

## 4-H Ear Tagging Tips

### Beef ID

Beef: You can remove existing farm tags if you wish. DO LEAVE IN existing RFID Tags (If an RFID tag already exists then just place the county tag in the other ear)

Do both the RFID and county tag go in the same ear? No

Is the RFID tag in the middle of the ear? Middle of the ear closer to the Head

Is the county tag more toward the bottom of the ear? Middle of the ear also closer to the head

If so which ear? Right or Left? And is that as you stand facing the animal or behind the animal? As you are facing the calf the county tag goes on the right side of the calf (same side as you would lead the calf from) RFID tag goes on the left side as you are facing the calf.



### Dairy

RFID tag should be in the left ear as you stand facing the animal.3.

### Goats:

Do both the RFID and county tag go in the same ear? No.

Is the RFID tag in the middle of the ear? Yes

Is the county tag more toward the bottom of the ear? No, middle avoiding the blood vessels.

If so which ear? Right or Left? As you stand facing the animal or behind the animal? County tag in animals left ear(you are standing at the rear of the animal looking forward. Rfid tag in the animals right ear. The only issue is some animals will have a scrapie tag and the exhibitors should move these new tags accordingly.



## **Sheep**

Do both the RFID and county tag go in the same ear? Opposite of scrapie tag do not remove scrapie tag

Sheep & Goat RFID tag placement. In young lambs (fig 4) and kids place the tag on the upper edge of the ear (this is the strongest edge) allowing room for growth, 1/3rd from the base and 2/3rd from the tip. On long-eared goats, place the tag either above or below the level of the eye.



Fig 4



Fig 5

## **Videos for Sheep & Goats**

DNA Collection for 4-H Sheep and Goats -

[https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search\\_query=sheep+dna+hair](https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=sheep+dna+hair)

Shearwell Tagging Video- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1p9\\_ehnxGw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1p9_ehnxGw&feature=youtu.be)

County Tagging Video - <https://youtu.be/ZEVGa5AVmWI>

## **Swine**

Both the county tag and the RFID tag for swine are placed in the left ear as you stand facing the animal. The County tag is placed more toward the top of the ear with the numbered side to the outside of the ear. The RFID tag is placed more to the middle center of the ear between the blood vessels.



County Tag Placement



RFID Placement

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