Tag and ID Process for Beef for 2019:
Each 4-H/FFA member is responsible for tagging their own market Beef, using tags issued by the Jr. Fair Livestock Committee or EID tags from producer and submitting a Self Tag ID Form for each market beef by **Jan 8 2019**.

Tags and taggers will be distributed at the Union County Extension Office. Each member is still able to tag up to 6 Beef (4 max for Richwood) and family tagging is allowed. Unused or broken tags need to be returned to the Extension Office. Taggers must be returned within 2 days of check-out. Place the taggers into a plastic bag. They will be disinfected after being returned.

Self-Tag Market Beef ID Form
For each Market Beef an exhibitor is raising to potentially be shown at the Union County Fair or Richwood Independent Fair, one Union County Self-Tag Market Beef Identification Form is required. The form needs to be completely filled out, including one picture of the head of the Market Beef with tags clearly visible and another profile/side-shot showing the color and markings of the Market Beef. Please designate whether the animal is a steer or a market heifer. This form is **due no later than January 8th**. Forms can be dropped off at the Extension Office or scanned and emailed to UCoLivestock@osu.edu. If submitting the forms via email, please retain the original until quality of pictures is confirmed. Note: the ID Forms do not have to be returned at the same time as the tagger; members have until Jan 8th to complete the form, attach photos, and submit the form(s).

Obtaining Tags and Tagger
The Union County Extension Office is open Monday – Thursdays, 8:00am-4:30pm. It will be best to call ahead when you want to pick up tags/tagger to make sure a set is available. Phone number: 937-644-8117
Equipment can be picked up during evening hours in the OSUE drop box ONLY IF you call ahead with name(s) of member(s) and number of market beef and request a night pick up. There will also be a separate drop box to return equipment after hours at the OSUE Office if needed.

It is important to tag your animal as soon as possible. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. We have a limited number of taggers, so if everyone waits until the last minute, we will not have enough to go around.

Ear Tag Location
Tags may be placed in either ear; however, ensure that the number faces forward so that it is easily read.

County Bred & Born
A special class for Union County Bred & Born Market Beef will be held at the Union County Fair. **To be eligible to participate, you MUST have a signed Bred & Born form completed and submitted with your self tag in forms.**
This form may be found at [http://go.osu.edu/BeefCBBForm](http://go.osu.edu/BeefCBBForm).

Questions/Assistance
If you have any questions or feel that you need assistance with getting the market beef projects tagged correctly, please feel free to contact the Livestock Committee Members for the Beef Project.

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