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.

April 2019

**We Need You!**

After starting my role as the 4-H Program Coordinator last year, I quickly realized that there is a massive amount of things going on all the time. There are club meetings, events, project meetings, committee planning events, and that doesn’t include all the time spent at home working on projects! The 4-H program relies on members, parents, and volunteers to succeed, operate, and grow.

No matter your role, you can make a huge difference in the quantity and quality of opportunities available in your club and your community!

Each year, we have **youth members** volunteer as camp counselors. In June, we will need volunteers to help at Breakfast on the Farm - from setting up all the way through clearing tables! In August, we will need volunteers to help all around the Oconto County Fair. Beyond that, we need volunteers to help with our new 4-H Tech Changemakers project!

**Parents**, do you want to help, but you don’t have the time to be a certified 4-H volunteer? There’s a ton of ways you can make a difference! Ask your club leader if there are tasks that need an extra set of hands! Be a positive role model for all youth in clubs. Step in at the 4-H Food Stand or Breakfast on the Farm. And if you find yourself willing to invest a little more time, we’d love to have you as a certified 4-H volunteer.

**Volunteers**, you already do so much, but there are many additional opportunities. The Leaders’ Association needs more participants and even a Vice President. You can have a blast at camp as an adult chaperone. You can be a key cog in planning the next project day or a countywide event of your choice.

“The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity.”  - Ayn Rand

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

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Spring Fling Canceled

Due to last-minute constraints for the volunteer project day coordinators, Spring Fling for 2019 is unfortunately canceled. The Project Development Committee and the Extension office would not have been able to provide a high quality experience for youth members. Project Days will come back in the future, and steps have already been taken to ensure a quality experience can be provided. If you are interested in helping to organize and promote youth educational experiences in Oconto County, please reach out to the Extension Office.

Leaders' Association Updates

The Leaders’ Association convened on Monday, March 25th. Prior to the meeting, no nominees had stepped forward for the roles of President or Vice President of the Leaders’ Association. Heather Rennie graciously offered her time to serve an emergency term of the Leaders’ Association through the remainder of 2019, but cannot continue beyond that time. There is still a vacancy for the role of Vice President. If you wish to serve as Vice President and/or be mentored by Heather for the role of President throughout the course of this year, please reach out to Heather Rennie. Upcoming meeting date, time, and location will be announced shortly. Congratulations to Ann Sievert (Treasurer) and Ciara Jarvey (Secretary) on their elections.

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 St Clare Memorial Hospital from 9:30am-11:30am. All 4-H clubs must an adult volunteer attend an Annual Leader Training to represent their club. If your club attended training in February, you need not attend this makeup date. 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!

4HOnline Enrollment Deadline

All youth who wish to represent 4-H at the Oconto County Youth Fair must be enrolled in 4HOnline by April 30th! Changes to projects that you wish to enter in the fair must be finalized by this date. Please review your project entries prior to April 30th to ensure they are up to date. If you have questions about accessing your 4HOnline account, please contact the Extension Office.
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. Registration for camp runs from April 15th through May 15th.

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!

Oconto County 4-H members can attend camp for $75, and non-4-H members can attend camp for $150. More details, brochures, and flyers can be found on our website. Tell your friends about this great camp opportunity!

Adult chaperones are needed and stay at camp for free! Please contact the Extension Office if you’re interested! Once registration opens, you can find links on the Extension Oconto County website, or scan this code to take you to the registration page.

Scanning these QR codes will take you directly to the sign-up forms online!

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.

Join us at 3pm on Saturday, May 11th at the Little River Town Hall. Register online: https://goo.gl/forms/cKxfYou3Fo9Rh0m0n2 OR call Brigid McDowell: 920-834-9947 to register. Feel free to post the flyer at the end of the newsletter in your community.
County and Club Updates

Pasture Pirates hosted a great day of ice skating for Oconto County 4-H members! Thanks to all who showed up for the event, and special thanks to the Pasture Pirates for organizing a great day! Photos submitted by Jacob Gander, Pasture Pirates Club Reporter.

