

## **Kansas 4-H Livestock Ear Tag Procedure for 2017**

All animals that are nominated for the Kansas State Fair and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock show in 2017 will be required to use the Kansas 4-H EID (electronic identification) ear tag. This will apply to market beef, commercial heifers, market lambs, commercial ewes, all meat goats, market swine and commercial gilts.

Ordering the tags – The Kansas 4-H EID tags will be ordered from the Butler County 4-H Council. These tags come in bags of 20, and one bag is the minimum order. Counties are welcome to share tags from a bag with another county. The unit that the tags are initially issued to must keep a record of any tags that they send to another unit.

### **FAQ's**

**Q. What tag applicators are needed for the new tags?**

A. The Allflex red Total tagger with the red blunt pin that is used for the non-EID Ks 4-H tags will work with the EID tags. These taggers can be purchased from the Kansas 4-H Foundation, a local supplier, or one of several livestock equipment suppliers. The Ultra retract-o-matic with a red anvil or a conversion kit will work for the beef tags, but not for the small animal tags.

**Q. Does my county have to use the EID 4-H tags for our county fair animals?**

A. NO. Counties have always been able to use any method they choose to identify county show animals. This ranges from: no tags, tags from a local supplier, the “traditional” Kansas 4-H ear tags, to the EID Kansas 4-H ear tags.

**Q. What if we tag an animal for county fair show and the 4-H member decides at a later date to nominate that animal for a state show?**

A. If your county used the traditional Kansas 4-H tag for county tagging, you will need to remove that tag and replace it with the 4-H EID tag and use that 4-H number in you county fair management data. If you used some other tag for county, you will need to add the Kansas 4-H EID tag. The Kansas 4-H EID tag will need to be in the animal before the nomination date for that species. The 4-H number that is matched to the EID tag and the label with those numbers and bar code must be placed on that animals nomination form.

**Q. What is the minimum number of tags that I must order?**

A. The tags will come in bags of 20 and one bag per species is the minimum order. Counties may share bags of tags if needed, but will be responsible for tracking the bag and tag numbers in each county.

**Q. How do we record/report the 15 digit EID number if we are not using the technology/reader?**

- A. The tags will come with 2 sets of peel off labels for your use. The labels have the 15 digit number, a bar code of that number, and the Kansas 4-H number on it. Counties can use one set of labels to record the numbers on their county weigh-in forms and will be required to use one set of the labels to place on the state nomination forms. This will allow the EID number to be placed into the state data by using a barcode reader.

**Q. What if our county does not currently use the EID tags for county show management but are interested in doing so?**

- A. Information on joining the project will be provided to the counties and you can contact David Kehler, Butler County.