



March 11, 2024

Dear Junior Fair Market Swine Exhibitors,

This information is about identifying your market swine animals for the 2024 Mercer County Junior Fair. If you are a new family to this program, please know that identification of these animals is a mandatory requirement.

### Animal Identification Rule

**Each exhibitor will be allowed a maximum of 5 animals for identification.** Families do not need to designate animals with specific member names. All animals will be identified under a family name. The family name/unit is composed of legal siblings (brothers, sisters, stepbrothers and stepsisters, half-brothers, and half-sisters).

For example: The “Clover” Family has 3 children - they could tag up to 15 hogs for their family (3 children times 5 hogs).

An exhibitor may show any of the family identified animals at the county fair. Member’s will identify what animal(s) for the county fair on Fair Entry in July before Livestock judging. Please note that an exhibitor may bring a maximum of 3 hogs of which 1 hog must be a purebred hog. Possible combinations: An exhibitor may bring 2 crossbred hogs and 1 purebred hog or may bring 1 crossbred hog and 2 purebred hogs or may bring 3 purebred hogs.

### Identification Process

To practice biosecurity, you will contact a veterinarian to tag all your junior fair swine at your facility. After **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and before your appointment with the veterinarian, you will need to pick up paperwork and tags from the OSU Extension Office. We encourage you to call or email ahead of time so that we can have your tags ready for you.

**The deadline to return completed paperwork to the Extension Office is May 31 at 4:00 p.m.**

*Animals are to be tagged by a Mercer County DVM at the expense of the exhibitor (see list below for veterinarians who have been sent information concerning this procedure).*

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| Coldwater Animal Clinic        | 110 Harvest Drive    | Coldwater    | 678-4071 |
| Ft. Recovery Veterinary Center | 119 State Route 119  | Ft. Recovery | 375-2684 |
| Celina Animal Hospital         | 7100 Havemann Road   | Celina       | 586-3109 |
| Maria Stein Animal Clinic      | 8155 State Route 119 | Maria Stein  | 925-4212 |
| Chickasaw Vet Center           | PO 144               | Chickasaw    | 925-4910 |
| Four Star Veterinary Service   | 108 West Franklin    | Chickasaw    | 925-9300 |

**Procedure for Retagging:** It is the exhibitor's responsibility to monitor their animal's ear tags. In case of a lost tag, please contact the Extension Office at (419) 586-2179 and have the animal re-tagged.

**2024 Junior Fair Rule Book:** As an exhibitor and parent, it is your responsibility to review all applicable sections of the rule book. You will notice it is in a new format this year, which makes it a great time to review for the upcoming fair. Copies will be available in our office and at all Livestock Quality Assurance sessions.

<https://go.osu.edu/juniorfairbook>



If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

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