

TO: Swine Projects Members & Project Leaders  
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**This letter contains important information about the swine project. Make sure to read it entirely, as information has changed due to Covid-19. Swine must be enrolled online through 4HOnline by July 1 at 11:59pm.** Exhibitors may show any combination of 6 pigs at the county fair. There is no requirement on how many have to be barrows and gilts. As always, be sure ear notches are reported correctly. Online you will enter the ear notch numbers. A copy of correct ear notches is in your swine resource manual. Contact the Swine Leaders if you have questions concerning correct ear notching.

### **ID Requirements for 2020**

County Only Swine: Ear Notch & 840 RFID tag. Note: if you want to upload a picture of each ear notch you can do that as well.

State Fair Swine: Ear Notch & 840 RFID tag & DNA hair sample

Double check the information you put in to 4HOnline. Missing information can result in county and/or State Fair Disqualification.

### **Animal Enrollment Deadline**

Now extended to July 1, 2020 at 11:59pm through 4HOnline for both county and state fair.

### **How to Get Tags & DNA Envelopes**

Since the Extension Office is not open to the public and the fairgrounds is closed to the public I will be having 4-H Pick Up Nights for families to get supplies. You will have to mail in the Swine Tag order form with payment by May 25<sup>th</sup>. Swine Tag order form can be found on the Swine Project webpage: <https://extension.purdue.edu/boone/article/5726>. Each 4-H Member can receive one 840 RFID Tags for their 4-H pigs at no cost, thanks to the Boone County Pork Producers. Additional tags can be purchased for \$2.50 each. You will need an AllFlex Tagger that will work for putting an 840 RFID tag in. DNA Envelopes are free and there is no limit to the number of envelopes you can have. You only need to collect DNA if you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair.

### **4-H Pick Up Nights**

These are still be worked out and dates will be shared with you as soon as they are set. At this time I hope to have them the Week of May 25 and June 1 from 4-6pm in different parking lots in the county. It will be a drive through so you do not come in contact with anyone other than the Extension Staff or 4-H volunteer handing you your tags.

### **Taggers**

You will need an Allflex Universal Total Tagger for putting the RFID tags in. This tagger can also be used to put in the county tags. You will just remove the black part of the tagger to use it for the RFID tags. You can

purchase these taggers locally at Timmon's Feed and Farm Supply, Feedor Grain, Tractor Supply and/or online at Amazon. Here is the link on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2Wo1RmP>

### **What if my pig already has an 840 RFID Tag in its ear?**

If you purchase a pig for your 4-H project and it already has an 840 RFID Tag in its ear then you will enter that number in 4HOnline and you will also need to contact Indiana Board of Animal Health and register that RFID tag with the Premise ID that the pig is now at.

Make sure that the tag in the ear is an 840 RFID tag. To tell if it is an 840 tag vs a regular RFID tag it will have 15 digits and the first three digits will be 840. A Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag contains a microchip, where the identification number is stored.

**The correct tag will look like this:**



**These are not the required tag, so you will need the correct tag from the Extension Office:**



**This is an 840 tag, but not an RFID tag**



**These are RFID tags, but not an 840 tags**



## **What if I have 840 RFID Tags from previous years that we didn't use?**

If you have these tags from previous years that have not been put in the ear of a pig you can use them this year. All data that connects a pig enrolled (previous years) to a specific RFID tag has been deleted. 840 RFID tags that have been picked up at the Extension Office or purchased somewhere are tied to the Premise ID that was given at time of purchase, so you cannot just give those tags to someone else, but they can be used on pigs on the property that is connected with that Premise ID.

## **How to Tag**

On the 4-H Swine project page you will find a PDF that has application instructions for putting in the tags. It does not matter which ear you put the tag in.

