



4-H Swine ID/Tagging Process

(County & State Fair Shows)

Updated: 2020

- All swine must be identified in 4-H Online by June 1 (extended deadline for 2020)
- **ALL** swine must have a USDA-type tag for both county and/or State Fair exhibition
- **ALL** swine must have ear notches recorded in 4-H Online
- State Fair swine must also have a DNA punch sample collected by June 1
- Below are options for swine to get identified/tagged for county fair and/or State Fair eligibility.
- Contact your County Extension Office on their particular procedure for tagging/identifying swine for exhibition

****Remember: Identifying swine in 4-H Online for State Fair by the May 15 ID deadline only nominates the animal for entry.*

USDA-type tag: i.e. ZAC 1447 – ALL swine



State Fair DNA tag/collector: i.e. DNA 1234 – State Fair swine



Option #1 – County Staff – Tags and Inputs Swine Data into 4-H Online using **Swine (Weigh-in)** animal type

- County orders 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 tag pigs
- Information for each pig (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) gets written down on the official ID form
- Staff collects tag fees from 4-H'er; 4-H'er makes check payable to county office to reimburse for tag fees
- **By June 1** - Staff enters EVERY pig's data for that 4-H'er into 4-H Online 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 June 1** – 4-H'er logs into 4-H Online 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 4-H Online ID and 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. County fairs will also have their respective county fair entry deadline in addition to the May 15 ID deadline.**

| Swine (Weigh-in) | |
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| Breed: | *Crossbred |
| Sex: | Male |
| Beginning Weight: | |
| Beginning Weight Date: | |
| Earnotch: i.e. 23-4; (Enter N/A only if ear tag has official US Shield symbol): | |
| Tag: (County and/or State Fair DNA) i.e. 1324; DNA 5432: | |
| Ear tagged: | Left |
| Birthdate: (Breeding Gilt): | |
| Pig Color/Description: | |
| Addl. Information: | |

Option #2 – 4-H Families – Tag and Input Swine Data into 4-H Online Swine (not weighed-in) animal type

- County orders tags, taggers and DNA envelopes from State 4-H Office by January 1
- 4-H family goes to county office before June 1
 - Requests the # of tags they need (one for each pig), # of taggers, and # of DNA envelopes for State Fair (1 envelope per 4-H'er up to 25 pigs per envelope)
 - **Both** market and breeding swine need to have DNA samples for State Fair
 - Pays county office for tags (checks payable to county office)
 - 4-H'er returns home
 - Tags each pig (USDA-type tag for ALL swine; DNA collector/punch tag for any State Fair animal)
 - Puts DNA sample into large, white 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 June 1**
 - **By June 1** - 4-H'er then inputs all data for each pig into 4-H Online 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 June 1**)
 - **4-H'er then makes actual State Fair entry by July 1st.**
 - **ONLY pigs that have DNA samples AND are in 4-H Online by June 1 are eligible for State Fair entry and exhibition**

The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "Swine (NOT weighed in)". The form contains several input fields and dropdown menus. The fields are: Breed (dropdown menu with "Crossbred" selected), Sex (dropdown menu with "Male" selected), Earnotch: i.e. 23-4; (Enter N/A only if ear tag has official US Shield symbol): (text input field), Tag: (County and/or State Fair DNA).e. 1321; DNA 5432: (text input field), Tag Color: (dropdown menu with "Green" selected), Ear Tagged: (dropdown menu with "Left" selected), Birthdate: (Breeding Gilt): (text input field with a calendar icon), Pig Color/Description: (text input field), and Addl. Information: (text input field).

***Check with your county extension office
on which option above will be used***

- ***June 1st – 4-H Online ID Deadline & Tagging Deadline***
- ***July 1st – State Fair Entry Deadline (Fair Entry Program)***
- ***County Fair entry deadline (varies by county)***