

## Protocol for tagging Market Lamb, Market Hogs, Market Goats and Dairy Beef Feeders

It's time once again to prepare for tagging and weigh-in of market lambs, market hogs, market goats and dairy beef feeders. This year exhibitors will be required to tag their own market animals with an 840 EID tag (unless the animal already has an EID tag). Visual numbered tags are encouraged but will not be provided or required this year.

Specifically, the check list of step-by-step process and requirements include . . .

- 1) Youth/families planning to weigh/tag-in market lambs, market hogs, market goats and dairy beef feeders to be finished as projects for the 2024 Fair must submit a request for EID tags on-line by completing the **survey [linked here](#)** by June 24, 2024. In the case of animals being weighed-in for Goat MQP, tag requests must be completed by May 15, 2024. Complete only one request survey per family except for Goat MQP participants who are welcome to complete an early request for their MQP animals.
- 2) Each market animal must have an 840 EID tag. If an animal already has an 840 EID tag, **DO NOT REMOVE IT**. A new tag is not required or allowed if an animal already has an 840 tag.
- 3) If your animal(s) does not already have an 840 EID tag, [request one from OSU Extension](#) before weigh-in and place it in the animal's ear. Taggers may be borrowed at that time also. If not familiar with tagging animals, see [this sheet](#) for more detail, or watch this 3 minute video that shows the proper tagging procedure for cattle: <https://go.osu.edu/tagging>
- 4) Either ear is acceptable for tag placement.
- 5) Place the tag near the center of the ear between the two cartilage ribs with the back (flat) portion of the tag on the outside of the ear.
- 6) Return borrowed taggers along with any unused tag(s) to the OSU Extension office as soon as possible. DO NOT pass taggers or tags on to another exhibitor without permission of OSU Extension.
- 7) Exhibitors needing assistance in tagging should contact their 4-H/FFA advisor.
- 8) Youth/families are expected to apply the required tag in the animal's ear prior to weigh/check-in on June 29, 2024 (for MQP goats the date is May 18) and submit their individual and/or family exhibitor information, tagging, and housing information on a second survey that will be made available at a later time.
- 9) Any unused 840 EID tags must be returned!

For more information on this tagging process for your 2024 Fairfield County Fair market animals, contact Junior Fair Director Doug Shell at [ishell171@gmail.com](mailto:ishell171@gmail.com) or the OSU Extension office.