Oconto Clover Connect

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

March 2019

If you've been on the county Extension website in the past month, you've probably seen some changes in color. If you have emailed with Nancy or myself in the past few weeks, you may have noticed some changes in our email signatures! Gone is the blue and black logo that has been around for decades.

To learn more about why these changes have taken place, let's go back in history a little bit! In the early 1900s, Cooperative Extension was created as a division of UW-Madison. In the years that followed, the 4-H program grew with support from Extension and the University of Wisconsin. In 1965, UW-Extension was created as a separate unit from the Madison campus. The 4-H program continued to grow and evolve to meet local needs of a changing world.

16 months ago, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin voted to restructure the UW Colleges, which included UW-Extension. As many campuses were joined, such as UW-Marinette joining with UW-Green Bay, the question remained: what about UW-Extension which is spread throughout all 72 counties in Wisconsin? The Chancellor wanted to bring Extension back under the umbrella of UW-Madison, and the Board of Regents agreed.

The logo and colors have changed, some of the structure has changed, but the clover stays the same. The 4-H program will continue to grow and evolve to meet the needs of our changing world. Now, instead of the blue and black next to the 4-H clover, we have the iconic “W” representing one of the top academic institutions anywhere in the world.

Ben Hoppe
4-H Program Coordinator - Oconto & Marinette Counties
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Brief Updates!
Enroll in 4HOnline for any projects that you wish to show at the fair by April 30th.

Annual Leader Training was successfully held in February. However, a snowstorm prevented some club leaders from attending. Another session has been added, April 6th at Washington Middle School. All 4-H clubs are required an adult volunteer attend an Annual Leader Training to represent their club. This is a mandated portion of the charter process. All 4-H members and parents are invited to attend. Ideally, 2-4 youth and adults will attend from each club. RSVP to Ben if you will be attending.

Club Leaders who want to learn more about using 4HOnline as a Club Leader or Project Leader are invited to participate in an online workshop with the state specialist. Contact Ben if you wish to participate. Register online using the link on the Calendar page!

Spring Fling
Spring Fling will take place on April 6th at Washington Elementary in Oconto Falls. If you are interested in teaching a session, please reach out to the Extension office, and they will get you in touch with the Project Development Committee.

Registration is anticipated to open via 4HOnline on March 15th. Participants should bring $5 to cover lunch costs. More details about available sessions will be announced when registration opens. Check the Extension Oconto website or the Oconto County 4-H Facebook page for more details.

Oconto County 4-H Ice Skating
Pasture Pirates 4-H is hosting free ice skating at the new Community Recreation Center in Marinette!

Who can attend: All Oconto County 4-H clubs and families
Date: March 16th
Time: 4-5:30pm
Place: “New” Community Recreation Center
Address: 2502 Pierce Ave., Marinette, WI 54143
(Near the Marinette High School)
Free: Admission, skate rental, snacks, and drinks.

Not planning to skate? In the new facilities there is a glass heated room, where parents can enjoy the warmth and watch their children skate.
Please RSVP by March 15th
Text or call 920-373-8234
Email: heatherjoyrennie@gmail.com
Microsoft Partners with Oconto County 4-H

Oconto County 4-H is looking for 4 youth (grades 7-11) and 2 adult volunteers to create learning opportunities for Oconto County community members. Microsoft has partnered with the National 4-H Council to help teach communities about broadband internet and increase digital literacy in areas with limited internet access.

This program will last approximately 18 months from February 2019 until July 2020. Participants will lead learning sessions using nationally developed curriculum to help increase adult understanding with computers and the internet. Ciara Jarvey, Kolin Farrar, and Brandon Dehne will be representing Oconto County at regional training in Chicago, IL from March 14-16.

At least 4 youth participants and at least one adult volunteer are still needed. You do not have to be a current 4-H youth member to participate. Contact Ben if you would like more information.

Oconto County 4-H Youth Summer Camp

Camp will once again be held at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya just as last year. Camp is open to all youth in grades 3 through 6. Camp counselors are being trained, but we still need more. See page 6 for more information about being a camp counselor or an adult chaperone.

