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.

A World of Opportunities

Lately, I’ve been reminiscing to my time as a park ranger when wildfires would be burning nearby. They appear to be devastating. Trees are scorched. Plant life is destroyed. Nests and homes for wild animals are obliterated. When visitors would see the destruction, they asked why the park didn’t stop the fires. What many visitors did not know is that the fire was actually creating opportunities for new growth.

Fire is a key cog to healthy forests. These same areas that burned are nutrient-rich and a home for wildlife as new shoots of plants, flowers, and trees began to flourish. The change that seemed so devastating reinvigorates and creates opportunity for change and growth.

In the past months, the Leaders’ Association struggled to conduct business and elect officers, the Spring Fling project day was canceled, the Dog Project leaders stepped down, and I added another one to the list by accepting an opportunity to serve as the 4-H Program Coordinator in Brown County. Despite all of these fires, I see opportunities in Oconto County that are ripe for growth. The vacancy until my position is filled will create opportunities for YOU all to step up and lead the 4-H program forward. Because of diligent efforts from Heather Rennie and others, the most recent Leaders’ Association meeting was attended by over 20 people.

The 4-H program belongs to you, the youth members and adult volunteers. It is your time to take ownership of the program and see to the success and growth of the program for all youth in Oconto County. There’s a world of opportunities available for you to help. The opportunities are as easy as attending the next Leaders’ Association meeting or joining a committee. Take advantage of this while you can. I wish you all the best, and I’m excited to see the growth that is to come.

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

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Brief Updates!

4-H License Plates are now available! If it’s about time to re-register your vehicle with the DMV, now is the perfect time to rock the clover on your automobile and support 4-H at the state and county levels! More information can be found on the Wisconsin DMV website or your local DMV office.

Leaders’ Association Updates

The Leader’s Association convened on Monday, April 22nd. Our 1st goal for April was to have 10 representatives attend the meeting. We exceeded it and during the meeting we were able to form two committees with the people that were attending. Thank you for those that stepped up and volunteered. Our next goal for the May meeting is to have one representative from each 4-H club present. This could be a youth member, parent, and or a leader. We are still in need of a handful of volunteers to help out with organizing the 4-H Food Stand menu, assigning jobs, etc. This is our only fundraiser for the county and we could use some help in this area. Minutes and Agendas for Leaders’ Association meetings are now available online at https://oconto.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-leaders-association/. The next Leaders’ Association meeting will be May 20th, time and location to be determined.

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.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the 4-H Tech Changemakers, please contact Brandon Dehne or Jenna Steeno.
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/cKxfYou3Fo9Rhm0n2
OR call Brigid McDowell: 920-834-9947 to register.
Feel free to post the flyer at the end of the newsletter in your community.
Volunteers Needed

May 2019

Oconto Clover Connect

Dog Project Leaders

The current Dog Project leaders have announced that they are unable to continue offering classes for the dog project. Volunteers are needed to help lead the Dog Project moving forward. Carol Nelson has offered to advise adults willing to step up. Other options would be for dog project members to contact Anne Biernasz in Marinette County to join their classes in Wausaukee or to ask the Brown County Dog Project. Please contact the Extension Office if you are able to volunteer.

Bond Foundation Donation

4-H Youth Development of Extension Oconto County is proud to announce a partnership with Leon H. and Clymene M. Bond Foundation, Inc. for its 2019 Summer Youth Camp Program at Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya. The generous grant from the Bond Foundation offers more than $6000 in funding towards transportation, camp counselor training, activity supplies, and chaperone fees. Most significantly, the funding will allow camper fees to remain at $150 per camper, as in the past few years - a savings of $25 per camper. A major impact of the partnership is funding towards scholarships to families who may not be able to afford a camp experience.

To request an application for the Bond Foundation scholarship, receive a camp brochure and questions about the summer camp program, contact UW-Extension at (920) 834-6845 or 4h@co.oconto.wi.us. Registration is open now at https://forms.gle/LcjvcvrP6d1TvPd6A. The registration deadline is May 15th.

Morgan Badgers Paints Kindness Rocks

By Tristen Bierhals, Reporter/Photographer

The February meeting for Morgan Badgers 4-H was cancelled due to bad weather. On March 10, 2019, Morgan Badgers 4-H club held their monthly meeting at St John’s in Morgan. We painted kindness rocks to spread some love throughout the community.

