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TO: 4-H Members in Livestock Projects



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2020 Ellis Co. 4-H Livestock ID Procedures

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the updated animal identification procedures for 4-H projects in Ellis County for your information.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

ALL exhibitors showing livestock at Kansas State Fair and KJLS are required to take the training on quality care of your livestock projects. This is an on-line training program. To learn more specifics, visit yqca.org. NOW is the time to get this taken care of! **It must be completed by June 15! Clubs should have discussed the possibility of making this a county requirement at your recent meeting. The Ag Livestock committee is exploring the possible ways to carry this out. Watch for more information coming your way soon.**

Livestock Nominated for State Shows

If the animal you plan to show at a state show has not come through the official weigh-in process, you must have the Extension Agents come out or bring the animals in at a mutually arranged time for the Agents to visually check the animal for the official 4-H EID tag before a signature is applied to the nomination paperwork. **Make arrangements in advance to ensure that an Agent is available to view your animal.**

2020 Weigh-in Info.

Market Beef Weigh-in is February 1, 9 – 11 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Small Market Livestock Weigh-in is Wednesday, April 29, 6 – 8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. You can also request to weigh at the Spring Livestock Show on May 3 as an alternate option. We ask that you **please contact the Extension Office to let us know if you are choosing the Spring Show for your weigh-in.**

EID tags are available for purchase from the Extension Office. Beef tags cost \$5.00. Small livestock tags cost \$4.00. **Be sure to have your tags purchased and your animals tagged before you weigh-in.**

We have added links to a number of helpful sites on animal health and showmanship to our website. Livestock id procedures and forms are also posted there for your use. www.cottonwood.ksu.edu

As always, don't hesitate to give a call if you have questions about the 4-H livestock process.

Hope your 2020 is off to a GREAT start!

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