Registration for camp runs from April 12th through May 12th. Camp counselors will report to camp on June 11, and the summer camp itself runs from June 12-15 at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya on beautiful Chute Pond. It’s your chance to get out of the house, have fun with your friends, make new friends, and do all sorts of fun activities!

More information about camp will be shared in next month’s newsletter as well as online. Stay tuned!

Dog Project Meeting

Jamie Lesczykowski will be hosting a Dog Project meeting on Sunday, March 17th at 2pm. All Dog Project members should attend. At the meeting, discussion topics will include upcoming meetings and gathering input on clinics to be held in 2019.

The meeting will be held at the Gillett Library. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie at 715-889-1513
Oconto County 4-H Speaking Festival

Do you have a story to share? Do you want the chance to demonstrate your knowledge for others? Maybe you have a fun way to read a story or poem! The Speaking Fest is the perfect opportunity to show your skills.

There are five categories. You can participate on your own, or you can enter with a friend!
- Interpretive Reading
- Puppetry
- Show What You Know
- Speech
- Storytelling

The Speaking Fest is open to all Oconto County Youth from kindergarten through high school. Bring a friend, and enjoy some pie once it's all over! There will be an official judge, and ribbons will be awarded based on merit.

The Speaking Fest will be held at 3pm on Saturday, May 11th at the Little River Town Hall. Register online: https://goo.gl/forms/cKxfYou3Fo9Rhm0n2 OR you can call Brigid McDowell: 920-834-9947 to register. Questions can be directed to Brigid or the Extension office. We hope to see you there!

Apply for a Scholarship!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is awarding scholarships to Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2019. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Friday, March 15 at 5pm. More information on qualifications and how to apply on their website: http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/

Additional questions about the scholarships by contacting the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation office at 608.262.1597 or info@Wis4HFoundation.org

Mutual of Wausau is offering grants to 4-H clubs in each county where it has an office. Oconto County 4-H clubs are eligible for these grants in the amount of $400 per club! If your club has a project you’re working on, the club should fill out the attached application (pg 11) at your next meeting. Applications are due by April 1st.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference - June 24-27, 2019

Registration for the 2019 4-H & Youth Conference runs from April 2-15. If you’d like to know more about the conference, check out the state 4-H website: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/
Fair Updates

Poultry Pullorum Testing
Poultry showed at the Oconto County Fair must be tested by a Wisconsin Certified Pullorum Tester. A list of statewide testers, including those in Oconto County, is available at the Extension Oconto County Agriculture, Youth Agriculture Programs, Poultry (https://oconto.extension.wisc.edu/files/2019/02/PullorumTesters.pdf).

One of the certified testers, Royce Jahnke, is encouraging those showing poultry to be tested prior to April 28th due to his antigen expiring on that date. You will need your premises identification number at the time of testing for the official paperwork. If you wish to set up a time with Royce for testing, you may call him at 920-660-3206. The best time to call is after 4pm.

Extension does not endorse working with any specific certified tester.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training
All Oconto County fair exhibitors who wish to be eligible to sell in the Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions must participate in the YQCA national program. Instructor-led training is available for youth, ages 8-11. Online training is available to all age levels as is the opportunity to test out of an age group online (ages 12, 15, and 19 only).

In-person Training (ages 8-11 only)
Thursday, April 11—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, May 4—Gillett Community Center, 204 E Main Street, Gillett 10:30 am - Noon

For further information, please see the attached letter (pg 12-13) from the Extension Agriculture Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd.

Weigh-in Information
**BEEF**
Beef Weigh-In: Thursday, March 14—Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**SHEEP**
Sheep Weigh-In: Saturday, April 27—Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett 9:00 - 10:00 am

Swine Tag Distribution
**DO NOT BRING ANIMALS**
ONLY RFID TAGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
Please make arrangements for tag pick-up as identification tags for swine will not be mailed this year. Paperwork will be available on the Oconto County UW-Extension website.

Saturday, April 27—Oconto County Fairgrounds, Gillett 9:00 - 10:00 am

Saturday, May 4—Deadline for identification of swine with submission of photographs and paperwork to Stacie Pienta.

