State Fair 4-H Swine Show ID/Tagging

- All State Fair swine must be identified in 4hOnline by May 15th
- **ALL** State Fair swine must have a DNA punch tag in by May 15th
- Below are two options for State Fair swine to get identified for State Fair eligibility.

***Remember: Identifying swine in 4hOnline for State Fair by the May 15 ID deadline only nominates the animal for entry. Actual State Fair entry must also be made by July 1 in 4hOnline.***

**Option #1** – County Staff – Tags and Inputs State Fair Swine Data into 4hOnline using Swine (weigh-in) animal type

- County orders sufficient tags, taggers and DNA envelopes from State 4-H Office by January 1
- County either has pigs come to a county ID day (perhaps if the county already has a county weigh-in)
- Or, county staff may travel out to DNA tag State Fair pigs
- Information for each pig (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch (optional), etc.) gets written down on 106 ID form
- Staff collects DNA tag fees from 4-H'er; 4-H'er makes check payable to county office to reimburse for tag fees
- **By May 15th** - Staff enters EVERY pig’s data for that 4-H'er into 4hOnline under the Swine (weigh-in) animal type (see image above) and mails all DNA envelopes with samples inside and signatures on the envelopes to State 4-H Office
- **By May 15th** – 4-H'er logs into 4hOnline to verify the information on each pig is complete and correct; if the 4-H'er does NOT verify, the information will stand as-is
- 4-H'er then must make actual State Fair entry by July 1. The DNA tagging process only nominates the pigs for State Fair eligibility. The 4-H member must still make state fair entry by July 1 if they wish to show at the fair.
Option #2 – 4-H Families – Tag and Input State Fair Swine Data into 4hOnline Swine (not weighed–in) animal type

- County orders sufficient tags, taggers and DNA envelopes from State 4-H Office by Jan. 1
- 4-H family goes to county office before May 15th
  - Requests the # of DNA tags they need (one for each pig), # of taggers, and # of DNA envelopes (1 envelope per 4-H’er up to 25 pigs per envelope)
  - Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair (same as past years)
  - Pays county office for tags (checks payable to county office)
  - 4-H’er returns home
    - Tags each pig
    - Puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs (One envelope per 4-H’er)
    - Writes down tag numbers on back of DNA envelope
    - 4-H’er and parent/guardian signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns taggers and DNA envelopes to county office by May 15th
    - By May 15th - 4-H’er then inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under Swine (not weighed in) animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) (see example image above)
    - 4-H’er must return taggers to county office as soon as finished tagging
  - County Office signs back of DNA envelope indicating they received it sealed (if not sealed, signs IN FRONT OF family member after sealing)
  - County Office mails all large DNA envelopes (signed and with tag samples) for all 4-H’ers in their county to State 4-H Office (postmarked by May 15th)
  - 4-H’er then makes actual State Fair entry by July 1st.
    - ONLY pigs that have DNA tags AND are in 4hOnline by May 15th are eligible for State Fair entry and exhibition

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Check with your county extension office on which option above will be used for State Fair swine!

- May 15th – 4hOnline ID Deadline
- July 1st – State Fair Entry Deadline (4hOnline)