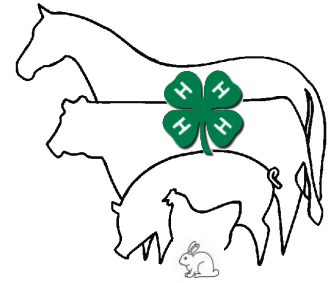


2017 Ellis Co. 4-H Livestock ID Procedures



At the respective market weigh-in, the animal may be put in the 4-H family's name. At the pre-entry deadline in July, each animal must be designated to one 4-H member's name.

Market Beef (Steers & Heifers) – Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal prior to county weigh-in. All animals must take part in county weigh-in held in February each year at the County Fairgrounds in order to be shown at the Ellis County Fair.

Breeding Beef

Commercial Heifers - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal. Submit a photo id of the length of the animal, with its head turned to show 4-H tag # **to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. the day of** the Spring county weigh-in.

Registered Heifers - Registration or transfer papers dated as of **May 1** and verified with the Beef Superintendent at County Fair check-in. The animal must be registered in the exhibitor's name.

Feeder Calf – Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal. Animals must be ear tagged prior to the Spring county weigh-in. Bring animal to weigh-in for verification.

Bucket Calf - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal. Submit a photo id of the length of the animal, with its head turned to show 4-H tag # **to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. the day of** the Spring county weigh-in.

Dairy – For Registered animals, you must have registration or transfer papers in the 4-H member's name by **June 15** of the current year. Grade or leased animals must have a completed 4-H Grade Dairy Cattle or Leasing Identification Form (including photo) for each animal and return it to the Extension Office by **June 15**, of the current year.

Sheep - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal prior to Spring county weigh-in.

Market Swine - Purchase an official 4-H EID ear tag and tag animal prior to Spring county weigh-in.

Breeding Swine

Commercial Breeding Swine - Purchase an official 4-H EID tag and tag animal. Bring animal to Spring county weigh-in for visual check of official 4-H EID tag.

Registered Breeding Swine - Registration or transfer papers dated as of **May 1** and verified with the Swine Superintendent at County Fair check-in. The animal must be registered in the exhibitor's name.

Horse – The state 4-H Horse Identification Certificate (including photos) must be submitted or updated and **returned to the Extension Office by May 1**.

Meat Goat – Purchase an official 4-H EID tag and tag animal prior to Spring county weigh-in.

Poultry – Complete Pollorum testing and **leg id banding prior to June 22**. Contact County Poultry Leader to schedule. Meat birds must be banded with official 4-H leg band. All other birds are required to be tested and identified with the official 4-H leg band.

Rabbits – Each rabbit is to be legibly and permanently tattooed in its left ear for identification **prior to June 22**.

Policy Statement for Animals Weighing in on a Different Date

Market animals must weigh in to be eligible to show in market classes at the Ellis Co. Fair. In the event that they are not able to weigh-in on the official weigh-in date, due to an emergency situation as determined by Extension Agents, they may be weighed on a certified scale within one week (prior or following) the official weigh-in and the scale ticket presented to the Extension Staff. Animals not weighed in during the official weigh-in are not eligible for Rate of Gain awards.

Lost Tags – If an animal loses a tag, replace the tag as soon as possible by contacting the Extension Office. A form will be presented to the 4-H'er with the change of tag number on it. Cost of a replacement tag is **FREE**.

Livestock Identified at a later date for Show at KJLS or KSF

Contact County Extension Staff to arrange for visual tag verification of animals at Extension Office prior to show entry deadlines.