Please see pages 23-27 for more Swine Exhibitor information.
Camp Counselors & Adult Volunteers, come on down!

Our summer camp directors, Laura Huff, Brandon Dehne, Kristin Lipinski and camp liaison Jenna Steeno are gearing up for another great summer camp program this year. Camp dates will be Wednesday, June 12th through Saturday, June 15th. Youth Staff will head up to camp on the evening of Tuesday, June 11th for some special activities to prepare for camp (and Pudgy Pies!!). As a thank you for all your hard work during camp, you stay at camp for FREE!

In order to be eligible for the Camp Counselor role, you must be 15 years old by June 1st. Resource Counselors must be 14 by June 1st. Counselors need to enjoy hanging out with younger youth (grades 3-6), be able to handle being adored by campers and genuinely like to have fun. Each counselor must also attend 8 hours of training provided by our Camp Director & Liaison Team. You may not be thinking about getting a job right now, but when you do, being a camp counselor looks great on your resume. You will build leadership skills, learn to solve problems, develop your communication and cooperation skills, and much, much more.

Not sure if you would enjoy being a Camp Counselor or Resource Counselor? Come to our first training and interview. It will be held at the Pound Town Hall in Coleman from 2pm-4pm on March 23rd. This session is less about interviewing and more about working as a group, so come prepared to work as a team with the other youth staff! Future training dates: either April 7th or April 20th (to be determined) and May 18th. If you missed the February training or will miss one of the upcoming trainings, there will be a make-up training on June 4th or June 8th.

If you are interested in being an Adult Staff member, you must be enrolled as a volunteer on 4-H Online, have attended the Volunteer in Preparation training (training dates are added as needed), and completed a state background check. Contact Ben Hoppe at benjamin.hoppe@ces.uwex.edu or 920-834-6847 if you are interested or would like to know more. Adult Staff will be required to attend one training session prior to camp. Meeting date and time to be announced.
Volunteer Opportunities

February 2019 - July 2020 – 4-H Digital Ambassadors

Oconto County 4-H is bringing a Digital Ambassador program to Oconto County, partnering with Microsoft. The program needs 1 adult volunteers and 3-4 youth volunteers (teens between grades 7-11). The youth will serve as Digital Ambassadors who will teach adults in Oconto County communities about the benefits of technology and increase their comfort with digital tools (such as computers and the internet). Digital Ambassadors would be required to lead 6-10 learning sessions for local community members. Approved travel expenses would be reimbursed as part of the grant. Contact benjamin.hoppe@ces.uwex.edu for more information!

June 11-June 15 - Camp Counselors & Adult Volunteers

Can't get enough of camp? Camp counselors and adult volunteers are needed! Camp counselors are 4-H members that must 15 years old by June 1st. Resource counselors must be 14 years old by June 1st. Our camp director and liaison team will lead you through camp counselor training.

For the adults that can’t get enough of camp life, we need you, too! Adult volunteers are always needed to promote the safety and well-being of our campers. More information about volunteering to be a camp counselor or adult volunteer can be found on page 6.

Ongoing – Oconto County 4-H Ambassador Program

Has 4-H made a difference in your life? Do you want to make a difference in the 4-H program in Oconto County? The Oconto County 4-H Leaders’ Association would like to announce the reformation of the county 4-H Ambassadors Program. The Leaders’ Association is looking for any youth interested, especially older youth, to help drive the future of the 4-H program by getting involved in a countywide ambassador program. 2 adults are also needed to help provide guidance.

Oconto County 4-H Ambassadors will be responsible for promoting 4-H throughout the county and assisting at county 4-H events. 4-H is a program for youth, so it depends on the input and development from youth! The first year of the program will also help to determine the shape of the ambassador program for future years.

Youth and adults should plan on about 1-2 hours per month going toward the Ambassador program. Some months might not have any responsibilities, but other months may have a little more when there are larger events (such as the county fair). Meetings may be done in person, but telephone conference calls and video conferences are also likely as well to accommodate with busy schedules.

