



March 3, 2021

Dear Jr. Fair Swine Exhibitors,

This information is about identifying your market swine animals for the 2021 Mercer County Junior Fair. If you are a new family to this program, please know that identification of these animals is a mandatory requirement.

New Rule for Animal Identification

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 skillathon.

Identification Process

To practice biosecurity, you will contact a veterinarian to tag all your junior fair swine at your facility.

Please note: Moving forward in 2021, you may not tag your own animals – a Vet must complete that process and sign the paperwork.

- At this time, a staff member is present in the office from 8:30-3:30, Monday through Friday. Based on staff schedules, we ask that you call or email ahead to register the number of tags for your family. This allows us to pre-package your tags and paperwork and have available for pick up outside of our office door.
- The deadline to return completed original paperwork to the Extension Office is **May 28 at 4:30 p.m.** Exhibitors may return the paperwork via mail slot outside the Extension Office door or by mail. If you choose to mail, please do so far enough in advance to ensure it is in our office by the deadline. No email, scanned or picture copies of the form will be accepted.

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).

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

Please note that the May 28 is a firm deadline. In fairness to all exhibitors involved, ownership dates must be the same for everyone. Having stated that, do not wait until the last minute to make an appointment with your veterinarian.

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

Sincerely,



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