

Union County Junior Fair Swine Self Tag-in 2020

Tag and ID Process for Hogs for 2020:

Each 4-H/FFA member is responsible for tagging their own market hogs, using tags issued by the Jr. Fair Livestock Committee, and submitting a Self Tag ID Form for each hog by **July 20th**. **The ear notch number and information provided must match those animals virtually tagged in May.**

Tags and taggers will be distributed at the Union County Extension Office. Each member is still able to tag up to 6 pigs and family tagging is allowed. Each family will receive one extra tag when picking up tags. Unused or broken tags need to be returned to the Extension Office. Taggers must also be returned within 2 days of check-out. Place the taggers into a plastic bag. They will be disinfected after being returned.

Self-Tag Hog ID Form

For each exhibitor, one Union County Self-Tag Hog Identification Form is required. The form needs to be completely filled out. This form is **due no later than July 20th** to the Union County Extension Office. Note: the ID Forms do not have to be returned at the same time as the tagger; members have until July 20th to complete and submit form.

Obtaining Tags and Tagger

The Union County Extension Office is open **Monday – Thursdays, 12:00pm-4:00pm**. It will be best to call ahead when you want to pick up tags/tagger to make sure a set is available. 937-644-8117. Equipment can be picked up during evening hours in the OSUE drop box, **ONLY IF** you call ahead with names/# of hogs 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.

How to Tag Information

Here is the link to a good video on how to tag a pig: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XMFdFUG2N0> (or go to Youtube and search Swine ear tag demonstration and look for AgriLife Video). You might also ask your 4-H/FFA Advisor for assistance in identifying someone to help you, if you feel you need help tagging. Be aware that folks who raise hogs may be unwilling to visit other farms with hogs, as a strategy to help limit the spread of disease.

Ear Tag Location

Tags may be placed in either ear; however, ensure that the number faces the rear of the animal so that it is easily read. For floppy-eared breeds, ensure the number faces up.

What do you need to turn in?

We already have all of the animal information corresponding to ear notch identification provided in May. All we need is the ear notch number and corresponding ear tag number. Please fill out the form provided and drop off at office or email to UCoLivestock@osu.edu no later than July 20th.