

2013 4-H Livestock Rule Changes/Updates

State Fair & County Fair

General Changes

- Revised 4H 202 Publication – “[Iowa 4-H Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State and Interstate Shows](#)”.
- ALL animals will be ID’ed in 4hOnline – those for county fair and/or state fair, with deadlines as follows:
 - Feb. 1 for market beef
 - May 15th for all other animal species
 - July 1 for rabbits

Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ **What about market (weigh-in) animals that are for county fair ONLY and do not plan on entering the State Fair; do they need to be ID’ed in 4hOnline?** *Since county staff enter the weigh-in data for market beef, all sheep, and meat goat wethers into 4hOnline, it is up to each county if they want to enter the county fair only animals into the system as well as the State Fair animals. ALL animals in all non-weigh-in species (except poultry) MUST be in 4hOnline by the above deadlines. This makes sure that if a 4-H’er changes their mind about an animal regarding State Fair eligibility, that animal is already ID’ed in 4hOnline. Counties may make their own decision about animals for which there is no State fair show – like llamas.*

4-H/FFA Identification Rule Change

- 4-H members can now ID separate animals, but in the same “division”, in both 4-H and FFA
 - Example: 4-H’er could ID market lambs A, B and C in 4-H and market lambs D, E and F in FFA
 - Example: 4-H’er could ID horses A, B in 4-H and horses C, D in FFA
- State Fair exhibition rule still applies – 4-H’er can only show in market or breeding division in 4-H, and FFA in the other (i.e. market swine in 4-H, breeding swine in FFA); for rabbit, horse, poultry, and dairy (where there are not breeding and market separations), youth cannot exhibit in both 4-H and FFA
- County Fair – 4-H’er could show animals A, B as 4-H at county fair, then show animals D, E as FFA at state fair

Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ **What if a youth wants to show animal A, B as 4-H and animal C, D as FFA in the same county?** *This is acceptable, but the youth will want to confirm with their county staff. Most counties have one market lamb show (both 4-H and FFA together), or one breeding beef show, etc. so as long as the youth has separate animals ID’ed in each organization, that is acceptable.*
- ❖ **What if a youth wants to exhibit animal A, B as 4-H in one county, and then animal C, D as FFA in another county?** *Depending on the county, some do allow youth to exhibit at multiple county fairs; and some could allow a youth to show 4-H in one and FFA in another. Check with your county on this procedure.*

Maximum ID limits for both county and state fair 4-H animals in 4hOnline (# of animals)

○ Breeding Beef	10
○ Market Beef	10
○ Dairy Cattle	20
○ Dairy Goat	20
○ Dog	4
○ Horse	5 Total; Max of 2 leased
○ Meat Goat (weighed in)	10
○ Meat Goat (not weighed in)	10
○ Rabbit	30
○ Poultry	(Not required to ID for State Fair)
○ Sheep (weighed in)	30
○ Sheep (not weighed in)	15
○ Swine (weighed in)	40
○ Swine (not weighed in)	40

Discontinuation of 4-H Events

- State Fair Premier Exhibitor Contest (beef, sheep, swine)
- Livestock Judging Circuit Points Program

Beef

- Market Heifer/Breeding Heifer ID change
 - If heifer is originally weighed in as a market heifer, the animal does NOT need to be ID'ed again in 4hOnline as a breeding heifer
 - If the heifer does show breeding instead of market, be sure a breed is designated at weigh-in time in 4hOnline by Feb. 1 or the heifer will only be eligible as a crossbred.
- Adding fall-aged heifers to 2013 State Fair show
 - Born Sept. 1 – Dec. 31 of 2011; also heifers born in 2012 are eligible

Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ *If a 4-H'er tags, ID's and weighs in a market heifer in January, but decides to switch and enter that same heifer as breeding at county or state fair, does the heifer need to be ID'ed again in 4hOnline under Beef, Breeding? No. A heifer is eligible to show as either market or breeding at the State Fair as long as she was ID'ed in 4hOnline.*
- ❖ *What about tattoos on heifers? If there is no tattoo in a market heifer's ear at weigh-in time, and the 4-H'er decides to later show her as breeding, the heifer will be retinal-scanned at the State Fair to verify ID. **The heifer will still have to have a dry tattoo in order to show in the breeding beef show.** Reminder: Heifers ID'ed in 4hOnline under Beef, Breeding MUST have a tattoo and breed, and if showing in a breed class, also a registration number in 4hOnline by May 15th. No exceptions. This is because we do not have a retinal image to verify breeding beef at this time.*
- ❖ *What if a heifer gets ID'ed under the Beef, Market category by Feb. 1, and then the 4-H'er ID's the heifer again under the Beef, Breeding category in 4hOnline by May 15th? This is perfectly okay, as it would be better to have the heifer in the system twice to make sure the tattoo and other breed information is in 4hOnline.*