Northern Riders took their annual club trip to Ski Brule on March 3rd. Photo submitted by Ryann Wagner, Northern Riders Club Reporter.

This past winter, Morgan Badgers held a monthly meeting at Parkside Apartments in Pulaski and had a Christmas sing-a-long. They also brought treats to share with the residents. Submitted by Tristen Wagner, Morgan Badgers Club Reporter.

Horse Project Meeting - April 7th

The Annual Horse Project Meeting will be held on **April 7th at 6:30pm** at St Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls. Be sure to attend so you are aware of all requirements and deadlines. If you are new to 4-H and/or the Horse Project, make sure you’re enrolled in the Horse Project in 4HOnline so you receive all email communications.

NEW THIS YEAR - The Fair Board has made an amendment to allow donkeys to participate in our County Show. Horses, mules, and donkeys will follow the same guidelines. Please note: Donkeys are NOT allowed at the State Expo show.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to April 28th at the same time and location.

If you’re unable to attend the meeting and wish to show at the Fair, please contact Danna Magnin (djmdmm@bayland.net) to obtain the 2019 Horse Project Handbook.

**Certain paperwork must be received by May 1st, 2019** - no exceptions!
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 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
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.
Online YQCA Coursework
If internet access is an issue for youth completing Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training, please consider attending the open classroom on April 22, 2019 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm at the Oconto Falls Agriculture Education Classroom of Mr. Taylor (Oconto Falls High School Room #212).

Any student is welcome to attend. Please bring a laptop and method of payment for the online course. For additional questions, please contact Mr. Taylor (walter.taylor@of-ps.org).

4-H Tech Changemakers
Microsoft has partnered with the National 4-H Council to close the digital gap in rural communities. Oconto County was one of 80 counties nationwide selected to pilot this new program. 4-H Tech Changemakers are teenage youth who are dedicated to making a difference in their community by teaching digital skills to community members.

4-H Tech Changemakers and volunteer leaders from Oconto and Marinette Counties will be presenting on an information online call on Thursday, April 11th at 8pm. You can join this Zoom meeting by:
1. Install the ZOOM Cloud Meetings app and use Meeting ID 518-409-305
2. Click this link or enter it into your web browser: https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/518409305
3. Call via cell phone or landline for audio only: (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID 518409305

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the 4-H Tech Changemakers, or if you’re interested in being a volunteer leader for this group, please join us for the meeting!

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference
Registration for the 2019 Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference opens at 4pm on April 2nd and runs through April 15th at midnight. This is a great opportunity for 7-10 graders to meet with people from around the state at the UW-Madison campus from June 24-27. Participants get to attend seminars, assemblies, and service projects, providing a pre-college experience that focuses on personal development, broadening of interests, and developing of new skills.

This year’s theme is “Prism of Possibilities”, and there are tons of great opportunities that you get to choose! The earlier you sign up, the more choices you have. A registration handbook and other details can be found at: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/

The cost of Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference this year is $300. That cost includes educational programming, meals, lodging, bus transportation to and from Madison, and a conference t-shirt. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity!
Volunteer Opportunities

Ongoing – 4-H Tech Changemakers

National 4-H and Microsoft have partnered to create a new pilot program called 4-H Tech Changemakers. Oconto County was one of 80 counties nationwide to be part of this new program, and this is an opportunity for teenage youth to bring increased digital skills to their communities. Tech Changemakers will plan and lead learning sessions around the county. Contact ben.hoppe@wisc.edu for more information!

June 11-June 15 - Adult Camp Chaperones

Can’t get enough of camp? Adult volunteers are needed! Adult volunteers are always needed to promote the safety and well-being of our campers. Adult camp chaperones must be certified 4-H volunteers and have gone through the Extension Youth Protection program. If you’re interested in learning more about being a chaperone, or if you’d like to become a certified adult volunteer, contact the Extension Office.