If you’re interested in either helping or being a part of the Oconto County 4-H Ambassador program, please email benjamin.hoppe@ces.uwex.edu.
Submissions Wanted!
Did you want to share about a successful 4-H event that you just hosted? Do you have an upcoming 4-H event that you want to promote? Do you have a fun experience or 4-H story to share? Send your news, notes, reports, and articles to us along with a photo, and we’ll include in the next issue. See below for our email and mailing addresses.

Deadline: All contributions are due by the 10th of the month to make it into the next publication.

Feedback
Please do not hesitate to provide feedback, both positive and negative to us. Sharing your thoughts, ideas, and observations helps your Extension Office do the best we can to serve you. Please use the attached Care to Share form sent with the newsletter or send us an email so that we can follow up with you!
This form has been designed to provide valuable input to the Oconto County 4-H program in two ways.

The first is to share ideas and suggestions for all area leaders and youth. We are always looking for new ways to educate our youth. All ideas, no matter if you think we may already be familiar with them, are welcome!

The second purpose is to allow members to express any concerns or problems they may be experiencing. We want to be able to address and correct any problems, but cannot do so if we are unaware of any issues.

Please take a few moments and complete all three sections of this form and sign it. **Forms without all three sections completed and a signature will be disregarded.**

### Care to Share Ideas/Suggestions Section

**Section 1:** Idea or suggestion: _____________________________________________________________

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**Section 2:** Directions:

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**Section 3:** If possible, please send an example or a photo of the project. Please let us know who is submitting the idea!

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Section 1: Describe current concerns or issues:

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Section 2: Describe the specifics of the problem:

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Section 3: Give your suggestion(s) for a possible solution:

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If the concern or issue is one that needs immediate attention, please make sure you fill out all of the following information. We cannot proceed without verifying the information with you.

Please print:

Name of person completing this form: ________________________________

Address of person completing form: ________________________________

Phone number: ________________________________

Email address: ________________________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Please return completed forms to:

Oconto County 4-H
301 Washington Street
Oconto, WI 54153

or E-mail: benjamin.hoppe@ces.uwex.edu
MUTUAL OF WAUSAU INSURANCE CORPORATION
APPLICATION FOR 4-H CLUB GRANT PROGRAM
Deadline – April 1st

The purpose of the Mutual of Wausau Insurance Corporation 4-H Club Grant Program is to support 4-H Clubs in youth development and to promote civic and leadership responsibilities. Grants will be awarded in the amount of $400 per club. In order to be considered for a grant, your application must be received at the Mutual of Wausau home office by April 1st.

Name of Club:

Name, address & phone number of leader:

County where Club is located:

Number of members in Club:

List Club activities for the last two years (use separate sheet if needed):

Purpose for which you are requesting a grant:

List fund raising activities for the project for which the grant is requested:

Number of members involved in project for which you are requesting grant:

Other fund raising activities that the Club is involved in:

Insurance Agency, Location, and Agent’s Name that referred this grant program to you:

Application Deadline – April 1st
Please complete and return to:
Mutual of Wausau Insurance
Attn: Grant Committee
PO Box 269
Wausau, WI 54402-0269

Revised 11/30/17
January 11, 2019

Dear Livestock Animal Exhibitors,

Wisconsin has replaced the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This interactive program provides youth options for annual quality assurance certification.

Exhibitors of the following species in Oconto County must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program: beef, dairy, dairy goat(s), meat goat(s), poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine and poultry in order to be eligible to sell in the 2019 Oconto County Youth Fair Sale of Champions. In addition, it will count as one of your educational points for the Oconto County Fair, and be required for those who intend to show beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, poultry and rabbits at the 2019 Wisconsin State Fair.

The YQCA training provides a common framework for food animal quality assurance programs, which will strengthen the youth educational experience, improve the care of food animals, and promote a higher level of consumer food safety. In addition, youth will learn about other species of animals; not just the species they show. Each year, youth will complete one new module in each the following categories: Animal Welfare (basic needs, proper animal handling, biosecurity, etc.), Food Safety (medications, medicated feeds, withdrawal times, avoiding residue, etc.), and Character Education (ethics, goal setting, career exploration, etc.).

