

March 20, 2018

To: Butler County 4-H Livestock Project Leaders,  
Bucket Calf Leaders and Community Leaders

From: Charlene Miller, CEA, 4-H & Youth/Director

While the Market Lambs and the Market Meat Goats **MUST BE TAGGED** at the county tagging at the Butler County Fairgrounds on Friday, April 27, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., leaders may tag the Swine, Gilts, Commercial Breeding Heifers, Commercial Ewes, Commercial Meat Goats, and the Bucket Calves. All of these animals **except swine** can also be brought to the fairgrounds tagging in April. **NO SWINE** will be accepted for tagging on Friday, April 27. **To be eligible to check out ear tags**, project leaders must be listed on the Club Leader lists that were required in the Extension Office by February 1.

#### **TAGGING FOR MEMBERS OF ANOTHER CLUB**

A Leader may tag animals for other clubs **ONLY** if a community leader or the project leader from that club let me know it is acceptable.

#### **TAGGERS**

It has come to our attention that some leaders are not using the correct tagger for application. For the Allflex tags, you need to use an Allflex "Total Tagger" with a black plastic insert and red blunt pin. The **black insert is removed** for use with **ALL** electronic tags that we use in Butler County. We have some available to check out.

#### **ORDERING TAGS**

All animals will be tagged with the 4-H EID tag. I have enclosed sheets for you to use to order tags from me for the animals that you are tagging for the members. Please return one sheet per species for the tag order from your club. **Please order only the amount of tags that you will need.**

A complete report of tags used and all unused tags must be back in the Extension Office by:



5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 for the Market Swine and Bucket Calves and  
5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15 for the Gilts, Commercial Heifers, Ewes, and Meat Goat Does.

Please collect \$4.00 for Beef tags and \$3.00 for all others. Tags need to be checked out, information returned and paid for by the same person.

#### **DISBURSEMENT OF TAGS**

Ear tags can be ordered and picked up at the Extension Office by **LEADERS ONLY**. Unused tags are to be returned to the office with the individual tag information sheets. Tags are paid for based on the number used. All unused tags must be returned.

#### **REPLACING LOST TAGS**

Project leaders must supply the 4-H'ers name and the number of the lost tag in order to purchase a new tag and are responsible for putting the replacement tag in the animal. The project leader is responsible for filling out and signing a form which verifies ear tag replacement.

Enclosures:

Tag Order Forms  
Tagging Instructions  
Livestock Summary  
Household Nomination Intent Form  
Animal Care and Housing Form

#### **Butler County Fair Board Contacts:**

President - Darren Jackson  
316-253-0043  
Secretary - Connie Chilcott  
316-258-3218

**MARKET SWINE EAR TAG ORDER**

Please return this form to the Butler County Extension Office a **minimum of 3 working days** before you want to pick up tags. Tags will be available for pickup no earlier than Noon on April 6th.

PROJECT LEADER \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

Swine Tags Needed \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Collect \$3.00 for each Swine Tag Used.**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Number of Tags Given to Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Numbers Given to Leader \_\_\_\_\_

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Tags given to \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tags Returned \_\_\_\_\_

Tag Numbers Returned \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount paid for Tags \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Checked In By: SL JD \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ / Check \_\_\_\_\_

Check \_\_\_\_\_

**BREEDING / COMMERCIAL EAR TAG ORDER FORM**

Please return this form to the Butler County Extension Office a **minimum of 3 working days** before you want to pick up tags.  
 Tags will be available for pickup no earlier than Noon on April 6th.

**PROJECT LEADER** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

<p align="center"><b>Swine Gilt \$3.00</b></p> <p>Tag Report Due in Extension Office June 15</p>	<p>Number of Tags Needed:  _____</p>	<p><b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b></p> <p>Total Tags Given: _____ Tag Numbers Given: _____</p> <p>Tags Given To: _____ Date: _____ -----</p> <p>Total Tags Returned: _____ Tag Numbers Returned: _____</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Commercial Meat Goat \$3.00</b></p> <p>Tag Report Due in Extension Office June 15</p>	<p>Number of Tags Needed:  _____</p>	<p><b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b></p> <p>Total Tags Given: _____ Tag Numbers Given: _____</p> <p>Tags Given To: _____ Date: _____ -----</p> <p>Total Tags Returned: _____ Tag Numbers Returned: _____</p>

**BUCKET CALF / HEIFER EAR TAG ORDER FORM**

Please return this form to the Butler County Extension Office a **minimum of 3 working days** before you want to pick up tags.  
 Tags will be available for pickup no earlier than Noon on April 6th.

