

# Helpful Hints for 4-H Families



## 4-H Animal Identification Requirements for Cass County I.D. Reports and Iowa State Fair Verification Forms

4-H'ers involved in livestock project areas have a great deal of responsibilities that include caring for their animals, training and record keeping, as well as properly identifying their livestock. Members who wish to exhibit livestock at the Cass County Fair, Iowa State Fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben need to complete forms to identify their animals. This publication will help 4-H families learn more about the requirements necessary to identify livestock projects.

### All 4-H'ers must meet Uniform State 4-H Regulations

State regulations are outlined in the publication "Iowa 4-H Animal and Poultry Identification, Weighing, and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State, and Interstate Shows" 4-H 202. A copy of this publication is available through your local Extension Office or at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/index.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/index.htm) Regulations for the Cass County Fair are outlined here. Regulations include deadline dates, ownership of animals, age requirements and the use of identification forms. Animal identification forms (4-H 106a-f) vary by specie. Each livestock area and identification form will be addressed more below.

### What 4-H'ers and 4-H Families need to know to Complete Identification Forms

One of the goals of the 4-H program is for youth to develop a sense of responsibility. Members are encouraged to complete their animal identification forms (LS106 forms) accurately. Parents should assist younger members to assure completeness. All 4-H'ers and 4-H families are responsible for completing individual forms. These multi-copy carbon forms are designed for each animal species. The back of the last sheet contains pertinent information that 4-H families should review. Each form requires the signature of the member as well as a parent or guardian.

Below are tips and information for each livestock division. Requirements for the Iowa State Fair are also listed. **Please check with your local extension office for additions or special county requirements.**

### Tips For All Species

- ◆ **The 4-H'er is responsible** for the completeness and accuracy of the identification forms. *This is the Number 1 tip to remember!* Please review all forms before you return them to the Extension Office!
- ◆ The 4-H'er must take an active role in the care of the animal(s) they have identified.
- ◆ Deadlines for these forms are listed in this publication and must be followed.
- ◆ Remember that when registration papers are involved, it is preferred to have the registration papers solely in the 4-H'ers name. However, dual registrations (parent and 4-H'er) or a logical family relationship is acceptable. For example, Jane Doe's beef animal registration is acceptable if it is registered under the Doe Family Farm, but not acceptable if the registration papers read Windy Hills Farm. There is no logical family connection between Jane Doe and Windy Hills Farm, but there is a logical family relationship to the Doe Family Farm.
- ◆ Be sure to fill in all blanks that apply to your animal(s) and/or the type of show(s) you would like to register to exhibit in. (For example, breed classes often require tattoo, sire names, and/or registration numbers that crossbred classes do not.) At times, 4-H'ers may become ineligible to exhibit, or end up in a different class than anticipated at the state or county fair due to missing information on the animal identification report. 4-H'ers are encouraged to know each shows requirements **prior** to making entries.
- ◆ Animals "**offered**" for sale are considered to have changed ownership, and thus are terminated as a 4-H project. "Ribbon auctions" do not "offer an animal" for sale.
- ◆ Signatures of both the 4-H'er and the parent/guardian are required on each of the identification reports in order to verify the accuracy of the information.
- ◆ The back sheet of these forms is the member's copy. Please save and file it with your records in case of discrepancy at a later date.
- ◆ Animals may **NOT** be identified as both a 4-H and FFA project.
- ◆ Animals may not be identified by more then one 4-H or FFA member.

<b>4-H Breeding Beef</b>	<b>4H106b</b>	<b>Due May 15</b>
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- ◆ All breeding heifers, commercial and purebred animals, **MUST** have a **legible** tattoo. Please check the legibility of the tattoo prior to May 15. If YOU can't read it, neither can anyone else.
- ◆ Calfhood vaccination tattoos are not acceptable. It must be distinctive numbers, letters, or combinations of letters and numbers.
- ◆ The tattoo **MUST** be listed on the identification report (4H-106b).
- ◆ Purebred animals **MUST** have a birthday and registration number listed on the identification report. This information **MUST** match the original breed registration papers. This information should be on file at the County Extension Office by May 15.
- ◆ If the information required for purebred animals is missing from the 4-H identification form, members will be moved into the commercial heifer division.
- ◆ Commercial heifers **MUST** be tattooed by May 15 and the tattoo **MUST** be listed on the identification report by May 15.
- ◆ 4-H'ers cannot identify the same heifer as both a market and a breeding animal after May 15.

