



March 31st, 2026

TO: 2026 Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat Families, Project Leaders & Community Club Leaders

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WHAT: Tagging for Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat & Market Dairy Wethers

LOCATION: Butler County Extension Office (see attached map for traffic flow. **MUST FOLLOW** this route after 4:00 p.m. Prior to 4:00 p.m., please pull up on the west side of our office, as far north as possible!)

DATE & TIME: Monday, April 20th- 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All livestock must be tagged according to tagging guidelines in order to be eligible to show at the Butler County Fair.

- **Refer to 2026 Tagging Options for Small Livestock for tagging options. We recommend Option 1, coming to the county-wide tagging date.**
- **Special note for Market Dairy Wethers:**
 - Must be 100% dairy AND complete the Market Dairy Wether ID Form
 - Boer-Dairy crosses must tag as a market meat goat during the tagging time above.
 - Forms may be turned into the Butler County Extension Office prior to the April 20th tagging event OR during tagging on April 20th between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - Original copies must be turned into the Extension Office. NO electronic copies will be accepted.
- **June 15th:** All Breeding Gilts (pedigreed and commercial), commercial ewes, and commercial meat goat does must be tagged by June 15th. You can either come to the above tagging date or call the Extension Office to schedule a time to bring them in to get tagged.
- **Tag Cost:** The cost is \$3.00 per tag, paid by cash or check at the time of tagging; please bring exact change.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ **YQCA:** YQCA is REQUIRED to be eligible to exhibit ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS (Except Horses) at the 2026 Butler County Fair and must be completed by May 28th, 2026 to be eligible to participate at the Butler County Fair. YQCA information can be found at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>
- ✓ **ENROLLMENT:** Please double-check that your 4-Her ('s) are enrolled in 4-H for the 2025-2026 year and in the respective animal project by May 1st, 2026.
- ✓ **TWO (2) FORMS FOR ALL MARKET ANIMALS:** Animal Care & Housing and Owner Certification of Market Animals. Please refer to the enclosed packet and each form for additional information. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and Parent/Guardians sign the form. Household nomination has been included with the Animal Care and Housing Form. Both of these forms can be completed and submitted electronically. They can be found on our website at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>
- ✓ **ONE (1) FORMS FOR ALL BREEDING ANIMALS:** Animal Care & Housing. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and Parent/Guardians sign the form. This form can be completed and submitted electronically through our website: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>

Small Animal Tagging Directions

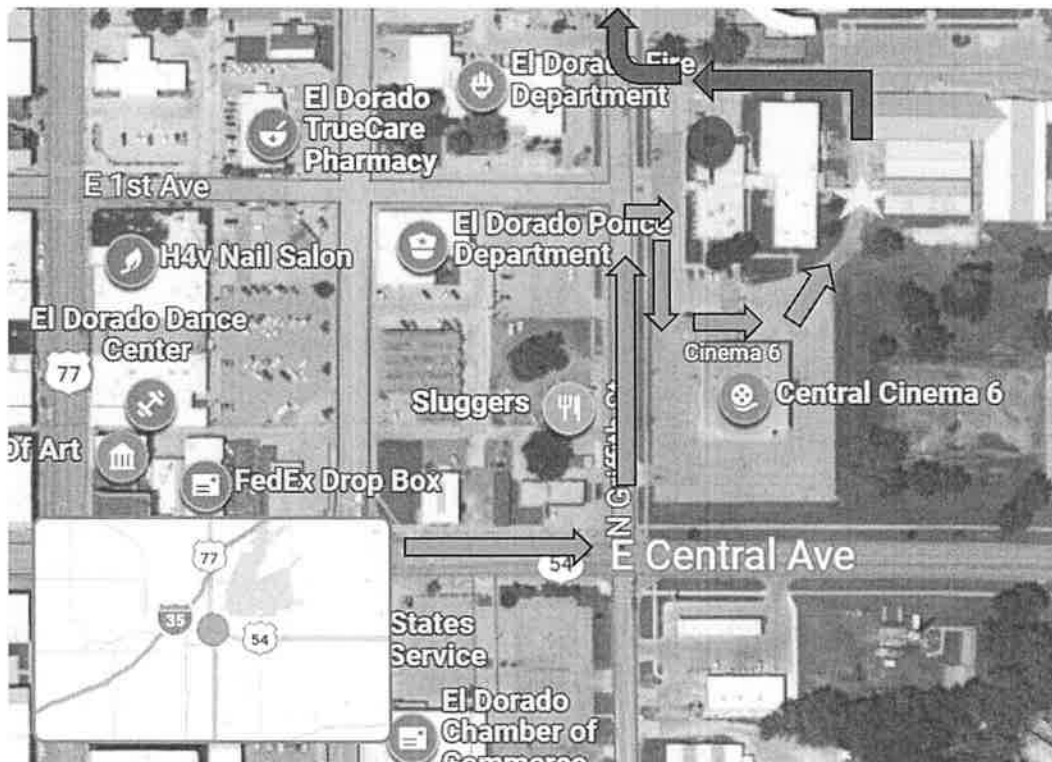
Monday, April 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Follow **GREEN** arrows for entrance directions. Follow **RED** arrows for exit directions.

