2015 SHEEP TAGGING DAY GUIDELINES

The annual Walworth County Junior Sheep Project Tagging Day will be held on Saturday, May 16, in front of the sheep barn at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Tagging will begin at 7 a.m. and continue until 10 a.m. (or whenever the last animal is done). All market lambs must be tagged on this date in order to be exhibited and sold at the 2015 Walworth County Fair. If your lambs will be housed at a location other than your own property, please contact Junior Sheep Superintendent Tim Ehlen at 608-676-2569 BEFORE TAGGING DAY for approval.

Guidelines are as follows:

- Lambs will be tagged on a family basis, rather than a member basis. Specific lambs will be linked to specific members at fair weigh-in.
- All lambs must be wethers at the time of tagging.
- Member-families must complete tagging paperwork; please be ready to share your address, the address where your lambs are being kept (if different from your address), the premise identification number for your lambs’ residence, phone number, email address, club/chapter, and members names and grades.
- Know ahead of time if you wish to make a Carcass Contest entry. There is a $5 non-refundable fee for carcass entries. This fee must be paid at Tagging Day. Checks should be payable to Walworth County Fair.
- DNA collection will be NEW at Tagging Day this year. During tagging, hair will be pulled from each lamb for possible DNA testing during or immediately following fair week. Cost per lamb will be $5. Checks should be made payable to UW-Extension. The 2015 Champion & Reserve Champion Lambs, the 2015 Champion & Reserve Champion Carcass Lambs, and two lambs drawn randomly will be tested at no cost to members. All Walworth County Meat Animal Sale species (beef, sheep, and swine) are participating in DNA collection and testing this year.
- Following Tagging Day, it is imperative that lost tags must be reported to Tim Ehlen as soon as they are noticed. Lambs will be retagged, and the UWEX office will record the new tag numbers. Be aware that lambs that arrive at fair weigh-in without an official Walworth County ear tag in their ear will be required to participate in a DNA test at the owner’s expense (approximately $100).
- State Fair lambs should be brought to Tagging Day but will not be retagged and will not have new DNA samples pulled.