<b>4-H Market Beef</b>	<b>4H106bi</b>	<b>Due at Beef Weigh-In</b>
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- ◆ All Market Beef, at a minimum, **MUST** have all **SIX** pieces of the information listed on **the LEFT HAND SIDE** of the market beef identification report, 4H 106bi. This would include the following:
  - Tag number, tag color, right or left ear, weigh date, weight, and sex (heifer or steer).
- ◆ A maximum of 6 calves per exhibitor may be identified.

**IOWA STATE FAIR & AK-SAR-BEN SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- ◆ All Market Beef wishing to participate at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, **MUST** have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site. State Fair animals will have retinal images taken. Ak-Sar-Ben animals will have a DNA sample taken. Both exhibitors and parents must have completed and signed the verification form.
- ◆ Market Beef animals wishing to show in specific breed classes, i.e. Angus, Simmental, etc., will need to provide additional information. This information may vary from breed to breed; however, a general rule of thumb is that all breed steers must have the following: Breed name, tattoo number, Sire name and Sire Registration.
  - Breed information, tattoo number and sire information for state fair nominated animals **must be on the Iowa 4-H Market Beef Verification Form at time of December weigh-in.**
  - Exhibitors wishing to show the market beef in specific breeds must also provide the proper and original registration papers or breed certificates at check-in time.
  - A few beef breeds may vary from those terms. The Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association breed requirements are the guidelines used for the 4-H beef show at the Iowa State Fair. The 2008 requirements are listed in the ag handbook under the beef section; also at <http://www.showcattlepage.com/ijbba/showrules.htm> This additional breed information will assist the show officials in verifying the pedigree of that animal in order to meet the breed association requirements.
  - If the information required for purebred animals is missing from the state fair verification form, they will be moved into the crossbred division.

<b>4-H Feeder Calf</b>	<b>4H106b</b>	<b>Due at Feeder Calf Check-In</b>
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- ◆ Calves must be tagged and identified at the Feeder Calf check-in.
- ◆ A maximum of 4 calves per exhibitor may be identified.

<b>4-H Dog</b>	<b>4H106e</b>	<b>Due May 15</b>
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- ◆ **All information is required**, with exception of the dog's birth date.
- ◆ Dog's name, rabies vaccination number and date of vaccination, breed and sex of dog are all required.
- ◆ If the rabies vaccination expires prior to a show, updated information will be required.
- ◆ Years of training for both dog and 4-H'er are **critical** in order to get them into the correct class.

**4-H Dairy and Dairy Goat****4H106a****Due May 15**

- ◆ Dairy cattle **MUST** have all four boxes on the identification form complete and accurate.
- ◆ Registration number, ear tag or tattoo, birthday, registered or grade distinction and breed. This information **MUST** match their original breed papers. All levels of registry are accepted.
- ◆ Calftood vaccination tattoos are not acceptable. It must be distinctive numbers, letters, or combinations of letters and numbers.
- ◆ The same is true for Dairy Goats – All four boxes on the identification form must be complete and accurate. Dairy Goats will be identified at the goat ID day in May.
- ◆ Tattoos for dairy cattle and dairy goats, must be in place and legible by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**4-H Meat Goat****4H106g****Due at Goat Weigh-In**

- ◆ **All information** on the identification report is required.
- ◆ All Meat Goats must be tagged with an official 4-H tag at weigh-in.
- ◆ Meat Goats for the Iowa State Fair must have retinal image taken.

**4-H Horse****4H106c****Due May 15**

- ◆ **ALL** information on the identification report is required.
- ◆ Markings must be complete and accurate – photographs attached to the identification report are acceptable.
- ◆ 4-H'er must take an active role in the care of the animal, even if the horse is a leased horse.
- ◆ If leased, must complete an Iowa 4-H Horse Lease Agreement with the ID form.
- ◆ IF a family includes more 4-H'ers than horses, more than one 4-H'er may identify a horse, however, in this situation a 4-H'er cannot identify more than one horse. Likewise, a family with multiple horses cannot put the same horse on more than one (1) 4-H'er's identification report.

**STATE FAIR SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES**

- ◆ Markings must be complete and accurate – photographs are acceptable. For state fair entries, please submit the original photos rather than copies.
- ◆ Leased horses are eligible for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair. A copy of the signed lease agreement must accompany the entry form and identification report.

**4-H Pets**

- ◆ Cass County does not have a Pet ID form.
- ◆ There is currently not a Pet Show at the Iowa State Fair.

