

April 13, 2022

To: DK 4-H Swine Project Members

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RE: Swine Tagging

- To exhibit at the Central Kansas Free Fair, 4-Hers must have their market swine tagged on **Tuesday, April 26, from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds**. This is the ONLY tagging date this year.
- Any CKFF market swine not available for tagging on this date must be tagged prior to this date by an agent or superintendent. Please contact me right away to make arrangements. As only market barrows are shown in the market swine division at CKFF, this tagging is specific to barrows that may be shown at CKFF.

****DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**** Due to a delay in EID tags being available from the state, market swine and commercial gilts that you plan to nominate to be shown at state shows (Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show) **will not** be tagged on April 26. Please watch your email and our office social media for updates on tagging animals for state nomination.

- There will not be a charge for market barrows tagged for CKFF.
 - For state tagged animals, Dickinson County 4-H Council will provide two tags total per 4-Her, no matter how many species or animals are being shown. Additional tags will cost \$3.00 each.
- Swine will not be unloaded and you may tag your own swine. Please remove all sale tags from your hogs before arrival. Animals will be tagged by household. Ear notches will be recorded. To address disease concerns, plastic boot covers will be worn and taggers will be disinfected and dried between trailers to prevent cross-contamination. Be prepared to be patient as these procedures increase wait time between trailers.
- For those with farrowing operations, please contact our office to make arrangements for the following tagging procedures:
- 1.) Family will sign tags out from the Extension Office along with a tagging form and instructions
 - 2.) Unused tags, payment for tags, and tagging form must be returned completed to the Extension Office by **5 p.m. Tuesday, April 26**.
 - 3) Tagging form includes:
 - * Accounting for all tags signed out
 - * Individual pig information completed with tag number, notches, breed
 - * Digital photo files of each tag placed saved to a CD or jump drive
 - * Family will be responsible for providing their own compatible Allflex tagger.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training is required for all 4-H/FFA members exhibiting market livestock - beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats - at the Central Kansas Free Fair and all youth exhibiting livestock at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. This training

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may be done in-person or online.

In-person training will be offered on two dates, **Thursday, April 21, and Wednesday, May 25, both at 6:30 PM at Sterl Hall in the small room.** You need only attend ONE in-person training to be certified.

- Online training may be done at any time, but should be completed prior to July 5, the pre-entry deadline for CKFF, or prior to nominating livestock for state shows (May 1 - cattle, June 15 - swine, meat goat, sheep).

This training is provided free of charge to Dickinson County 4-H members through a grant from ADM Cares.

- Complete the form at <https://bit.ly/registeryqca> by one of the following deadlines in order to receive YQCA registration instructions and a coupon code:
 - 1) by 4:30 PM Wednesday, April 20 for the first in-person session,
 - 2) by 4:30 PM Tuesday, May 24 for the second in-person session, or
 - 3) by Wednesday, June 1 to take the course online.

Wild Bill Shoot-out

An informational flyer on our county sheep, swine, and meat goat show scheduled for **Saturday, May 14** is attached. Please plan to participate!

Nominations for state shows

Please note the following reminders for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show:

All swine must be tagged, nominated via declaration form, and have DNA hair samples submitted by **June 15th**. Forms and more information may be found at: www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu.

****This process has changed and is completely online this year. Please study-up to make sure you're able to complete the process prior to June 15.****

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.