

# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES LOCAL LIVESTOCK TAGGING



Why:

1. Limit disease risk.
2. Establish ownership deadlines.

Resources:

- “Suggested Guidelines for Tagging 4-H Pigs to Limit Disease Risk”
- “Swine Health Recommendations for Organizers of Weigh-In Events”
- “2024 4-H Livestock Tag Information”
- “Beef Tagging Tips”
- “Small Livestock Tagging Tips”



Each local unit should establish an ownership deadline for livestock exhibited at their local fair. The most common method for establishing ownership is through livestock tagging or a “nomination/validation” process. The suggested guideline for establishing livestock ownership is through tagging at one central location, or tagging at multiple sites in the county. It is NOT recommended that Extension Staff sell livestock tags over the counter, especially if using EID tags. The KSRE professional who signs the Kansas 4-H EID Tag Order Form or Online Order Receipt is responsible for keeping accurate records regarding the families and animals in which those tags are applied, especially for 840 EID tags.

The purpose of any 4-H project is as a learning opportunity for youth. The establishment of project enrollment and/or ownership deadlines is so that young people enrolled in the project are involved in project learning for an amount of time prior to exhibition. This allows project growth/learning to be measured.

- Establish an ownership deadline. Young people should be enrolled and involved in a project for an amount of time prior to exhibition so learning can be measured.
- Recommended ownership:
  - Beef- 150 days minimum
  - Small livestock- 90-100 days minimum
- Tag at a central location or have multiple sites
- Do not sell tags, especially EID tags, over the counter
- Extension Agents or a designated volunteer (with Extension Agent present) are only allowed to tag livestock
- Extension agents are verifying that they have placed or seen the EID tag in the animal’s ear for state show nominations
- Use a secondary form of identification- i.e.; beef- tattoo (not required for state nominations), swine- ear notches, sheep/meat goat- scrapie tag (scrapie tags are required by KDA)
- It is unlawful to remove an 840 tag (used in beef and swine). The EID tags issued for sheep and meat goats are 982 management EID tags and can be removed if absolutely necessary. For sheep and meat goats, their 840 AIN tag is the scrapie tag.