**PROJECT LEADER** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

<p align="center"><b>Bucket Calf \$4.00</b></p> <p align="center">Tag Report Due in Extension Office May 1</p>	<p>Number of Tags Needed:  _____</p>	<p><b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b></p> <p>Total Tags Given: _____ Tag Numbers Given: _____</p> <p>Tags Given To: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Total Tags Returned: _____ Tag Numbers Returned: _____</p> <p>Checked In By: SL      JD      _____ Payment: Cash _____ / Check _____</p>
<p align="center"><b>Heifer \$4.00</b></p> <p align="center">Tag Report Due in Extension Office June 15</p>	<p>Number of Tags Needed:  _____</p>	<p><b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b></p> <p>Total Tags Given: _____ Tag Numbers Given: _____</p> <p>Tags Given To: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Total Tags Returned: _____ Tag Numbers Returned: _____</p> <p>Checked In By: SL      JD      _____ Payment: Cash _____ / Check _____</p>

## Summary of Livestock Ownership/Nomination Process for Butler County 4-H Fair as of 3/20/2018

The following information is a guideline only. Refer to the current Butler County 4-H Fair Book, newsletters and letters from the Extension office and your community and project leaders for updated and current year information.

		<b>Weighed</b>	<b>4-H Tag in Ear</b>
<b>Market Beef*</b>	Heifer or Steer	Yes - County Weigh-In / Early March	Yes, Same as weigh-in. Must be tagged at county weigh-in. YQCA Required.
<b>Market Lambs*</b>	Ewes and Whethers	Not Required	Yes, by May 1. Must be tagged at county tagging. Late April. YQCA Required.
<b>Market Meat Goats*</b>	Does and Whethers	Not Required	Yes, by May 1. Must be tagged at county tagging. Late April. YQCA Required.
<b>Market Swine*</b>	Barrows and Gilts	Not Required	Yes, by May 1. Tagging done by a club leader. YQCA Required.
<b>Bucket Calf</b>	Heifer or Steer	Not Required	Yes, by May 1. Done by a club leader or at county tagging, late April. YQCA Required.
<b>Commercial Beef Heifer</b>		Not Required	Yes, by June 15. Done by a club leader or at county tagging, early March or late April. YQCA Required.
<b>Registered Beef Heifer</b>		Not Required	No, Registration or transfer papers must be in the members name by June 15. May be co-owned by 4-Hers of same family. YQCA Required.
<b>Cow/Calf Pair</b>		Not Required	Same requirements as Registered or Commercial Heifers. YQCA Required.
<b>Commercial Ewes</b>	Ewes	Not Required	Yes, by June 15. Done by a club leader or at county tagging, late April. YQCA Required.
<b>Registered Breeding Sheep</b>	Rams and Ewes	Not Required	No, Registration or transfer papers must be in the members name by June 15. May be co-owned by 4-Hers of same family. Ear ID required. YQCA Required.
<b>Commercial Meat Goats</b>	Does	Not Required	Yes, by June 15. Done by a club leader or at county tagging, late April. YQCA Required.
<b>Registered Breeding Meat Goats</b>	Does	Not Required	No, Registration or transfer papers must be in the members name by June 15. May be co-owned by 4-Hers of same family. Ear ID required. YQCA Required.
<b>Registered/recorded grades Dairy Goats</b>	Does	Not Required	No, Registration or transfer papers must be in the members name by July 1. May be co-owned by 4-Hers of same family. YQCA Required.
<b>Grade Dairy Goats</b>	Does	Not Required	No, Proof of ownership must be in the members name by July 1. May be co-owned by 4-Hers of same family. YQCA Required.
<b>Commercial Gilts</b>	Gilt	Not Required	Yes, by June 15. Tagging done by a club leader. YQCA Required.
<b>Pedigreed Gilts</b>	Gilt	Not Required	No, Registration or transfer papers must be in the members name by June 15. May be co-owned by 4-Hers of same family. Ear ID required YQCA Required.
<b>Dairy Beef*</b>	Heifer or Steer	Yes - County Weigh-In Early March	No, Registration or transfer papers must be in the members name by June 15. May be co-owned by 4-Hers of same family. YQCA Required.
<b>Registered Dairy</b>	Heifer or Cow	Not Required	ID Form - Due June 15 YQCA Required.
<b>Grade Dairy</b>	Heifer or Cow	Not Required	ID Form - Due June 15 YQCA Required.
<b>Leased Dairy</b>	Heifer or Cow		Grade and Registered must have ID Form - Due June 15 YQCA Required.