The YQCA program was peer-reviewed for content and age appropriateness. It is supported by Wisconsin 4-H and FFA leaders. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training content and modules will demonstrate a progression of topic knowledge in designated age categories (age as of January 1):

- Junior (8-11 years old)
- Intermediate (12-14 years old)
- Senior (15-18 years old)
- Young Adult (19-21 years old)

The YQCA training is an effort to provide flexibility to accommodate busy seasonal schedules, while providing relevant age-specific food animal quality assurance training. There are three options to become YQCA certified:

- In-person instructor led training—available for juniors (8-11 year olds only)
- Online modules
- Online test-out (NEW for 2019!)

The online test-out option is only available for youth 12, 15, and 19 years old. Online fees associated with the test-out option will only be collected if the test is passed. On average, it will take approximately 60 minutes per year to complete all the required online training modules or in-person training—depending on age and familiarity with presented information.

An EEO/AA employer, the University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX and the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements.
Maintaining current information, and developing creative modules on an online learning platform costs a significant amount of money. Youth exhibitors will pay depending on the training option. Youth completing the online modules will pay $12/person/year, and face-to-face trainings offered for juniors (youth age 8-11) only will pay $3/person/year. The fee for the test-out option is pro-rated depending on the age of the youth.

To complete the YQCA online training or register for face-to-face training, log into http://yqca.org. Follow the step-by-step instructions to create a user identity and password. All payments for either the online or in-person training will be made using the YQCA website.

Two in-person trainings will be offered for juniors (8-11 year olds). The dates and locations of the trainings are listed below. Space will be limited, and registration will be taken only through the YQCA website (http://yqca.org).

**2019 YQCA In-Person Trainings for Juniors (8-11 year olds) ONLY:**

- Thursday, April 11—Pound Town Hall, Coleman 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- Saturday, May 4—Gillett Community Center, 204 E Main Street, Gillett 10:30 am - Noon

If you complete your YQCA training online, it is recommended to print the completion certificate at the end of the online session. Access to the in-person YQCA completion certificate will be available approximately one week following the completing of the instructor led training. The certificate and ten-digit certificate number can only be accessed through your account at http://yqca.org. The certificate with the corresponding ten-digit certificate number will be requested by the Oconto County Fair at the time of fair entries for training verification.

Effective January 1, 2019, several large packers and processors will only purchase from Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) farms. Buyers and stockyards will be confirming compliance at the point of sale. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is equivalent to certification in Beef Quality Assurance (BQA). No additional certification or training by youth will need to be completed, if they have successfully completed their annual YQCA certification.

If you are not YQCA certified, you will not be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions at the 2019 Oconto County Fair. Training must be renewed every year for YQCA. Exhibitors must complete all online modules, attend the entire in-person training, or successfully test-out to be certified. Please choose the option that works best for you!

If you have any questions about the YQCA training, please contact Sarah at (920) 834-6845. You may also visit the UW-Extension Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program website (https://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca/) for additional YQCA information.

Thank you,

Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
Agriculture Agent—Specializing in Dairy and Livestock
Oconto County UW-Extension
February 1, 2019

Dear Oconto County Fair Swine Project Exhibitor,

Due to the animal health rule establishing herd testing requirements for Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and Swine Enteric Coronavirus Disease (SECD) of swine in Wisconsin, the Oconto County Fair swine initial weigh-in will not be held in 2019. The decision has been made by the Oconto County Fair Board to have a terminal show for the 2019 swine project at the Oconto County Youth Fair. There will be no breeding classes shown, and all swine brought to the fair will be sent to slaughter at the termination of the 2019 Oconto County Youth Fair.

Identification of swine will be via RFID tags available for in-person pick-up on April 27 at the Oconto County Fairgrounds in Gillett, Wisconsin from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Tags will not be mailed this year, you should arrange for RFID tag pick-up through your club or chapter if you are not able to be present. This will be your only time to acquire RFID tags for swine. Do not bring your swine to RFID tag pick-up! Directions for the proper placement of the ear tag(s) will be given along with the RFID tags. Exhibitors may initially tag up to four animals, but will only bring two animals to the fair.

