



## 2026 Ellis Co. 4-H Livestock ID Procedures

At the respective market weigh-in, the animal may be put in the 4-H family's name. At the pre-entry deadline in July, each animal must be designated to one 4-H member's name.

**ALL Market Livestock – All market animals will be tagged at spring county weigh-in. No tags will be available for purchase over the counter at the Extension Office.** All market animals must be brought to the weigh-in site to get tagged with an official 4-H EID tag to be eligible for the Ellis County Fair and 4-H Premium Sale, weighing of animal is optional but encouraged. Animals not weighed in on the official scales are not eligible for Rate of Gain awards.

**Commercial Breeding Dairy Goats, Ewes, Heifers, & Swine** – Animals must come to spring county weigh-in to be tagged with official 4-H EID tag, weighing of animal is optional.

**Feeder & Bucket Calves** - Animals must come to spring county weigh-in to be tagged with official 4-H EID tag, weighing of animal is optional.

**Registered Breeding Ewes, Heifers & Swine** - Registration or transfer papers dated as of **May 1** and verified with the Fair Superintendent at County Fair check-in. The animal can be registered in more than one exhibitor's name(s) within a family, but must be entered into only one exhibitor's name at County Fair entry deadline.

**Dairy Cattle** – For Registered animals, you must have registration or transfer papers in the 4-H member's name by **June 15** of the current year. Grade or leased animals must have a completed 4-H Grade Dairy Cattle or Leasing Identification Form (including photo) for each animal and return it to the Extension Office by **June 15**, of the current year.

**Dairy Goat** – For Registered animals, registration papers must be in the sole name of the 4 H member by May 1. No joint herd names or multiple owners are allowed. All papers must be presented at county fair check-in for verification. Goats must be identified with a registered tattoo or an official USDA premises ID tag (Scrapie tag) in the ear of the animal by Spring county weigh-in. Submit a photo id of the length of the animal, with its head turned to show 4-H tag # **to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. the day of the spring county fair weigh-in.**

**Meat Goat** – Goats must be identified with a registered tattoo or an official USDA premises ID tag (Scrapie tag) in the ear of the animal by Spring county weigh-in. Goats identified with registration tattoos must have legible tattoos and must have registration papers for these animals available for inspection. Obtain Scrapie tag from the animal's breeder. If the youth is feeding a home raised goat, the responsibility of obtaining the Scrapie tag rests with the youth or the youth's family.

**Sheep** - All sheep must be identified with an official USDA premise (Scrapie) tag in the ear of the animal by Spring county weigh-in. Obtain Scrapie tag from the animal's breeder. If the youth is feeding a home raised lamb, the responsibility of obtaining a Scrapie tag rests with the youth or the youth's family.

**Horse** – The state 4-H Horse Identification Certificate (including photos) must be submitted or updated and **returned to the Extension Office by June 1**. Proof of a negative Coggins test within the last 12 months will be required at check-in.

**Poultry** – All out of state and in state chickens, turkeys, and game birds, regardless of age must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart approved to show compliance with the following requirement: All Poultry exhibiting at the Ellis Co. Fair must originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP). Poultry shown at State Fair must be tested each year and found free of pullorum-typhoid diseases. Leg banding is not required at the local level. **NO POULTRY TESTING FOR THE ELLIS COUNTY FAIR UNTIL 2030.**

**Rabbits** – Each rabbit is to be legibly and permanently tattooed in its left ear for identification **prior to June 22**.

**Policy Statement for Animals Weighing in on a Different Date** - In the event that they are not able to weigh-in on the official weigh-in date, due to an emergency situation as determined by Extension Agents, they may be weighed on a certified scale within one week (prior or following) the official weigh-in and the scale ticket must be presented to the Extension Staff.

**Lost Tags** – If an animal loses a tag, replace the tag as soon as possible by contacting the Extension Office. A form will be presented to the 4-H'er with the change of tag number on it. Cost of a replacement tag is **FREE**.

**Livestock Id Tagging at an earlier or later date** - Contact the County Extension Staff to arrange for visual tag verification of animals prior to show entry deadlines. (This is mainly for showing at Beef Expo, KJLS or KSF.)