

Dear 4-H and FFA Families,

On March 24, the Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach council made the formal decision to **cancel the swine weigh-in** originally set for March 28, 2020. This decision was made with the best interest of our 4-H families, volunteers, staff and members of our communities in mind. We take serving lowans seriously, and we are prioritizing the health and safety of our community and staff.

The weigh-in is canceled, **but we are still having a market swine show**. To exhibit swine at the Winneshiek County fair, please follow the steps below:

An individual may nominate up to 40 head for County Fair and/or State Fair. Things to include for proper animal identification:

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

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

- Request tags from county office. See #1 and #2 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/winnffaswine>
- 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.
- Submit *Premise ID Reporting form* with your *Animal ID* form.
- Any unused tags must be returned within three days of checkout from the Extension Office.

**Final steps to exhibit:**

- 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.**
- Submit *Iowa Swine Exhibition Reporting Form* at the time of fair in July.

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1. **To Request County Fair tags:** Please call our office, 563-382-2949 or email [aksperf@iastate.edu](mailto:aksperf@iastate.edu) with **how many county tags your family needs**.
  - a. County tags may be picked up **beginning April 1**, 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 or ear notcher, 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.
2. **To Request Iowa State Fair Swine DNA tags:** Please call our office, 563-382-2949 or email [aksperf@iastate.edu](mailto:aksperf@iastate.edu) with **how many Iowa State Fair Swine DNA tags your family needs**.
  - a. Pick up times/dates: same as county, see above.
  - b. You may NOT request DNA tags to be mailed.
  - c. These taggers are specific to the DNA tags issued by Iowa 4-H. There are limited swine DNA taggers for check-out. Please arrange with Angie for pick-up and use of these taggers.
  - 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.

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](mailto:aksperf@iastate.edu). We appreciate your understanding and willingness to overcome this bump in the road.

**Please continue reading and review the enclosed documents:**

*Frequently Asked Questions*

*FFA Steps to Upload Photos*

*Original Exhibitor Letter Content that still applies for the 2020 Winneshiek Co. Fair*

Sincerely,

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### **Important Swine Dates:**

May 15: All Winneshiek and Iowa State Fair swine 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. I still need to ear notch my pigs, what should I do? I'm unsure how to read ear notches?** In your tagging packet, you will receive a sheet on how to read ear notches. If you need an ear notcher (handheld tool) please request one when picking up your tags. *All county swine are required to have ear notches.*
- 2. 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-weighed animals.
- 3. 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>
- 4. 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.
  - 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.
  - There are 4 spots to upload photos on 4HOnline; **only two** are required; described above.
- 5. The fair book says I can only show 3 market hogs without the requirement of having a derby individual. Does this still apply?** Exhibitors may exhibit up to 5 individuals and are limited to one set of market pairs. The requirement to have a derby individual does not apply for the 2020 Winneshiek County Fair.
- 6. When do I need to have this uploaded online?** The deadline for all animal IDs is **Friday, May 15**. This deadline is set by Iowa 4-H; all IDs are due no later than Friday, May 15 at 11:59 PM. **If you would like staff assistance, please do not wait.**
- 7. 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.*

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**Information from your original Swine Exhibitor letter that still applies for 2020 exhibition:**

**Updates and Important Information: Please read entirely:**

The enclosed forms you received in your March 9<sup>th</sup> letter, are required in order for you to exhibit market pigs at the Winneshiek County Fair. 4H/FFA Fair Books and FairEntry information will be available from your leader/advisor in April. *If you need additional copies of these forms, please visit our website or request them from our office.*

1. **Tyson® County Fair Swine Affidavit: Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement** (enclosed): This certifies that you have reviewed the treatment and feed medication records for all exhibit swine, and they meet or exceed the suggested withdrawal periods for Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) of pharmaceutical products. **The completed Affidavit form is due at the 2020 Fair Livestock check-in.**
  - a. **NEW for Winneshiek County Fair 2020: Ractopamine (in any form) is unauthorized for all swine exhibits at the Winneshiek County Fair. All swine must be raised ractopamine free.**
  - b. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor and family to read enclosed materials with information about ractopamine.**

**Brief background about ractopamine** provided by Mark Storlie, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Swine Field Specialist:

Ractopamine is a feed additive that enhances growth in meat animals by repartitioning nutrients away from being stored as fat and are instead used to increase lean tissue deposition. Originally approved in 1999 by FDA, ractopamine has been marketed as Paylean® and Engain® for swine; Optaflexx® and Actogain® for beef and Topmax® for turkeys. Ractopamine has been banned in over 160 countries, including EU countries, China, Japan and Russia. The export potential for US pork is high given the devastating impacts of African Swine Fever in China and other countries.

Ractopamine is still legal to use in the US, this is a market access issue that has motivated some packer/processors to pursue ractopamine free pigs.

**Additional Information:**

2. **YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is mandatory for individuals exhibiting swine at the Winneshiek County and/or Iowa State fair.** All youth showing swine must be YQCA certified by June 1. *See your monthly 4-H newsletter for steps to YQCA certification.*
3. **NEW for Winneshiek County Fair 2020:** The 2020 Winneshiek County Fair swine show is a non-terminal show. *Swine are not required to go to slaughter following the show.*
4. **NEW for Winneshiek County Fair 2020:** All exhibitors are required to submit a Premise ID Reporting Form to the Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach Office on or before **May 15**. A single (one) Premise ID Reporting Form may be filled out by exhibitors with the same Premise ID.

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5. **NEW for Winneshiek County Fair 2020:** All exhibitors must submit an *Iowa Swine Exhibition Reporting Form* on or before 5:00 PM (following swine weigh-in at the fair) on Tuesday, July 14. Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) requires this information to be completed for a report submitted by Extension and Outreach staff following the exhibition.
  - a. To register for a Premise ID, please visit the IDALS webpage:  
<https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/premiseIdentificationProgram.asp>
6. Following with fair book rules, no early loadouts will be permitted at county fair. **All swine will be released on Friday, July 17.** Loadouts include: Tyson, exhibitor reservations with lockers, and swine returning home. All other animals, excluding milking cattle, are released on Sunday, July 19.
7. Based on Friday load-out needs for local lockers and Tyson, swine exhibitors are eligible to sell a ribbon at the Livestock Auction.
  - a. Further details on this process will be released to buyers and exhibitors prior to June 1. The Youth Development Committee is reviewing 4-H/FFA Ribbon and Achievement Auctions from our Tri-State area to help support Winneshiek County exhibitors and buyers.
8. **NEW Class for Winneshiek County Fair 2020:** Purebred Market Barrow Class. A required minimum of 5 head are needed to make a class. Classes with 4 or less will be put in an All Other Breeds (AOB) class.