**4-H Poultry**

- ◆ Cass County does not have a Poultry ID form.
- ◆ Market Broiler entries at the Cass County fair will all come from the same place at the same time. Information will be in the 4-H Newsletter.
- ◆ Currently, the poultry division does not require an identification form in order to participate in the 4-H Livestock Shows at the Iowa State Fair.
- ◆ Market Broiler entries at state fair must come through the special Market Broiler program, with entries due to the state 4-H office by June 1.

**4-H Rabbits**

- ◆ Cass County does not have a Rabbit ID form.
- ◆ Currently, the rabbit division does not require an identification form in order to participate in the 4-H Livestock Shows at the Iowa State Fair.

**4-H Sheep****4H106d****Due at Sheep Weigh-In**

- ◆ Remember, this report is broken into three parts. **ALL SHEEP**, and their pertinent information, must be listed in the left-hand column. Information that **MUST** be included:
  - Ear tag number, ear tag color, right ear or left ear or both
- ◆ Ewe lambs may be listed in both the market sheep column and the breeding ewe column. **All** of the information requested in each column must be complete and accurate for these ewe lambs. However, these lambs may be shown in only one of those divisions, either as a market lamb or a breeding ewe.

#### **4-H Market Lambs**

- ◆ **MUST** have a beginning weight, beginning date weighed and sex of animal.
- ◆ A maximum of 15 market lambs may be identified for county and state fair.

#### **4-H Breeding Ewes**

- ◆ **Commercial ewes MUST** have a birth date and face color listed.
- ◆ **Purebred ewes MUST** have the breed, registration number and face color listed.

#### **IOWA STATE FAIR & AK-SAR-BEN SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- ◆ All Market sheep wishing to participate at the Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, **MUST** have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site. State Fair sheep must have a retinal image. Ak-Sar-Ben lambs must have a DNA sample taken. Both exhibitors and parents must have completed and signed the state fair verification form.
- ◆ Performance lambs **MUST** have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site, as well as had retinal image taken of the nominated animal.

<b>4-H Swine</b>	<b>4H106f</b>	<b>Due at Swine Weigh-In</b>
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- ◆ **ALL SWINE**, and their pertinent information, must be listed in the left-hand column. Information that **MUST** be included for all swine include:
  - Ear notch numbers and notch marks, ear tag number, tag color, right ear or left ear, sex of animal and color markings.

#### **4-H Market Swine**

- ◆ **MUST** include notches that are clearly indicated by both number and actual hash marks, ear tag number, tag color, right ear or left ear, sex of animal and color markings.
- ◆ Hogs beginning weight and beginning weigh date must be recorded.
- ◆ A maximum of 15 hogs may be identified for county fair.
- ◆ Purebred market swine animals **MUST** have notches clearly indicated by both number and actual hash marks, as well as a birth dates and registration number listed on the identification report. This information **MUST** match their original breed registration papers.

#### **4-H Breeding Swine (State Fair Only)**

- ◆ Purebred animals **MUST** have notches clearly indicated by both number and actual hash marks, a birthday, color markings, and registration number listed on the identification report. This information **MUST** match their original breed registration papers.
- ◆ Commercial gilts **MUST** have notches clearly indicated by both number and actual hash marks, a birthday and color markings listed on the identification report.
- ◆ If the information required for purebred animals is missing from the 4-H identification form, they will be moved into the commercial gilt classes.

#### **STATE FAIR SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE**

- ◆ Derby and market Swine verification forms are completed during the designated swine weigh-ins traditionally in late April.
- ◆ **In order to be eligible for the Iowa State Fair, all swine, market, breeding and derby** wishing to participate at the Iowa State Fair, **MUST** have been ear notched, tagged, tattooed and identified at an official verification site, as well as had a DNA sample taken from the nominated animal. Derby swine must also have been weighed. Both exhibitors and parents must have completed and signed the state fair verification form.
- ◆ Swine exhibitors may use the 4-H tag as a method of identification for local and state veterinarians when they complete the pseudorabies testing and reporting forms required for fairs and expositions.

#### **Completed Forms**

- ◆ 4-H members who complete their animal identification forms (4H106a-f) and return them to the Cass County Extension Office by the deadline date now have their livestock projects identified and on file.
- ◆ An Identification Form is **NOT** a fair entry.
- ◆ 4-H'ers will need to complete a "**fair entry form**" to enter these animals in the State Fair or county fairs.
- ◆ County Fair Entries are made through your 4-H Club leader. Leaders must have entries into the Cass County Extension Office by **July 12**.
- ◆ The Iowa State Fair entry deadline is **July 1** and entry forms are available at the Cass County Extension Office.

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