

139 Market Hog ID Information

Market hogs must be tagged and in your care by June 15, 2020. Place county ear tag in either the right or left ear of the animal. Place tag on the backside of ear – not on the inside – and try to avoid the veins in the ear. **NEW FOR 2020:** Instead of DNA, we are using two tags, a county tag and an EID (electronic identification) tag. Both tags must be placed in the ears and visible in the pictures.

Complete the Project Registration Form for each animal tagged, including the “family” pig(s). Fill out the form completely listing color and markings, sex, ear notches, etc. (See the back of this page for ear notching information.) Include color photos of each animal, back-ups included. One picture is to show the tag number in the pig’s ear and its ear notches (if notched) and the second photo needs to be a profile view of the animal. **Pictures need to be 2"x3" (wallet size).**



Figure 1 - Example picture of animal with ear tag number visible.

RETURN PROJECT REGISTRATION FORM(S) NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON JUNE 15 TO THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY OFFICE OF OSU EXTENSION.

FAILURE TO RETURN ITEMS BY THE STATED DEADLINE MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO EXHIBIT AT THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY FAIR.

Attach 2 separate photos. **Pictures need to be 2"x3" (wallet size).** One picture showing the tag numbers in the pig’s ears and its ear notches (if notched) and the second photo with a side view of the animal. Provide pictures and ID information for **ALL** primary and back up animals. Pictures will be rejected if not in COLOR and clear.

Members may register 1 swine project animal with only one being eligible to exhibit at the Tuscarawas County Fair (1 serves as a backup). Back-up Animal Rule: Although not required, exhibitors may choose to have one back-up animal in the event the primary animal is unable to come to the fair. **Exhibitors are limited to one registered back-up project animal.** If there are 2 or more exhibitors regardless of relationship, residing in the same household, they may share one back-up animal. The back-up animals need designated to a specific exhibitor in households with multiple exhibitors and multiple back-up animals of the same project. Each member may only exhibit 2 large animal projects.

Important Notes

Exhibitors are responsible for getting their own hogs tagged. Member may tag a maximum of two hogs eligible to show and sell. Member must identify at least one hog as theirs on the Project Registration Form. If a family is sharing a back-up animal, pictures and animal information must be included on each member's registration form.

If your animal has an ear tag from your farm or another farm, please take it out. You must still put in the tags provided by the Market Livestock Committee. Remove any farm ear tags by fair check-in from your animal's ear.

Replacement Tags

If your hog loses a tag before the fair, the Market Livestock Committee will provide a replacement EID tag for \$3; a replacement county tag can be provided at no charge. Replacement tags can be purchased and picked up at the Extension office. The member will need to complete and submit a new Project Registration Form with photos. If a tag falls out, you must contact the OSU Extension office as soon as possible. If both tags fall out and you do not report it, your hog could be disqualified.

Ear Notching

As mentioned, members are responsible to have their animals tagged. If tagging your own animal, below are some helpful hints.

- Disinfect ear taggers with a mixture of 1 part bleach and 5 parts water before and after use of the taggers.
- Disinfecting is not required after each pig, just after each "site" use.

How to read ear notches:

Universal Ear Notching System

