



2019 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.

Market Beef (Steers & Heifers) – Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal prior to county weigh-in. All animals must take part in county weigh-in held in February each year at the County Fairgrounds in order to be shown at the Ellis County Fair.

Breeding Beef

Commercial Heifers - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal. 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 weigh-in.

Registered Heifers - Registration or transfer papers dated as of **May 1** and verified with the Beef Superintendent at County Fair check-in. The animal must be registered in the exhibitor's name.

Feeder Calf – Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal. Animals must be ear tagged prior to the spring county weigh-in. Bring animal to weigh-in for verification.

Bucket Calf - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal. 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 weigh-in.

Dairy – 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.

Sheep - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal prior to Spring county weigh-in. All sheep must be identified with an official USDA premise (Scrapie) tag. 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.

Market Swine - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal prior to Spring county weigh-in.

Breeding Swine

Commercial Breeding Swine - Purchase an official 4-H EID tag and tag animal. Bring animal to spring county weigh-in for visual check of official 4-H EID tag.

Registered Breeding Swine - Registration or transfer papers dated as of **May 1** and verified with the Swine Superintendent at County Fair check-in. The animal must be registered in the exhibitor's name.

Horse – The state 4-H Horse Identification Certificate (including photos) must be submitted or updated and **returned to the Extension Office by May 1**.

Meat Goat – Purchase an official 4-H EID tag and tag animal prior to Spring county weigh-in. Goats must be identified with a registered tattoo or an official USDA premises ID tag (Scrapie tag.) 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.

Poultry – Complete Pollorum testing and **leg id banding prior to June 22**. Contact County Poultry Leader to schedule. Meat birds must be banded with official 4-H leg band. All other birds are required to be tested and identified with the official 4-H leg band.

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

Market animals must weigh in to be eligible to show in market classes at the Ellis Co. Fair. 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 presented to the Extension Staff. Animals not weighed in during the official weigh-in are not eligible for Rate of Gain awards.

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 Identified at a later date for Show at KJLS or KSF

Contact County Extension Staff to arrange for visual tag verification of animals at Extension Office prior to show entry deadlines.