## **State Fair and DNA Samples**

The Indiana State Fair requires DNA hair samples of all borrow/gilt that you want to be eligible for state fair. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to collect an adequate sample and turn the filled out & sealed envelope into the Extension Office by July 1. On the 4-H Swine Project page are instruction for how to collect the DNA hair Sample. There is also a how-to-video that can be found on the Indiana 4-H Swine page: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/project.aspx?proj=14>. These samples will then be forwarded to the State 4-H office to be sorted and stored until the State Fair. This is not a county requirement, only state fair.

## **Livestock Location Approval Form**

If any of your livestock are not housed on your family's residence you **must turn in a Completed Livestock Location Approval Form to the Extension Office by July 1. This year it must be mailed in to the Extension Office: 1300 East 100 South, Lebanon IN, 46052** This paperwork will be reviewed and kept on file at the Extension Office. See General Livestock Rule #1 of the 4-H Handbook for specific details. This form can be found on each of the livestock project pages.

## **Entering Animals in 4HOnline**

Livestock will be entered through 4HOnline. You will go to <http://in.4honline.com> and login to the account you created when you enrolled in 4-H online for the 2018 year. Instructions to walk you through this process can be found on the Swine Project Page on the Purdue Extension Website:

<http://extension.purdue.edu/boone>. **You will have until 11:59pm on July 1 to enroll the animals online. After that you will not be able to enter animals and you will not be able to show at the county and/or state fair.**

**Don't have access to the computer or internet or just not that tech savvy?** That is fine. Email me ([pwoodwar@purdue.edu](mailto:pwoodwar@purdue.edu)) and I will work out a way to assist you since the Extension Office is not open to the public at this time, you cannot get onto the fairgrounds at this time and I cannot hold any in- person meetings. I will figure out a way to assist you prior to July 1.

If you plan to show at the Indiana State Fair you will still need to go through the State Fair registration process on their website as in years past. For more information on registering for the 4-H livestock shows at the Indiana State Fair go to <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/>.

**The first step to enrolling 4-H Livestock, DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE TO ENROLL ANIMALS.** If you have problems with the online process at the last minute you might be out of luck and I can't help you after the deadline. Work on this as soon as you can. You can go in as many times as you like

to add/delete animals prior to July 1. If you see that the animal is enrolled on the screen that means I can see that the animal is on the screen.

### **YQCA Training Requirement**

This is a reminder that in order to exhibit any meat/dairy production animal at the county fair you must be YQCA certified. On April 17 you were emailed updated information on how you can complete the YQCA training in 2020. The online training that you choose must be completed by July 1 in order to exhibit at the Boone County 4-H Fair and the Indiana State Fair. Remember that the paid version of YQCA is the only acceptable form of certification for the Indiana State Fair. If you have questions please contact Kimberly Moore, 4-H Program Assistant at [moore913@purdue.edu](mailto:moore913@purdue.edu).

### **Other important information you need to know when it comes to enrolling livestock:**

**Co-enrolling Animals:** Animals may be co-enrolled within the same family (siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be listed under a single 4-H member or you may enroll each animal under each child. Either way the animals will be considered “co-enrolled” among the siblings in the family. At least 1 animal needs to be identified by each member enrolled in the project. Then at the fair each child will designate who will be showing each animal.

**Ownership and Registration Requirements:** 4-H animals must be registered in one of the following ownership methods:

- a. In the 4-H members’ name;
- b. John Smith and Sons;
- c. John Smith, Sons and Daughters;
- d. John Smith and Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only);
- e. Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister);
- f. Family corporations, where the 4-H members’ name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date;
- g. Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline.

**Premise ID (Premises Identification):** Every property owner housing beef, boer goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goat wethers, pygmy goats, sheep, and swine should have a premise identification number for that property. The purpose is to be able to quickly notify livestock owners of a contagious disease outbreak in their vicinity, should that ever occur. Please contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health for more information and to obtain your premise ID number if you do not have one. The phone number for IBOAH is 317-544-2381. This process takes about 5 minutes over the phone.