

March 22, 2024

To: Swine Project Members

From: Jill Martinson, 4-H Youth Development Agent

RE: Swine Tagging

- To exhibit at the Central Kansas Free Fair, 4-Hers must have their market swine tagged on **Tuesday, April 30, from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds**. This is the ONLY tagging date this year.
- Tagging will be done in the alley near 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.
- 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. Only market barrows are shown in the market swine division at CKFF, this tagging is specific to barrows that may be shown at CKFF.
- There will not be a charge for market barrows 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.
- Swine will not be unloaded and you may tag your own swine. Please remove all sale tags from your hogs before arrival (this instruction is specific to hogs). 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 and tagging form must be returned completed to the Extension Office by **5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.**
 - 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 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 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 [here](#).

- 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.

Wild Bill Showdown

An informational flyer on our county sheep, swine, and meat goat show scheduled for **Saturday, May 11** 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 nomination information must be submitted online by **June 15th**. Forms and more information 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.**

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

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