

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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To: Cedar County Fair Livestock Exhibitors

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We have received an email from the state 4-H office regarding weigh-ins and livestock ID. This document had a lot of changes that will affect our 4-H families. Please feel free to review this press release on our website. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/page/projects>. I am summing up everything you will need to know about these changes in this document; so please read it thoroughly.

As of today, all county weigh-ins for meat goats, sheep and/or swine are to be cancelled. This is for the health and safety of our 4-H families and staff. Unfortunately, that means fairs that conduct rate of gain contests will not be able to do so for the 2020 fair season.

Things are rapidly changing as we respond to the COVID-19 situation. Because of this, I will be hosting a virtual Q&A session for parents, leaders, exhibitors, and anyone with questions. These questions can be anything related to 4-H. This virtual meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon. The meeting URL is <https://zoom.us/j/334103001>.

What does this mean for Cedar County 4-H/FFA exhibitors?

- **May 15 livestock ID deadline will be extended to June 1.** This applies to ALL livestock that are usually identified by May 15 including: Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Sheep and Swine. Rabbits will remain at the July 1 deadline.
- **Sheep and Goat:** There will be **no** Sheep and Goat Weigh in for Cedar County. This means there will also be no rate of gain awards for sheep and goats. Sheep and Goat exhibitors will be responsible for identifying their animals in 4HOnline before the June 1 (previously May 15) deadline. 4HOnline is now requiring sheep and goats have pictures of their animals with the tags in their ears.
  - County Fair Sheep/Goat Exhibitors: You will be picking up 4-H tags from the Extension office and tagging your own animals. You will need to take a picture of your animal with the ear tag in for 4HOnline. This will need to be completed and entered 4HOnline by June 1. Please fill out this form to order tags before May 15: <https://forms.gle/bzSkam87X77Gq2FF7>
  - State Fair Sheep/Goat Exhibitors: State fair sheep and goats will still need to be retinal scanned. We will have a superintendent or staff member working with you to get your animals retinal scanned and tagged. Please fill out this form before May 15 so we can arrange scanning and tagging dates with you <https://forms.gle/bzSkam87X77Gq2FF7>
- **Swine** Due to adjustments being made to the livestock identification deadline, and cancellation of weigh-ins across the state, **ear notches will be required for 2020.** County fair swine only have a USDA tag for identification. If that tag falls out, there's no secondary ID for that animal. We understand this is a change in policy, but in light of the COVID-19 virus, things are being re-evaluated as the days and weeks go by. An ear notching chart has been posted on the 4-H Swine page, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/swine>, to assist in reading ear notches. If your pigs were purchased from someone, check with the seller. They may have a litter registration paper that already indicates the ear notch for that animal
  - County Fair Only Exhibitors: You will need to fill out the google form <https://forms.gle/6M918tM5zr8zRifd9> to order ear tags. Fill out the form by May 15<sup>th</sup>. You will be responsible for tagging, ear notching, and identifying your animal on

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- State Fair Exhibitors: if your animal is going to state fair, it will need two tags and ear notches. You will order tags using the same google form. <https://forms.gle/6M918tM5zr8zRfd9> This form needs to be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The tags you will need are the Green USDA tag (same as county fair) and the Yellow DNA tag. Your total cost is \$12/pig. You will be responsible for tagging, ear notching, and identifying your animals on 4hOnline by June 1.
- **Auction participants (Market Beef or Ribbon):**
  - We would like to better promote our auction and bring in new buyers. We want our 4-H members participating in the auction to “invite” people and businesses to the auction. Please send [mostaert@iastate.edu](mailto:mostaert@iastate.edu) an email with the subject “Auction Invitation” with a few names/businesses that you would like to invite to the auction. Include your name, the name of the person/business you want to be invited and their mailing address.

Lastly, here are some resources you may find helpful during this time:

- [How to Cope with Anxiety about Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Fact Sheet](#)
- <https://web.iastate.edu/safety/updates/covid19>
- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-at-home-learning-resources>

If there are any further questions, please email [mostaert@iastate.edu](mailto:mostaert@iastate.edu) or call the office at 563-886-6157. I encourage those with questions to tune into the zoom Q & A previously mentioned.

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