extension Jennings County office and leave a message at 812-352-3033.

Sincerely,

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