2016 Rabbit ID Information - May 15 Deadline

DATE: January 4, 2016

TO: Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Project Members – Rabbit

FROM: Joe Rand, 4-H Program Coordinator

RE: IMPORTANT Change to Animal Identification Process

Thank you for enrolling in a 4-H animal science project. We hope you find this project both challenging and rewarding. This letter outlines the online animal identification process.

For the third year, Minnesota 4-H is using its online enrollment system, 4HOnline, to record all animal identifications. 4HOnline has the capability to track animal ownership and identification data and has been used successfully in other states. 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 2016 is as follows:

1. 4-H Family completes the ID worksheet (www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID).
2. 4-H Family self-enters information and prints entry report for personal record.
3. If an animal is leased, the lease agreement must be scanned and uploaded in 4HOnline. The lease form is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.
4. 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.
5. 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, 2016; you will not be able complete identification after that point. If you are not able to scan in documents, please contact the office at mnex-sherburne@umn.edu to schedule an appointment for assistance in this matter. You must have an appointment in order to have documents scanned.
Two additional pieces of project information are available online at: www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID

- AnSci Updates for 2016 for unique changes and information in each animal science project area.
- 2016 Rabbit Information Sheet compiled by the 4-H State Fair Rabbit Committee and includes processes, procedures and information unique to the rabbit project at the Minnesota State Fair.

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

- A user guide is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.
- In addition, an ID helpline will be available May 13-15:
  - Contact information will be available as the date gets close

**LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS:** All youth participating as a 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit, lama, meat and dairy goat must have completed the a Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics workshop. Minnesota 4-H supports livestock quality assurance and animal science ethics. The State policy is that youth participating in the State Fair, as a livestock exhibitor, must have completed their age appropriate Level of Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics (LQA&E) training. Certification is good for three fair seasons.

You can sign-up to attend Sherburne County LQA&E Training (March 19) with the registration form available soon.

If you are unable to attend Sherburne County training, alternate sites are available online at: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/lqae/

Minnesota 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Policy: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/policies/LQA&E-Policy.pdf

If you have any questions about the change to online animal identification or anything else in this letter, please contact Joe Rand, 4-H Program Coordinator at 763-765-3077 or joerand@umn.edu.