



March 6, 2023

Dear Goat Exhibitors,

All Junior Fair market goats must be identified with county tags. This is a mandatory requirement for this project. Exhibitors have two options to have their market goat identified for the fair this year:

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 goats for their family (3 children times 5 goat).

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.

Scrapie Identification Exhibitor/Owner Statement

All animals must have a Scrapie tag in their ear prior to tagging. **Animals cannot be tagged for the fair without an existing Scrapie tag.** Scrapie tagging is the law. If you are purchasing a goat, **make certain that goats are Scrapie tagged from the breeder prior to you taking possession of the animal. Scrapie tags are needed for market and breeding animals even if they come from your family farm.**

The Exhibitor/Owner Statement document enclosed in your envelope is mandatory. This form must be completed thoroughly before an animal can be tagged or weighed in. The state vet will review these forms before and during the fair. Please make sure you have the all the information about the "Flock of Origin" before purchasing an animal. If you have purchased animals from multiple flocks, then please get another form from our website or the Extension Office before April 29.

Options for Identification:

1. The identification clinic for market goat projects will be held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds, Complex Show Arena, on **Friday, April 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m. OR Saturday, April 29 from 9:00-10:00 am.** You do not need an appointment.
OR
2. You may select to have, at your own expense, a veterinarian visit your farm and tag your animals. Animals tagged on the farm will NOT be eligible for the rate of gain class.

You must **return this paperwork to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28. Please note that the April 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.

As an alternative for those families who do not wish to bring their animals to the fairgrounds, see list below for veterinarians who have been sent tagging information.

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

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

Sincerely,



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