

April 13, 2020

Dear 4-H Livestock Families,

We hope that you are staying safe during this time. We wanted to communicate several things as the county and state 4-H livestock nomination deadlines are nearing.

State livestock nomination deadlines remain in effect and will continue as scheduled.

- **May 1 – Market Beef**
- **June 15 – Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats and Commercial Heifers**

The Ellis County livestock identification deadline is June 1.

Because we have to change some of our approaches due to Covid-19, **please plan ahead** and don't wait until the last minute to attend to these things!

Steps 1 – 4 pertain to both State and County identification processes.

Step 1 – purchase your eid tags from the Extension Office. Make arrangements by calling Theresa at 628-9430 ahead of time.

Let Theresa know:

- Number and type of tags you will need.
- If you are nominating for the Kansas State Fair / KJLS. She will provide you with barcode stickers needed for nomination.
 - Will you need DNA envelopes for hair samples?
- She will place your tags, envelopes and barcode stickers in an envelope and leave them in the entry foyer at the Ext. Office for you to pick up. **You can place your check for tag payment in the dropbox on the front of the building.**

Step 2 – Tag the animals.

Step 3 – Take photos of:

- The tag in the animal's ear
- The 4-H'er with the tagged animal
- Several different angles of the animal to show any identifying marks.

Step 4 – Print and attach photos to a livestock id form found on the Forms page of our website and drop the completed form in the dropbox on the front of our building by the deadline or Email the photos to Elliscounty4h@gmail.com, including the information that you would fill out on the form in the message section of the email.

Step 5 – For state nominations, agents are required to sign your forms. Please complete and sign the form. Add the bar code sticker that we've provided for each tag. Scan and email the forms to Elliscounty4h@gmail.com. We will sign and email the forms back to you so that you can get them postmarked by the deadlines.

In all of this, there is the potential for things to get lost in cyberspace! Please give a call to verify that we have received your photos and forms once sent. That is the best way to ensure that everything ends up in the right place in the right time!

YQCA Instructor-led Classes CANCELLED

K-State Research & Extension has extended the ban on face-to-face events, activities, and meetings through July 4, 2020. Therefore, youth participating in an instructor-led class prior to submitting their state livestock nominations is no longer a viable option. Youth will need to complete the online course. The YQCA requirement will continue for all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors. Visit yqca.org to get started. Remember in the month of April only, you can apply for a coupon code for \$3 off of the on-line training. That form is posted on the front Ellis 4-H website.

As things continue to change with this situation, we will keep you up to date as we learn more about the status of future activities.

Until then, give a call if you have questions or we can be of assistance.

Stay Safe!

Yours in 4-H,



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