2019 4-H Military Kids STEM Camp

Do you know any youth in your county with a family member in the military? If so, please spread the word about this year’s 4-H Military Kids Camp! The camp runs from Aug 18 – 21 and is open to youth with a parent/guardian/sibling in the military, ages 9 – 13. Registration ends July 1 and the participation fee is $60.

Visit the OMK website or see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.
Fair Updates

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)

**Saturday, May 4**—Gillett Community Center, 204 E Main Street, Gillett 10:30 am - Noon

For further information, please see the attachments at the end of the newsletter from the Extension Agriculture Agent, Sarah Mills-Lloyd.

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

Please see the attachments at the end of the newsletter for more Swine Exhibitor information.

Pullorum Testing for Poultry

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is waiving certain poultry testing requirements due to a shortage of an antigen used for testing. As a result, poultry owners do not need to test their birds for the pullorum-typhoid disease while the waiver is in effect.

“The occurrence of pullorum-typhoid is rare and it does not cause disease in humans,” says Dr. Darlene Konkle, acting State Veterinarian. “Poultry owners should continue to be vigilant about monitoring their birds and reporting any signs of disease to their veterinarian or DATCP.”

Poultry owners must continue to test their birds for Mycoplasma gallisepticum or ensure the birds or eggs originated from a flock that tested negative for the disease in the calendar year.

The waiver applies until the antigen becomes available to certified testers. There is no timeframe for when the antigen may become available. Currently, only a single manufacturer makes the antigen. Waiver information, updates, and information about Wisconsin’s poultry requirements are available on DATCP’s website at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PoultryFlockPrograms.aspx. DATCP’s Division of Animal Health monitors animal health and disease threats, promotes humane treatment of animals, and provides licensing and registration regulation for animals in Wisconsin.

For more information about protecting animal health, visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AnimalConsumerInformation.aspx.

— Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
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 Brandon Dehne or Jenna Steeno for more information!

Ongoing – Dog Project Leaders

The current Dog Project leaders have announced that they are unable to continue offering classes for the dog project. Volunteers are needed to help lead the Dog Project moving forward. Carol Nelson has offered to advise adults willing to step up. Other options would be for dog project members to contact Anne Biernasz in Marinette County to join their classes in Wausaukee or to ask the Brown County Dog Project. Please contact the Extension Office if you are able to volunteer.

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 in 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 p.m. A pizza party for volunteers will be held at 6:00 p.m. 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. Please use this link (https://signup.com/go/FqmXBMg) to sign up for your time slot. Additional questions can be directed to Aprill at (920) 676-6136 or aprillflores83@gmail.com.

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 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering for this event. Use this link (https://signup.com/go/FqmXBMg) to sign up for your time slot. Additional questions can be directed to Aprill (920) 676-6136 or aprillflores83@gmail.com.
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!
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

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: jenny.tyczkowski@co.oconto.wi.us
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/cKxfYou3Fo9Rhm0n2

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

May 11th, 3:00 p.m.
Little River Town Hall
*Open to ALL Oconto County Youth*
Kindergarten through High School
$60 Participation Fee
Youth will be divided into appropriate age groups for programming and lodging.

Do you want to add some excitement to your summer? Join us for a STEM adventure! Participants will delve into the world of science, technology, engineering, and math through a variety of hands-on activities. You’ll spend time with other military kids canoeing and swimming, exploring the beautiful winding trails of Black Hawk Island, and telling stories around the campfire. Upham Woods, the camp location, is located along the beautiful Wisconsin River and includes experiences in team building and low ropes challenges as well as raptors and reptiles nature programs. Come and enjoy this fun-filled adventure and make new friends and memories to last a lifetime!

This camp is open to all branches of the military.

For questions contact:
Joanna Skluzacek: joanna.skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu or 608-265-2949

You can find more information and registration forms (Due July 1) at: http://fyi.uwex.edu/wiomk/camping-programs/

If you need financial assistance to attend camp, please contact Joanna at: joanna.skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu

Registration fees are kept low through support from Cargill and National 4-H Council.

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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, 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, 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 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’