

# 4-H Animal Identification for 2020

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Here are the requirements for Sheep & Goats, Swine, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Rabbits and Poultry for 2020 for identification. These are needed for both county and state fair. 4-H NUES tags will be available to be picked up at the Extension office at a later date.

- Sheep/Goats (Market & Breeding)
  - Option 1: MUST have a scrapie tag as required by the National Scrapie Eradication Program.
  - Option 2: Some goats can and will be identified by a registration Tattoo especially dairy breeds. LaMancha goats have very tiny ears, they are generally tattooed in the tail web. Tattoos and registration info must have individual numbers/identification for 4-H. For example: all animals can not all be identified by a herd prefix.
  
- Market Swine
  - Option 1: MUST have an official 4-H NUES tag, which can be inserted by the family per policy outlined last year.
  - Option 2: MUST have an official USDA Swine Premises Tag.
  - Option 3: Any Federal Tag (Tags with the USDA shield on the button or tag)
  
- Breeding Swine
  - Option 1: MUST have an official 4-H NUES tag, which can be inserted by the family per policy outlined last year.
  - Option 2: MUST have an official USDA Swine Premises Tags.
  - Option 3: Any Federal Tag (Tags with the USDA shield on the button or tag)
  - Option 4: Ear Notches which match those entered into 4Honline at animal ID time. (Note: having a secondary ID such as a NUES tag allows for a secondary source of identification, in the case of misreading of ear notches at identification or during verification at fair)
  
- Market Beef
  - Option 1: MUST have an official 4-H NUES tag, which can be inserted by the family per policy outlined previously.
  
- Breeding Beef (Registered)
  - Option 1: MUST have an ear tattoo that corresponds with registration papers and one federal ID tag (NUES, 840, Bangs), do not place multiple USDS tags in an animal (such as bangs and NUES).

- Breeding Beef (Commercial)
  - Option 1: MUST have a bangs tag number documented.
  - Option 2: Bangs vaccination is NOT required in South Dakota. In that case they MUST have an official 4-H NUES tag.
  
- Dairy Cattle
  - Option 1: MUST have an ear tattoo that corresponds with registration papers and one federal ID tag (NUES, 840, Bangs), do not place multiple USDS tags in an animal (such as bangs and NUES). Dairy cattle may also have tag that has the registration number on it (Holstein Association does this) so they may not have an ear tattoo.
  
- \*REMINDER:
  - ✓ Market Sheep and Market Goats need a scrapie tag, so no NUES tag is needed.
  - ✓ Registered Breeding Beef need a tattoo corresponding to their registration paper.
  - ✓ Breeding Sheep and Breeding Meat Goat need a scrapie tag.
  - ✓ Dairy Goats must have a scrapie tag or tattoo tied to a registration paper.
  
- Rabbits
  - Rabbits must have a tattoo in their left ear. No tattoos will be put in at the county fair.
  
- Poultry
  - All poultry will need to have a plastic numbered leg band. They will be available at the Extension Office or at check in at the county fair.