\*February 1 enrollment deadline is required for Market Beef and Dairy, Market Lambs, Market Meat Goats and Market Swine to participate in the Butler County 4-H Fair.

- YQCA is required to show at the Butler County 4-H Fair.

Animal Care and Housing Form for Butler County 4-H Livestock Projects

It is the responsibility of the 4-H member(s) to ensure that proper care is taken of their animal(s) by following acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. A healthy animal requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and appropriate health care. Specific animal husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in 4-H manuals available upon request from the Butler County Extension Office.

The Kansas 4-H Youth Development Policies, Best Management Practices, and Information states that "Youth should provide the primary care and training for livestock or animal projects for the duration of the project." Primary care is defined as the 4-H member(s) making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling, and training of their animal project a majority of the time.

Submission of this animal care document is required by all 4-H animal project participants each 4-H year. Please check the box for each species you will be enrolled in this year. Sign and return this form to your county Extension office as a commitment to the above guidelines.

*Please check all that apply:*

Beef Cattle  
 Sheep

Meat Goats  
 Swine

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This section is for animals housed at your home.**

Will all of your animals be housed at your home location?

Yes

No

If your answer is No, please answer the following questions on the back page and list the animal(s) not housed at your home location. If your answer is Yes, please sign below.

I hereby certify that I have read the above information and will comply with the rules set forth above.

4-H Member Signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**This section is for animals NOT housed at your home.**

List the particular circumstances that prevent you from having your project animal(s) housed at your primary residence.

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Please indicate where (including address) each animal will be housed and the landlord/caretaker of the residence.

Landlord/Caretaker Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you plan to care for the project animal(s) not located at your primary residence? What arrangements have you made for traveling in and from the non-primary residence to care for your animal(s)?

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If you will not be providing care for your project animal(s) during the entire ownership period, please explain who will be providing primary care, when they will be caring for the project animal, and why you are unable to provide primary care for the project animal through the ownership period.

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As the landlord/caretaker of the property listed above, I acknowledge the 4-H program's intent is educational; as such I will encourage and require the 4-H member to be extensively and continuously involved in the care of their animal(s) housed at my property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord/Caretaker Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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I hereby certify that the above information is truthful and accurate.

4-H Member Signature(s):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Household Nomination Intent Form

For Butler County Fair

**For Market Animals and Commercial Breeding – Must be turned into the Butler County Extension office no later than the due date for tags. This form will apply to all animals of each species that are nominated by the Family Name.**

**Household Nominations:** Youth will be allowed to enter and show any animal that was nominated by their household according to the following restrictions:

- Youth must all **legally reside in the same household** and **share the same legal address.**
- The youth entering the animal must have materially participated in the care of the project **for the majority of the time.**
- Youth will determine which animal they will exhibit at show check-in. (before weigh-in).

**Please attach additional forms if necessary.**

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**4-H Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(To be used on all future nomination forms. Example: Bob Smith Family)

**Youth Members of the Family (Exhibitors):**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** KS **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **County:** BUTLER

**Cell Phone:** ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

The above information is true and accurate to my knowledge. I certify I have read the information above and meet these requirements. I understand that false information provided concerning this intent form will result in show and/or sale awards and/or premiums being forfeited.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian Signature - Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Signature - Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Signature - Date

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Youth Signature - Date

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Youth Signature - Date

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Youth Signature - Date



## **Butler County 4-H Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat tagging guidelines and tips for EID tags**

We have experienced a very good retention rate on the 4-H EID tags. We realize that sometimes “stuff happens”, but we can often trace a tag replacement issue to the application procedure. While it is impossible to have 100% tag retention, it can be increased by following these instructions and tips.

**Applicators** – for the EID tags, you **MUST** use the **Allflex Universal Total Tagger** with the red blunt pin. The black plastic insert is removed for ALL electronic tags that Butler County uses. The **Allflex Ultra Retract-O-Matic** will **NOT WORK** for application of the small livestock EID tags.

