

April 9, 2020

To: 4-H/FFA Market Lamb & Market Meat Goat Exhibitors

CC: 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors

Subject: Market Lamb and Meat Goat Weigh-In

On March 26, the Iowa State 4-H office canceled all sheep and goat weigh-ins. The weigh-in scheduled for May 2 is now canceled. We take serving Iowans seriously, and we are prioritizing the health and safety of our community and staff.

We will still have a market lamb and goat show, but there will be no rate of gain contest. All market lambs and goats will be ear tagged by exhibitors. There will be no charge for tags this year.

If you are exhibiting sheep or goats at the Iowa State Fair, please contact Angie at aksperf@iastate.edu to arrange retinal imaging.

Throughout this process, we are here to help. Our office is closed to walk-ins, but we are staffing the phones from 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM, Mon-Fri, 563-382-2949 or you can reach Angie by email at aksperf@iastate.edu. We appreciate your understanding and willingness to overcome this bump in the road.

An individual may nominate up to 15 meat goats and up to 20 sheep for County Fair and/or State Fair. Things to include for proper animal identification:

- ear tag
- description of markings
- County Fair must upload 2 photos.
- State Fair do not need to upload photos.

Use these check boxes to confirm you've completed all of the steps:

- Call and request tags from county office. See #1 below.
- Exhibitors will be required to enter the animal ID in 4HOnline on or before **Friday, May 15**. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to upload this information. An animal ID 4HOnline help sheet will be given with tags
 - **FFA exhibitors:** share photos through Google Forms. Submit photos through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/winnffasheepgoat>
- An *Animal ID* form is due back to the office when returning tagging supplies or can be mailed. Please return the white copy and keep the pink and yellow copies for your records.
- Any unused tags must be returned within three days of checkout from the Extension Office.

Final steps to exhibit:

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- Complete Winneshiek County FairEntry online, open June 1-15, to enter classes.
- Complete Iowa State FairEntry online, open June 1 through July 1, to enter classes.
- **Pay fees per fair deadlines to be eligible to exhibit. This is the responsibility of the exhibitor.**

1. **To Request County Fair tags:** Please call our office, 563-382-2949 or email aksperf@iastate.edu with **how many county tags your family needs and if you need to borrow a tagger.**
 - a. County tags may be picked up **beginning April 15**, between the normal business hours of 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM at 325 Washington St., Decorah. Tags will be located in our back entrance; please use our back entrance (follow the building along Washington street and turn right; park by the small tree for a quick pick-up). Our office doors will remain locked, but the back lobby will be open for pick-ups during business hours.
 - b. You may request tags to be mailed.
 - c. If you need to borrow a tagger, please indicate this when requesting tags. Most standard taggers will work; the tags are Allflex brand.
 - d. If borrowing a tagger, they must be returned within 3 days of use or the following regular business day. Staff will sanitize these upon receipt. Taggers will not be mailed.

Iowa State Fair Sheep/Goat: All sheep and/or goats of exhibitors nominating for 4-H Iowa State Fair be retinal scanned. Please contact Angie to make arrangements. *FFA State Fair nominations, please consult with your advisor for tagging.*

Please read entirely:

The following need to be complete in order for you to exhibit at the Winneshiek County Fair. 4-H/FFA Fair Books and FairEntry information will be available from your leader/advisor in April.

1. **YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is mandatory for individuals exhibiting sheep/goats at the county fair.** If you have not taken the training, or tested out, please read your 4-H Newsletter for details to certify. All youth showing sheep/meat goats must be YQCA certified by June 1.
2. **Scrapie Tags:** All reproductively intact animals (ewes, does, rams, bucks), must be tagged before exhibition (at county or state fairs) or before being sold, unless going direct to a slaughter facility. This would also include any ewe lambs shown in market classes. Contact the USDA for flock registration and details. The following sheep and goats are required to be officially identified with an official flock of origin tag:
 - a. All sheep over 18 months of age. All sexually intact sheep of any age sold, leased or moved for the purpose of breeding or exhibition. All sexually intact goats used for breeding/milking, or exhibition and those that reside with sheep. Market ewes.
3. **Sheep/Goat Drug affidavit form:** This needs to be completed and turned in at the Winneshiek County Fair in order for your animals to go to auction.

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Sheep:

- All market sheep must be identified in 4HOnline on or before May 15.
- They must be docked and castrated, or banded, prior to ID.
- All market lambs must be shorn as close as possible 2 weeks before the county fair weigh-in and have a minimum weight of 90 lbs. to be sold at the Livestock Auction.

Meat Goats:

- A market meat goat (wethers or does) must be identified in 4HOnline on or before May 15. Market meat goats must be castrated, or banded prior to ID.
- Each meat goat must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds at the time of fair weigh-in. Those weighing under 50 pounds will be shown in a feeder class.

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Sincerely,

Angie Sperflage
County Youth Coordinator
ISU Extension & Outreach Winneshiek County

Important Dates:

May 15: All Winneshiek and Iowa State Fair sheep and goats must be tagged and uploaded to 4Honline; FFA see special uploading requirements.

June 1: YQCA certification deadline

June 1: Winn. Co. and Iowa State Fair: Fair Entry OPENS

June 15: Winn. Co. Fair Entry: CLOSES

July 1: Iowa State Fair Entry: CLOSES

Please read below some frequently asked questions that will help your exhibitor and family through this new process:

- 1. How will I identify my animals in 4HOnline?** A 4HOnline help sheet will come with your tags. Entering these ID's is very similar to entering horse, dog, and other non-weighted animals.
- 2. I'm in FFA and don't have a 4HOnline profile?** Follow the same steps above for all other paperwork and guidance excluding where to upload photos. FFA members will share photos through Google Forms. Submit photos through this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/winnffaswine> *State Fair Nominations, see your advisor.

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3. **What photos do I need to upload with my animal ID?** Using a phone, tablet, or digital camera, members must take a photo of the **head** of the animal with ear tag visible to read. The **second photo should be one lengthwise image** of the animal.
 - a. Left or right side? Choose the side of the animal that has the most distinct features or markings. If left and right appear to be very similar, just choose one.
 - b. There are 4 spots to upload photos on 4HOnline; **only two** are required; described above.
4. **When do I need to have this uploaded online?** The deadline for all animal IDs is **Friday, May 15**. All IDs are due no later than Friday, May 15 at 11:59 PM. **If you would like staff assistance, please do not wait.**
5. **I have paid for my tags in the past, how do I do that this year?** There will be no charge for tags to avoid transfer of germs. *Consider writing a thank you to the 4-H Clover Club, addressed to the Extension Office.*