Dog

- Change the Sr. Handling age division from 10 – 12 to 9 – 12
- Would like to start a dog leader training committee
 - Consistent rules, classes, trainings, etc. across all county and state fairs

Horse

- All State Fair eligible horses MUST have photos uploaded to 4hOnline by May 15th
- ID Changes
 - ID a maximum of 5 horses total per 4-H'er
 - Of those 5, max. of 2 can be leased
 - NO leasing of halter horses
 - Leased horses must have a completed lease form in 4hOnline
 - Each horse can only be ID'ed by ONE 4-H'er, unless:
 - There are more 4-H'ers in a family than horses – for example, 4-H'er A and B could both ID horse X
 - 4-H'ers can ID horses in 4-H and FFA as long as they are DIFFERENT horses – for example, horse A and B in 4-H, horse C and D in FFA
 - State Fair exhibitors will still have to choose to show in either the 4-H horse show OR the FFA horse show, not both; but, they could show FFA at county and then 4-H at state fair
- New 4H 511C Publication, “Rules & Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa” due out January
- State Fair classes dropped
 - 2/3 Year Old Western Pleasure
 - Saddleseat Pleasure
 - Saddleseat Equitation
- State Fair classes added
 - Halter: Mares age 3 – 7 years, 8 years & over; Geldings age 3 – 7 years, 8 years & over
 - Halter: Pony all mares, then all geldings
 - Flags – timed event on same day as barrels and pole bending

Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ **Will the new 511C Horse Rule Book publication be available online and hard copy?** *Yes. However, we would strongly encourage families and staff to refer to the online version, and print from there. Those that have smartphones, tablets, etc. can reference the online version (or save it to the device if no internet access). There will be a limited number of hard copies printed, but due to costs and throwing out remaining copies when a new version comes out in future years, we encourage counties to order 3 – 5 hard copies to furnish their horse judges to have reference to during the show.*
- ❖ **What if I have 3 children and only 2 horses? How do I ID those?** *Since there are more 4-H'ers than horses in the family, siblings could ID the same horse. For example, Cindy and Sam could both ID horse A, and Sam and Suzie could both ID horse B.*
- ❖ **What if I have 3 children, but only own 2 horses? Could I go out and lease a third or fourth horse?** *Yes. In this case, you would have enough horses and then each 4-H'er would ID their own horse. Siblings could then NOT be ID'ing the same horse(s).*
- ❖ **If a 4-H'er leases two horses, can they also ride a horse that they own?** *Yes, as long as the leased horses are riding/driving horses and NOT halter horses.*
- ❖ **Can one 4-H'er ID his/her owned horse in their county, and then a different 4-H'er ID that same horse as “leased” in another county?** *No. Each horse can only be ID'ed by ONE 4-H'er. Again, the only exception is if it's within a family with more 4-H'ers than horses.*

Meat Goats

- Removal of the bracing rule; new rule will read as:
 - All goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the 4-H Meat Goat Show.
- All meat goats (wethers AND does) MUST have a 4-H tag in place and wethers must have retinal images
- If breeding meat goat does attend a weigh-in to get tagged, and are entered in 4hOnline by staff under the “weighed-in” category, they MUST have a birthdate; they do not need to be re-ID’ed under the “not weighed in” category

Rabbit

- ALL rabbits eligible for State Fair must be ID’ed in 4hOnline by July 1
 - This applies to all breeding/fancy/market rabbits
 - All must have a tattoo entered in 4hOnline as well

Sheep

- ALL State Fair sheep must have a 4-H tag and retinal images
 - Market lambs, commercial ewes, purebred breeding ewes

Swine

- State Fair exhibitors can exhibit a maximum of 3 breeding gilts per breed and a max. of 3 commercial gilts
- Increase maximum weight limit for market hogs from 290 to 300 lbs.
- Discontinuation of the 4-H Derby Swine show
 - No regional state fair swine weigh-ins in the spring
 - All state fair swine nominations will happen through the county office
 - All state fair market and breeding swine will still need DNA ear punch tags
 - All swine will still need to be ID'ed in 4hOnline by May 15th
 - Counties will determine if staff will DNA tag pigs and enter information into 4hOnline or if the 4-H'er will be allowed to obtain tags from county office, go tag pigs and return DNA samples to county office
 - Counties will order DNA tags and materials from state 4-H office and mail back DNA tag samples in DNA envelopes

