

To: Pottawatomie County Livestock Youth,
From: K-State Research and Extension, Pottawatomie
RE: County Livestock Tagging (Updated 4/20)

Each county recently received recommendations regarding livestock tagging in response to COVID-19 from the "KSU Youth Livestock Program Coordinator" and "State 4-H Program Leader". These recommendation fell into two categories: State level tagging (KJLS/Grand drive) and County fair tagging. While the two are historically done hand in hand, they do serve independent governing bodies and rules. That being said, the following guidelines are being adopted by Pottawatomie County, as recommended by State leaders, to ensure that health safety and show guidelines are followed.

Tagging for Exhibition at Pottawatomie County Fair

-In Person tagging / Weigh-in for ALL Livestock will be canceled for the 2020 Pottawatomie county fair.

-Instead, families will be asked to submit an e-mail containing a clear photo of project animals that shows existing animal identification. This can include but is not limited to ear notches, scrapie tags, other pre-existing tags, tattoos, ect.) Beef cattle that will be sold at county fair will need to be tagged at fair check-in.

-June 1st will be the deadline to submit county fair livestock nominations (beef, cattle, sheep, swine, goats).

-Please e-mail photos to "pottcoext@gmail.com" with the subject line as "Livestock Nomination"

Tagging for State Livestock Nomination and Exhibition at State Shows

-State livestock nomination deadlines **remain** in effect until further notice. This includes tagging, forms, and DNA samples. Market Beef must be postmarked by May 1, 2020, with small livestock due June 15, 2020.

-State livestock nomination forms may be signed by family and/or agent via exchanging emails, fax, photos of forms. Paperwork must be signed by all parties, but original signatures will not be required.

-Agents may mail stickers or use the KSRE drop box to allow families to complete state nomination paperwork. Copies of barcode stickers will also be accepted.

-Market Beef and Small Livestock: We will be distributing tags to families for self-tagging if possible. Tagging will require photographic or digital video proof of animal, tag, and exhibitor connection. For example, scheduled FaceTime/Zoom/videoconference or a recorded video to witness tagging. **If your family needs livestock tags for state nomination, contact Shannon or Daniel to arrange details.** (sblocker@ksu.edu, skuciusd@ksu.edu)

Thank you for your patience during the fluid time. We will be sure to keep you updated if guidelines or other variables changes. Please let us know if we can answer any questions for you at this time.