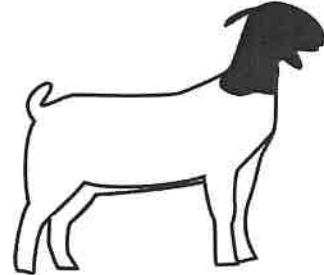
1. Come in off Central and turn North on to Griffith St.
2. Turn into the Extension Office parking lot by the front of the building.
3. Drive between the Extension Office and the Community Building (marked by the star). Animals will be tagged here
4. Animals will be tagged between the Extension Office and the Community Building (marked by the star).
5. To exit, turn left between McDonald Stadium and the Extension Office.
6. When exiting, you must turn **RIGHT** onto North Griffith St. as to not disrupt the flow of traffic trying to enter to tag.

REMINDERS:

- All small market animals and bucket calves must be tagged during this scheduled time if you have not already tagged!
- Prior to 4:00 p.m., please pull up on the west side of our office, as far North as possible.
- DO NOT block the parking lot or entrance to Central Cinema.



Butler County Small Animal Packet



WHAT'S INSIDE

- QR Codes
- Animal Care and Housing Form –Required for all 4-H'ers exhibiting animals at the County Fair. **This form now includes household nomination.**
- Owner Certification of Market Animals – Required to be completed by EACH individual exhibitor that plans to exhibit a market animal at Fair.

ALL ORIGINAL FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY May 28th, BUT ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE TURNED IN AT THE TIME OF TAGGING.

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SMALL ANIMAL QR CODES

Nominations for State Fair and KS Junior Livestock Show

DNA Envelope Order Deadline – June 5th

Small Livestock – June 15th

Find all the information you need to know here:

<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>



YQCA

YQCA is REQUIRED to show at the Butler County Fair

This must be completed by May 28th at 11:59 p.m.

Find more information here: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>



Animal Care and Housing Form

Due by May 28th for ALL FAMILIES



Market Animal Certification Form

Due by May 28th for ALL MARKET EXHIBITORS



2026 Butler County Fair 4-H Tagging Guidelines and Forms Table



2026 Tagging Options for Small Livestock



Butler County Market Dairy Wether Identification Form



Market Dairy Wether ID Form

I understand the following:

- The ID form is **required** to be submitted for each Market Dairy Wether that plans to exhibit at the Butler County Fair. Only one market dairy wether per form.
- This form is **due by** tagging deadline.
- There are other forms and requirements in the tagging letter that must be completed by the respective deadline to be eligible to pre-enter in Fair.
- Attach 2 color pictures of the animal-as indicated below.
- Scrapie tag is required at fair

4-H Family Name: _____ Club: _____

4-Her's in Family potentially exhibiting this animal:

Tattoo Number/Initials: _____

Location(Tail/Ear): _____

Description of Market Dairy Wether: _____

Attach 2 color pictures below or to the back.

- Picture 1 – looking at the front of the animal
- Picture 2 – looking at the side of the animal clearly showing all 4 feet.



Ex. 1



Ex. 2

4-H'er Signature & Date

Parent Signature and Date

Owner Certification of Market Animals

This form **must** be completed by *each youth exhibitor* with Market Animals.

One form per exhibitor.

Due to the Butler County Extension Office by the appointed deadline.

Individual Name: _____ 4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____

Market Animals Only

Owner Certification of market animals, with regard to the use of animal health aids, growth promotants or other livestock management substances is required. Please read and understand the following:

- Chemical substances used in livestock production, disease prevention or disease control, have approved withdrawal times.
- Information on specific use and withdrawal times can be found on product label instructions or printed drug lists available from my County Extension Office.
- Tranquilizers and other non-approved substances should not be used for food animals.

The withdrawal date for medication and legal drugs will be the date of animal check-in at the Butler County Fair.

THEREFORE, I certify that the animals I bring to this show, if given animal health aids, growth promotants or other livestock management substances that require withdrawal times, have:

(Youth initial below)

 Complied with legal withdrawal times in the use of one or more approved chemical substances for animal health, growth promotion or other livestock management practices.

I/we understand that a violation of approved usage of these substances may be prosecuted and that ANY animal at the Butler County Fair is subject to comprehensive drug tests at the option of Show Management. The Butler County Fair Board, FFA, and the Butler County Extension Council will not be held legally responsible.

Country of Origin Declaration

I attest through firsthand knowledge or producer records that all livestock referenced by this document are of

U.S. only or U.S., Canadian, or Mexican origin. (Check one)

Exhibitor's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

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Animal Care and Housing for Butler County 4-H / FFA Animals

It is the responsibility of the 4-H / FFA 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 / FFA manuals available upon request from the Butler County Extension Office. The Kansas 4-H / FFA 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 / FFA member(s) making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling, and training of their animal project a majority of the time. The Butler County Extension Board reserves the right to qualify or disqualify any animal when the primary ownership and care responsibility is brought into question. **Submission of this animal care document is required by all 4-H / FFA animal project participants each year.**
This includes bucket calves, poultry, and rabbits. It also includes beef, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, and sheep

Household Nominations for Market and Breeding Animals

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 leaving the scales.
- How the animal was nominated at tagging will decide whether the animal is shown as market or breeding. For example - a female tagged only as market will not be allowed to showed as breeding and vice versa, unless they were dual nominated.

Will the animal(s) be household nominated? Yes: No:

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

All 4-H / FFA animal projects will require this form.

Date: _____ 4-H Club / FFA Chapter: _____

Exhibitor Name(s):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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 and that the housing information is truthful and accurate.

4-H / FFA Member Signature(s)



_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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.

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

Landlord/Caretaker Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Physical Address: _____

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)?

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.

As the landlord/caretaker of the property listed above, I acknowledge the 4-H / FFA program's intent is educational; as such I will encourage and require the 4-H / FFA 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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