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Ford County

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Dear Ford County Livestock Families,

With the current restrictions in place due to COVID-19, the following procedures will be used for tagging animals for the 2020 Ford County Fair and tagging and nominating animals for the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

2020 Ford County Fair, all species (Except Market Beef and Commercial Heifers)

All families with livestock will complete the 2020 Ford County Livestock form and return it to the Extension Office via US mail (Ford Co. Extension Office, 100 Gunsmoke St., Dodge City KS 67801) or e-mail <u>aburns@ksu.edu</u> or <u>eschnewe@ksu.edu</u>. Please complete and return the form by May 15th.

Ear tags and numbers for all species will be assigned and packaged together by family and dropped off/delivered to Community Leaders. Your leaders will notify you of the process to distribute/pick up a club tagger and the tags. Tags will only be provided for the animals that are included on the form. This is for small animals only- swine, sheep, goats and bucket calves. No rate of gain contests will be held for these animals at the fair. *We would like for the tags to be placed in the animal's ear's by June 15th.*

2020 State Show Animals- commercial heifers, swine, sheep, meat goats

You will need to complete the State show portion of the 2020 Ford County Livestock form and return it to the Extension Office via US mail (Ford County Extension Office, 100 Gunsmoke St., Dodge City KS 67801) or e-mail <u>aburns@ksu.edu</u> or <u>eschnewe@ksu.edu</u>. Please complete and return the form by May 15th.

A date will be established shortly after May 15th to have a "drive through" tagging at the Ford County Fairgrounds for those 4-Hers with animals they want to nominate/show at the Kansas State Fair and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

At the tagging, each family will be handed a package with their assigned ear tags and the signed paperwork for their nomination. They will be allowed to exit the vehicle and tag the animals while being observed from a safe social distance.

You will then have the tag in the ear, the DNA envelope and the paperwork you need to mail in your nominations. *REMEMBER a copy of your current YQCA certificate must accompany the nomination form, declaration form and payment. Be sure you keep a copy of the forms you mail. *No face-to-face YQCA classes will be offered this year.* Contact Andrea if you need help signing up to take the class online.

This paperwork for State Nominations will need to be completed and **postmarked by June 15th**.

Sincerely,

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Kansas State University, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating.

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