Exhibitors will need two digital photographs (side-view and front-view) of each swine once they have been tagged with the RFID fair tags. The side-view photograph should include the entire animal with the exhibitor, and the front-view photo should include the swine’s head with the tag number able to be clearly seen. It is requested one email be sent per youth exhibitor with their completed 2019 Swine Exhibitor Form with accompanying photographs of identified fair animals. The submission deadline for the completed 2019 Swine Exhibitor Form with photographs is May 4, 2019, to staciepienta@gmail.com. Note: when submitting photographs as attachments, please include exhibitor name and RFID tag number.

If you have questions regarding acquisition of tags or completion of the form, please call the Oconto County UW-Extension office at (920) 834-6845.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
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2019 Swine Exhibitor Form
Oconto County Youth Fair
August 15-18, 2019

Please complete the entire form—one form per exhibitor with all swine RFID ear tags listed. Include photographs displaying discernible RFID ear tag and exhibitor—side-view and front-view. The side-view photograph should include the entire animal with the exhibitor, and the front view should clearly display the entire head and tag number of the animal. The photograph file will need to contain the exhibitor name and RFID tag number. The submission deadline for the completed 2019 Swine Exhibitor Form with accompanying photographs is May 4, 2019, to staciepienta@gmail.com.

Exhibitor Full Name: ____________________________________________

Club/Chapter Name: ____________________________________________

Street Address: ________________________________________________

City: ________________

State: ________________

Zip Code: ____________

Phone Number: ________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________

RFID Tag Numbers: ____________________________________________

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Application Instructions for Allflex Electronic Identification Ear Tags

Apply Allflex Electronic ID Tags with the Red Universal Total Tagger. Use the red blunt pin and remove the black insert from the base of the jaws.

1. To load, depress spring clip and insert the female EID tag. Ensure that the raised portion of the tag, which encloses the transponder chip, is placed in the open portion of the jaws.

2. Slip the male tag completely onto the blunt applicator pin. Squeeze the jaws together lightly to ensure the male shaft is in line with the female.

3. Dip the jaws of the applicator holding the tag into an antiseptic or disinfectant solution.

Recommended EID Tag Placement

Application site must be free of foreign debris prior to placement of tags on the animal. Review application instruction prior to tagging.

**IMPORTANT:** Caution, "Free Air Space" is critical for proper healing and retention. Inspect placement after tagging to ensure there is sufficient space between ear and EID tag.

**FOR CATTLE**

1. The EID tag should be placed in the middle of the ear between the two cartilage ribs close to the head.

2. The female portion of the tag should be on the inside of the ear with EID tag application. Note that this is a thicker part of the ear. Application may be more difficult than when applying a visual tag.

**FOR SWINE**

1. Place the EID tag in the middle or thicker part of the ear

2. The male tag should be on the outside of the ear and the female (or EID tag) should be placed on the inside of the ear. Tag retention is improved when male tag lays flush against the back side of the ear.

**IMPORTANT:** Tag application may vary based on breed type and ear size.

**FOR SHEEP**

1. Place the EID tag in between the cartilage ribs of the ear, near the first quarter of the ear (closest to the hood)

2. The female portion of the tag should be placed on the inside of the ear.
ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

Applicator:
Allflex Universal Total Tagger Applicator

**If you are planning on borrowing an applicator—which is not a recommended practice in this scenario—please make sure you properly disinfect the equipment.**

Steps for Proper Disinfection of Equipment:
Step 1) Remove ALL organic matter—manure, bedding, etc. with hot soapy water. If the organic matter is not completely removed, the disinfectant will not effectively work.

Step 2) Use disinfectants following the label and dilution level as exactly as directed. Disinfectants which may be used are: One Stroke, Virkon, Tektrol or a four parts water one part chlorine bleach solution.

Step 3) Allow to air dry—the longer the better.

Proper Ear tag Placement:

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Left Ear – Front: Large white plastic tag
Back: Small white button reading ‘UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE W!’

Right Ear—Front: Small white plastic tag with black center reading ‘Allflex with 15 digit numbers’
Back: Small white button reading ‘UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE and 15 digit numbers’