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TO: DK 4-H Sheep & Meat Goat Project Members

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Re: Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging

To exhibit at the Central Kansas Free Fair, 4-Hers must have their market lambs and meat goats weighed and tagged at the county-wide weigh-in on **Tuesday, May 7, 5:00**– 7:00 p.m. at the Central Kansas Free Fairgrounds. Any CKFF market lambs or meat goats 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.

- Tagging will be done in barn 2. Plan to enter the fairgrounds from the north at the west alley and follow the alley to the south end of barn 2. We will enter from the north and exit to the south.
- There will not be a charge for market lambs and meat goats tagged for CKFF. Casey and DaLean Barten have volunteered to sponsor tags for all livestock species. Please let them know how much we appreciate their generosity by sending a letter of thanks to them at: Bluestem Embryo Transfer Center, 735 900 Ave, Carlton, KS 67448.
- While not required for tagging, sheep and meat goats should have scrapies ear tags. These are required for spring shows and CKFF.

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 may be done in-person or online.

In-person training will be offered on **Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 PM** at K-State Research & Extension - Abilene Office in the conference room.

Click to register for both in-person and online training <u>here</u>.

- Online training may be done at any time, but should be completed prior to July 10, 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 by the Dickinson County 4-H Foundation.
- Complete the form at https://bit.ly/registeryqca in order to receive YQCA registration instructions and a coupon code.

State Nominations

Information on nominating sheep and meat goats for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show may be found at: www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu.

This process is completely online. Please study-up to make sure you're able to complete the process prior to June 15.

Wild Bill Shoot-out

An informational flyer on our county sheep, swine, and meat goat show scheduled for **Saturday, May 11** is attached. Please plan to participate!

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

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