



# Swine ID Day Tips



## Before Identification Day

- Review 4H 202 - <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194>
- Know the rules that apply to exhibiting swine. Important rules regarding weigh-in:
  - Pigs must have been farrowed after December 1, 2023.
  - All pigs must be tagged with an official 4-H or FFA tag at the spring ID day. (If you are unable to attend Jefferson County's, please make arrangements with our office to attend another county weigh-in.)
  - An exhibitor may tag a maximum of 10 pigs at the Spring ID Day but may exhibit a max of 6 if one is a purebred.
- Register for the single source class by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Pigs will be randomly assigned and available for pick-up at Swine ID Day.
- Have a plan for transportation to weigh-in.
- Watch the weather and plan accordingly.
- Decide which pigs (if any) to nominate for state fair before arriving.
- Decide which pigs will be shown as 4-H or FFA.
- Know which pigs belong to which family members.
- New this year: Have your money ready. 4-H Tags: \$3/head. State Fair DNA Samples: \$10/head. Please have exact cash or check payable to Jefferson County Extension.

Reach out to our office with any questions:  
641-472-4166 or [jefferson4h@iastate.edu](mailto:jefferson4h@iastate.edu)

## On Identification Day – March 23

- Arrive at Jefferson County Fair Grounds
  - Weigh-in is from 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- **While waiting for your turn, pick up an Identification Form and fill in ALL information expect for the ear notch and ear tag number.**
- Receive your paperwork prior to leaving:
  - Drug Affidavit
  - Identification Form
  - 4HOnline ID Help Sheet (4-H Only)

## Important Deadlines

**May 15<sup>th</sup> – All Swine must be ID'ed in 4honline (4-H Members only) NO Exceptions.**

- **Families are responsible for ID'ing their 4-H market swine in 4honline.**
  - Exhibitors are expected to enter all information before this date. Extension staff will verify the information after it is submitted.
  - **ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY for accurate data resides with the youth/family!**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – County Fair Entries Due on Fair Entry. (Both 4-H & FFA)**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – Iowa State Fair Entries Due on Fair Entry.**



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