**Application of the tags** – As you can see in the instructions, the tags are to be put in the ear with the EID button facing to the front (inside the ear). It is preferred that they be placed in the left ear (as you look at the animal from the rear). They should be placed close to the head ( 1/3 to 1/2 of the ear length out from the base, in the middle of the ear vertically. **DO NOT** put the tags in an existing hole in the ear. Doing so will greatly increase the chance of loss. Pulling on both sides of the tag to increase air flow around the tag and turning the button will verify correct application.

**After Application** – **Grasp both parts of the tag and pull on them.** This will insure that the stem is completely in and it will create room for air flow around the tag to promote faster healing.

**Use disinfectant** to dip the tags and applicator in. It is recommended that you use a product such as Nolvasan. It can be purchased from the local vet or vet supply. It is an effective, non irritating product. Using this will help the tag site heal and it will provide lubrication for easier tag application. Using a product that irritates the ear will cause the animal to do more rubbing of the ear and increase the chance of losing the tag.

**Keep the matched EID tags and 4-H tags together** – The tags are packaged with the EID and 4-H numbers matched and in a data base available from Allflex USA. If for some reason the tags should get separated, you can use the sheet of labels to match them back up.

**If the animal already has a non EID 4-H tag** – the existing tag will need to be removed and replaced with the 4-H EID tag. Do not put it in the existing hole.

**Questions** – Can be directed to David Kehler, Butler County Extension at 316-321-9660 or [dkehler@ksu.edu](mailto:dkehler@ksu.edu)

# Allflex®

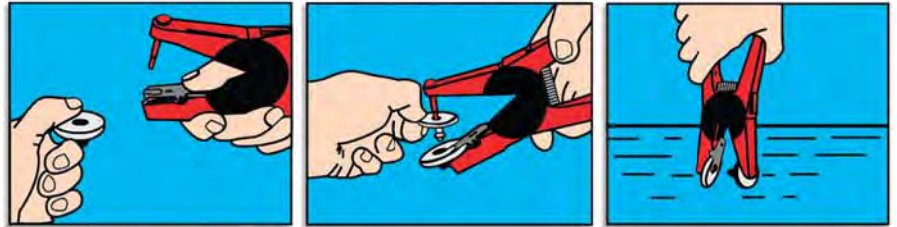
**THE SYSTEM THAT WORKS**  
Electronic Identification

On the Tagger, the Black Insert is removed for use with all tags used in Butler County.



## Application Instructions for Allflex Electronic Identification Ear Tags

Apply Allflex Electronic ID Tags with the Red Universal Total Tagger. Use the red blunt pin and remove the black insert from the base of the jaws for ALL Butler County tags.



1. To load, depress spring clip and insert the female EID tag. Ensure that the raised portion of the tag, which encloses the transponder chip, is placed in the open portion of the jaws.
2. Slip the male tag completely onto the blunt applicator pin. Squeeze the jaws together lightly to ensure the male shaft is in line with the female.
3. Dip the jaws of the applicator holding the tag into an antiseptic or disinfectant solution.

**DO NOT PLACE TAG in an EXISTING HOLE.**

## Recommended EID Tag Placement

Application site must be free of foreign debris prior to placement of tags on the animal. Review application instruction prior to tagging.

**IMPORTANT:** Caution, "Free Air Space" is critical for proper healing and retention. Inspect placement after tagging to ensure there is sufficient space between ear and EID tag.

### FOR CATTLE - Left Ear Only

1. The EID tag should be placed in the middle of the ear between the two cartilage ribs close to the head.
2. The female (EID) portion of the tag should be on the inside of the ear.

### FOR SWINE - Left Ear Preferred

1. Place the EID tag in the middle or thicker part of the ear.
2. The male tag should be on the outside of the ear and the female (EID) should be placed on the inside of the ear. Tag retention is improved when male tag lays flush against the back side of the ear.

**IMPORTANT:** Tag application may vary based on breed type and ear size.

### FOR SHEEP & GOATS - Left Ear Preferred

1. Place the EID tag in between the cartilage ribs of the ear, near the first third of the ear (closest to the head).
2. The female (EID) portion of the tag should be placed on the inside of the ear.