



2018 Rabbit ID Information - May 15 Deadline

DATE: April 2, 2018
TO: Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Project Members –Rabbit
FROM: David Foley, Interim 4-H Program Coordinator-U of MN Extension, Olmsted County
RE: **IMPORTANT** - Animal Identification Process

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Minnesota 4-H uses its online enrollment system, 4HOnline, to record all animal identifications and ownership data. Online animal identification reduces inaccuracies and inefficiencies that were a part of our past paper system. More information and a 4HOnline user guide can be found at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.

The process that will be followed in 2018 is as follows:

- 4-H Family completes the ID worksheet (enclosed).
- 4-H Family self-enters information and **prints entry report for personal record**. If a breeding animal is leased, the lease agreement must be scanned and uploaded in 4HOnline (bring hard copy to County Extension Office by May 15 if unable to scan). The lease form is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.
 - Animals identified as owned or leased by a 4-H member are assigned to that specific member for the current 4-H year. Projects need to be “personalized/assigned” to an individual 4-Her at the time of entry and verification at the county fair.
 - If an animal is identified as “owned”, the Livestock Family Ownership Policy for Minnesota 4-H allows for family ownership. The family includes the 4-Hers parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents with the 4-Hers parents actively involved with and working on the farm. A family unit may also include other youth whose guardianship is the same as the brothers and/or sisters.
 - If an animal is listed as “leased”, please be sure to complete the Leasing Agreement portion of the ID Affidavit (second page).
- Existing project animals that are being carried over to this project year must be re-activated by May 15. Instructions can be found in the document *Animal ID Data Entry by Families*, page 5, at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.

*If a Doe is properly ID'd by May 15 the market rabbits born to that Doe will be considered ID'ed if they are tattooed at county fair check-in time.

NOTE: Data entry must be completed by 11:59 pm, May 15, 2018; you will not be able complete identification after that point.

If your family cannot self-enter the ID information: 4-H Family brings in or mails completed ID worksheet and other required items, including signature(s), to County Extension office, on or before close of business on May 15. This ID worksheet will be kept on file in the Extension office. Within one week, Support Staff or designated volunteer enters info online into your family's 4HOnline account. After that, your family may view the information in 4HOnline to check for accuracy. The user guide, *Reviewing and Printing Animal ID Data*, is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID to walk you through the process. The County Extension Office must be notified of any discrepancies by **May 30, 2018**

NOTE: Hard copy submissions to the county Extension office must be received by close of business on May 15 (4:30pm), or if mailed, be postmarked NO LATER than May 15. NO EXCEPTIONS

Online ID'ing (4HOnline) user assistance and support

- A user guide is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.
- For assistance with the online ID process, contact your county extension staff.
- In addition, an ID helpline will be available on the following days:
 - o Sunday, May 13 - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. - 507-438-6898
 - o Monday, May 14 - 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. - 218-232-5174
 - o Tuesday, May 15 - 4:30 - 12:00 midnight - 218-232-5174

If you have any questions about the change to online animal identification or anything else in this letter, please contact David Foley at 507-328-6217 or djfoley@umn.edu. Mailing address for county Extension office is:

University of Minnesota Extension, Olmsted
1421 3rd Avenue SE
Rochester, MN 55904-7947

Specific Olmsted County 4-H Rabbit Project Information:

May 15th is the deadline for rabbit ownership and identification. Remember that all breeding rabbits must be born and owned by this date. For single fryer, meat pens, and doe & litter, the mother of those rabbits must be owned and identified by May 15th. Rabbits must be owned by the 4-H member or owned jointly by agreement with family members. Breeding rabbits may also be leased. This must be done by May 15th, and the lease agreement must be scanned and uploaded into 4HOnline. Fryers, meat pens, and doe & litter cannot be leased.

Completing the Online Process:

1. Each 4-H member should list ALL eligible rabbits, breeding or market, which they are caring for and could possibly bring to the fair. Any breeding rabbit not entered on the Identification Worksheet cannot be shown at the fair. The doe producing any fryer, meat pen or litter must be identified on the identification worksheet for her offspring to be shown at the fair.
2. Be sure to have the correct breed, sex, and birthdates of your rabbit(s). We recommend having a PDC member check over your rabbit if there is any question.
3. Check the tattoo in your rabbit's ear to make sure that it is readable and that you have entered it correctly on the identification worksheet and online. The tattoo in the rabbit's left ear must match the tattoo you recorded otherwise the rabbit may be restricted at the fair. Be sure to keep an accurate record of tattoos especially for market fryers and pens, since 4-Hers are registering rabbits not yet born. While the doe from the doe & litter class must be tattooed, the litter does not need tattoos.
4. Check the identification worksheet and online entry for accuracy. It is a good idea to make a copy of your completed identification worksheet for your own use.