Frequently Asked Questions

- ❖ **Are the swine DNA punch tags only required for State Fair 4-H swine?** *Yes, all State Fair swine; both market and breeding, but counties could purchase and use them on county fair swine as well, or could use a non-DNA tag for county swine only if they choose.*
- ❖ **Do the DNA tags need to be kept at a certain temperature or used within a certain period of time?** *No, they do not need to be refrigerated or anything, and can be used up as counties need them.*
- ❖ **What about leftover DNA tags and/or DNA envelopes the county purchases? Can those be used the next year?** *Yes. The county will purchase the tags and can use them from year to year.*
- ❖ **How will the State Fair swine data get entered into 4hOnline?** *Refer to Option 1 and Option 2 below. Each county will select what method they are comfortable with.*
- ❖ **If my county already has a county swine weigh-in, can the State Fair swine get DNA tags put in at this same time?** *Yes, then the county staff would input the pigs' data (tag number, breed, sex, etc.) into 4hOnline.*
- ❖ **What if there are the same pigs that want to nominate for both county fair and State Fair? Do they need two tags?** *No. If a 4-H'er wants, say 5 pigs nominated for both county fair and State Fair entry, they could just put the DNA tag in only. This would eliminate a second "county" tag from being put in, since the data would be in 4hOnline.*

See the following page for the two options for State Fair Swine DNA Identification

Option #1 – County Staff – Tags and Inputs State Fair Swine Data into 4hOnline (Swine, weighed-in) animal type

- County orders sufficient tags, taggers and DNA envelopes from State 4-H Office by Jan. 1
- County either has pigs come to a county ID day (perhaps if the county already has a county weigh-in)
- Or, county staff may travel out to DNA tag State Fair pigs
- Information for each pig (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch (optional), etc.) gets written down on 106 ID form
- Staff collects DNA tag fees from 4-H'er; 4-H'er makes check payable to county office to reimburse for tag fees
- By May 15th - Staff enters EVERY pig's data for that 4-H'er into 4hOnline under the, Swine (weighed-in) animal type (see image above)
- Staff mails all DNA envelopes with samples inside, and signatures obtained to State 4-H Office
- 4-H'er then must make actual State Fair entry by July 1. The DNA tagging process only nominates the pigs for State Fair eligibility. The 4-H member must still make state fair entry by July 1 if they wish to show at the fair.

Swine (Weigh-in)

Breed Type: Crossbred

Sex: Male

Beginning Weight: #.00-#.99

Beginning Weight Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Ear notch:

(or County Tag):

(County) tag color: Green

(State Fair) DNA tag:

Ear tagged: Left

Color Description:

Addl. Information:

Option #2 – 4-H Families – Tag and Input State Fair Swine Data into 4hOnline (Swine, not weighed-in) animal type

- County orders sufficient tags, taggers and DNA envelopes from State 4-H Office by Jan. 1
- 4-H family goes to county office
 - Requests the # of DNA tags they need (one for each pig), # of taggers, and # of DNA envelopes (1 envelope per 4-H'er up to 25 pigs per envelope)
 - Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair
 - Pays county office for tags (checks payable to county office)
 - 4-H'er returns home
 - Tags each pig
 - Puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs (One envelop per 4-H'er)
 - Writes down tag numbers on back of DNA envelope
 - Signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns taggers and DNA envelopes to county office **by May 15th**
 - 4-H'er then inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under "Swine (not weighed in)" animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) (see example image above)
 - County Office signs back of DNA envelope indicating they received it sealed (if not sealed, signs IN FRONT OF family member after sealing)
 - County Office mails all large DNA envelopes (signed and with tag samples) for all 4-H'ers in their county to State 4-H Office
 - 4-H'er then makes actual State Fair entry by July 1st.
 - ONLY pigs that have DNA tags AND are in 4hOnline by May 15th are eligible for State Fair entry and exhibition

Swine (NOT weighed in)

Ear notch (23-4 for example):

(County) tag:

(County) tag color: Green

(State Fair) DNA tag:

Color Description:

Breed Type: Crossbred

Sex: Male

Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy

Addl. Information: