

Butler County Tagging Guidelines and Tips for EID Tags

We have experienced a very good retention rate on the 4-H EID tags; it is, however, impossible to have 100% tag retention, though it can be increased by following these instructions and tips.

Applicators: Applicators will be supplied when the tags are picked up at the Extension Office

Application of The Tags: The tags are to be put in the ear with the EID button facing to the front (inside of 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: Dip the taggers and applicators in disinfectant; 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 chances of losing the tag. Disinfectant will be provided upon request and can be picked up at the same time as tags are picked up.

Keep Matched EID Tags and 4-H Tags Together: the tags are packaged with the EID and 4-H numbers matched and in a database 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.

Using The Labels: You will receive one label and place it on the tagging card.

Fees: You will collect \$3.00 per tag for small animals and \$4.00 per tag for large animals.

Tagging Cards: Fill out cards completely.

Paperwork: If families turn in paperwork to you, place it in the bag and return it to the Extension Office.

Questions: Questions can be directed to Charlene Miller at 316-321-9660 or cmmiller1@ksu.edu

Please note only those completing training will be authorized to tag animals.

Please allow one week for tag orders to be filled once received. You will be contacted when they are ready to be picked up.