If you need help with tattooing or identification worksheet, please plan to come to the Hands-On Showmanship Workshop, Tattoo and ID clinic on Tuesday, May 8th at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds anytime from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

****Upcoming Events of Interest****

Tuesday, May 8th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Olmsted County 4-H Building

A Hands-On Showmanship Workshop and Tattoo and Registration Drop-In Session at the 4-H Building: The Hands-On Showmanship Workshop will start at 7:00 p.m. and will focus on **showmanship** tips. Bring your rabbit and practice showmanship for the fair. Experienced youth leaders will work with younger members one-on-one. We will also have a **tattoo** and **registration** session for 4-Hers who need to get their rabbits tattooed for the county fair or need help with their identification worksheet. Stop in during these hours and project leaders will be there to help you.

Monday, July 23rd: Olmsted County Fair check in and Rabbit Show!!!

More information will be coming in a future email.

Wednesday, July 25th: Olmsted County Fair Rabbit Judging Competition!!!

Rabbit Judging Team – This is open to all rabbit project members. This is a fantastic way to learn about the different breeds of rabbits and to get the hands-on experience in placing individual rabbits in a class. We will be having a competition at the Olmsted County Fair on Wednesday, July 25th. The State Fair competition is Thursday August 23rd. (State Fair is for 6th grade and up).

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact a rabbit project leader listed below. Best wishes and enjoy working with your bunnies!!!

NEW: Updated Livestock Quality Assurance Training Options: Minnesota 4-H supports livestock quality assurance and animal science ethics. All youth participating as a state fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat goat, dairy goat, and lama must complete livestock quality assurance training.

- ❑ Certification is required for state fair grade/age-eligible youth. Must be completed before their home county fair qualifying show.
- ❑ The training accommodates multi-levels of learning for all ages. The level of training required is determined by the grade/age of the youth at the time the training takes place.
- ❑ Counties that have a swine marketing agreement with a packer that requires livestock quality assurance certification may require swine members (grade 3-13) to certify.
- ❑ Minnesota 4-H youth must participate in one of the training options to be eligible for Minnesota 4-H state fair shows. Beginning in 2018, Minnesota 4-H will have two training options.
 1. A face-to-face 3-hour livestock quality assurance and ethics training from Minnesota 4-H. These will be offered in multiple locations statewide. This certification is valid for three fair seasons. Cost is set by county/regional host.
 2. An online 1-hour youth quality care of animals training offered via distance learning. This certification is valid for one fair season. Cost: \$12; pay at registration with a credit card. (This is a national program and registration fee pays for the national training system.)

Trainings promote responsible care of animals, making informed decisions in animal care and providing safe consumer food products. Youth will receive a certificate of completion.

Olmsted County will be having a Livestock Quality Assurance training on April 21, 2018 at the Olmsted County Fairgrounds in Rochester, MN. Level 1 & Level 2 will be offered. Pre-register by April 14. Contact David Foley djfoley@umn.edu.

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Questions

If you have questions about the rabbit identification, contact your rabbit superintendents, Karla Novey at (507) 281-0156 (dknov@kmwb.net), Barb Zylstra at (507) 533-8481 (ron.barb.zylstra@gmail.com), Jane Burgstaler at (507) 365-8063, or David Foley at the Olmsted County Extension Office (507) 328-6217.

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State Identification and Information Forms:

Minnesota 4-H State Animal Science Website:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/>

2018 Animal Science Updates:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/docs/2018-Ansci-Update.pdf>

2018 Animal Science Show Requirements:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/docs/id-requirements-table.pdf>

2018 4-H Animal ID Process and Information:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/animal-ID/>

2018 Rabbit Information Sheet:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/docs/Rabbit-info-sheet.pdf>

2018 Rabbit Worksheet:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/animal-ID/docs/id-worksheet-rabbit.pdf>

2018 Animal Lease Form:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/animal-ID/docs/lease-fillable.pdf>

2018 Animal Lease Fact Sheet:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/docs/Lease-Fact-Sheet.pdf>