



March 6, 2023

Dear Junior Fair Market Swine Exhibitors, Parents, 4-H Organizational Advisors & FFA Advisors:

This information is about identifying your market swine animals for the 2023 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.

Identification Process

To practice biosecurity, you will contact a veterinarian to tag all your junior fair swine at your facility. 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 4:30 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).

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 SWINE THAT LOST THEIR EAR TAG

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to monitor their animal's ear tags. In case of a lost tag, the exhibitor has 5 days to notify the Extension Office, (419) 586-2179 and have the animal re-tagged. In order to have your hog retagged it must be approved by the Junior Fair Board and the adult Swine Superintendent.

Please note that the May 31 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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