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Dear 4-H Animal Science Families:

We are very excited that you are enrolled in an animal science project! This letter has information for all animal science project members who plan to exhibit at the County Fair, so please read carefully.

Minnesota 4-H is using its online enrollment system, 4HOnline, to record all animal identifications in 2018. All online animal identification will need to be completed by 11:59 p.m. on May 15; however, it is recommended you enter your information prior to that.

For each project you have enrolled in, we have included an identification worksheet. Use this to collect the information needed to complete your 4HOnline animal ID (these worksheets are for your use only, not to be turned in). You will then need to enter the information into 4HOnline; user guides for completing animal ID's in 4HOnline are available at [www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID). A reminder that your user name for 4HOnline is your 4-H family email address; if you do not remember your password, you can request one to be sent to you from the 4HOnline homepage at <https://mn.4honline.com>.

All identified livestock can be transferred within 4-Hers in your family up until County Fair check in. Enter each animal once in 4HOnline and know that they can be transferred between family members (with the exception of horse, enter the animal for each 4-Her).

Breeding animals may be leased to a 4-Her. If your animal is leased, complete the enclosed Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Lease Form for each leased animal. This form must then be uploaded into 4HOnline and submitted by May 15.

Again in 2018, all animals are to be tagged, weighed and identified by the family. 4-H ear tags are available at the Extension Office, along with the taggers; these must be picked up prior to entering your information into 4HOnline. Any unused tags must be returned to the Extension Office. There are informational videos on how to ID your 4-H project available at [www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID). Again this year, after May 15, several randomly selected families, from each specie, will be contacted to verify their animal ID's. This will consist of emailing photos of their identification (i.e. tattoo or tag) to the Extension Office.

Some animals that were identified last year can be re-activated for this year. Eligible animals include last year's dairy, dairy goat, lama, rabbit, beef calves, and cow/calf pairs. Instructions for this can be found at [www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID). If the animal is leased, you will need to complete a new lease form and turn into the Extension Office (you will not be able to upload it from home).

Also included in this packet are the 2018 Animal Science Identification Requirements chart and the 4-H Animal Science Lease Form. The Minnesota 4-H AnSci Update has been included and details many changes for those exhibiting at the 2018 Minnesota State Fair. The State Fair Information Update Sheets for each specie **have not been included**, but are available online at: [www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID). If you hope to attend State Fair, be sure to check these out.

If you need assistance entering your information into 4HOnline, we will have a computer set up here at the Extension Office. We also are able to assist you with uploading any documentation needed. The Extension Office is open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; please call to make sure someone will be available if you need to come between 12 and 1 p.m.

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Following are details specific to each specie; please read carefully:

**Breeding Beef:** All cattle must be officially identified. For registered cattle, a breed registration tattoo is considered an official ID. Commercial breeding heifers and all prospect market calves must have a 4-H tag (which is an official ID).

**Dairy:** All dairy cattle must be officially identified with one of the following: Official Breed Association ear tag, tattoo or ID paper, 4-H ear tag, USDA tag (7 or more digits) and/or photo (if exhibits distinct markings). Registered animals with a pending registration on May 15, must update the information as soon as it is received, prior to the fair.

**Dog:** To exhibit a dog in the 4-H Dog Show, you must complete the Dog Affidavit and Vaccination Verification form. You will need a veterinarian's signature on the form. This form and a photo are required to be uploaded into 4HOnline as part of the Dog ID. The 4-H Dog Show will be held on Saturday, August 11, at 9 a.m. in Appleton. **\*\*Note, if you plan to show your dog as part of the Pet Class at our Entry Day (not in the Dog Show), do not identify your dog at this time. More information will be sent closer to the fair for the Pet Class.**

**Goat:** Meat goats must have a 4-H tag and Scrapie tag. Meat breeding does and dairy goats must have a unique tattoo and a BAH assigned Scrapie tag/tattoo. It is optional for you to have your market goat weighed (you would need to weigh it yourself with a bathroom scale).

**Horse:** A horse can be ID'd by multiple family members, but must be entered in 4HOnline under each member. A photo and Coggins form must also be uploaded into 4HOnline. The 4-H Horse Program Rulebook has been updated and can be found at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/horse/docs/4-H-horse-project-rulebook.pdf>.

**Lama:** A photo of the lama's head and side profile must be uploaded along with the lama identification information into 4HOnline.

**Poultry:** The only poultry that need to be identified prior to the fair is a leased breeding pen, all pigeons and doves. All other poultry will be identified at County Fair check in with a leg band. All chickens and turkeys will be required to bring a Statement of Origin showing a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test to the County Fair.

**Rabbit:** All rabbits must be identified with a tattoo in the left ear. All rabbits must be a purebred ARBA recognized breed.

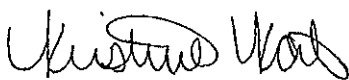
**Sheep:** All market lambs and commercial breeding ewes need a 4-H ear tag and Scrapie tag with an animal number and flock number; registered breeding ewes need to have a tattoo ID and Official Scrapie tag. Rate of gain is optional; you will need to weigh your own animal (you can use a bathroom scale).

**Swine:** All swine projects must be identified with ear notches and a 4-H tag. Rate of gain is optional; you will need to weigh your own animal (you can use a bathroom scale).

**Remember, all Animal Science Identifications must be entered into 4HOnline by May 15! No exceptions!** The Extension Office is open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to assist you with your Animal Science Identification entry.

Please contact the Stevens County Extension Office at 208-6575 or [kochx040@umn.edu](mailto:kochx040@umn.edu) with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Dear 4-H Cloverbud:

It is that time of year when we start planning for the County Fair! We are excited that you may be interested in exhibiting an animal at the fair! Showing livestock as a 4-Her in grades K-2 is a non-competitive, fun experience! As a Cloverbud, you may bring your own animal to the fair or you may show someone else's animal. You are only eligible to bring one animal per specie to the fair as a Cloverbud.

However, exhibiting as a 4-H Cloverbud has safety guidelines that must be followed. When a Cloverbud exhibits an animal, **an adult or youth leader needs to be in control of the animal at all times**, for the child's safety (no exceptions!). **This applies during the entire fair**; including loading/unloading, moving, washing, showing, etc. For animals that lead with a halter, collar and/or leash, the adult/youth leader will lead the animal and be the only one holding on to the animal. For animals that are carried, the adult/youth leader will do so. For the swine project, the adult/youth leader will walk around the ring with the Cloverbud. In other words, the Cloverbud is there to share their knowledge, not to control the animal. The judge will ask you questions about your project such as its name, what you feed it, why you picked this project, etc. Showing animals is so much fun! **This policy is a statewide policy and will be strictly enforced.** For more information, check out <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/cloverbuds/docs/4-h-cloverbud-parent-fact-sheet.pdf>.

As a Cloverbud, to identify your animal science projects, you do not need to complete all of the forms that older 4-Hers do. We have tried to simplify the process; you will just need to complete the online google form at <https://z.umn.edu/SCCloverbudAnimalID> by May 15. If you need assistance completing your online animal identification, please contact the Extension Office at 320-208-6575 or [kochx040@umn.edu](mailto:kochx040@umn.edu).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this information! We are very excited for the County Fair and hope that you are as well!

Sincerely,



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