June 7 - Breakfast on the Farm, Set-Up

The Breakfast on the Farm Committee is need of volunteers to help set-up for the event at Peterson’s Dairy LLC, 6370 Goatsville Road, Lena on Friday, June 7th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. A pizza party for volunteers will be held at 6:00 pm. The Breakfast on the Farm Committee donates the bottled water we sell at our 4-H fair food stand each year. We can say thank you by helping out at this event. Consider doing it as a community service project with your whole club or maybe as a 4-H family.

June 9 - Breakfast on the Farm, Day-Of Help

The Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm event will be held on the Peterson’s Dairy LLC, 6370 Goatsville Road, Lena from 8:00am-1:00 pm. Please consider volunteering for this event. Volunteer sign-up information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter edition.

Remainder of 2019 - Leaders’ Association Vice President

The Leaders’ Association is in need of a Vice President for the remainder of 2019. The role of the Vice President is to attend Leaders’ Association and Board of Directors meetings, run meetings in the absence of the President, advise on possible agenda items, and attend to other needs as they arise. The Vice President may be a youth 4-H member or a certified 4-H volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Heather Rennie.
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!

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How to Contact Us
Telephone: 920-834-6845  Email: 4h@co.oconto.wi.us
Website: http://oconto.extension.wisc.edu  Facebook: Oconto County 4-H

Staff
Ben Hoppe: 4-H Program Coordinator; ben.hoppe@wisc.edu
Jenny Tyczkowski: Extension Program Assistant; jenny.tyczkowski@co.oconto.wi.us

Oconto County 4-H Leader’s Association Board of Directors
Heather Rennie, President (Pasture Pirates)  McKenzie Meyer, Director (County-wide)
Vice President - Vacant  Danielle Meyer, Director (Brazeau Eagles)
Ciara Jarvey, Secretary (Lena Rocketeers)  Ashley Busch, Director (County-wide)
Ann Sievert, Treasurer (Morgan Badgers)

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OCONTO COUNTY 4-H

“Care to Share Form”

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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Care to Share 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
Oconto County 4-H Speaking Festival

May 11th, 3:00 p.m.
Little River Town Hall
*Open to ALL Oconto County Youth*
Kindergarten through High School

Speech (Individual)
Deliver a speech written by you. Be sure to acknowledge the source of your information. You may use note cards. Visual aids, props, posters are encouraged.

**Time Limits**
K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-8 min

Storytelling (Individual)
In your own words, tell a story or fairytale you know or one you have made up. You may use costumes, makeup or other special effects. Props and music also allowed.

**Time Limits**
K-2nd grade: 2-5 min. grade 3 & up: 3-10 min

Interpretive Reading (Individual, Duo, Group)
Perform a from a Reader’s Theatre script. Read a story from a book or any other literary form. Recite a poem.

**Time Limits**
K-2nd grade: 1-2 min. grade 3 & up: 2-5 min

Puppetry (Individual, Duo or Group)
Speak or sing through puppets. Be sure to bring any supplies you may need including stage, puppets, music and/or props. Bring a copy of your script for the judge.

**Time Limits**
K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

Show What You Know (Individual or Duo)
Give a presentation on something you know or something you can do. May use props, computer-based visual aids, posters, handout, videos or music. Judge may ask questions after presentation.

**Time Limits**
K-2nd grade: 2-8 min. grade 3 & up: 5-10 min

Register online at
https://goo.gl/forms/cKxfYou3Fo9RhmO0n2

Prizes will be awarded.
Face to face judging on your own merit.
Pie social to follow event.

No internet access?
Just call Brigid McDowell
920-834-9947
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.
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

Sarah Mills-Lloyd, DVM
Agriculture Agent—Specializing in Dairy and Livestock
University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Oconto County
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: _________________________________________

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 4, 2019 SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: staciepienta@gmail.com
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, Tektol 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 WI’

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’