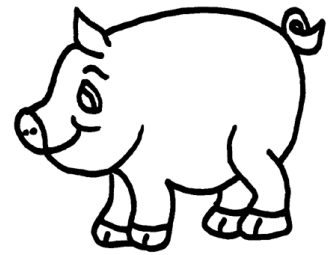


## Swine Weigh-in May 18th-19th Canceled!

*Per recommendation from the State Veterinarian, we will not be holding a swine weigh-in for 2018 Vernon County Fair.*

The method for identification will be the photo with the ear tag in place. Please follow the below detailed instructions. When taking the photo, please concentrate on a clear photo of the hog's left side of head with ear tag showing and identifiable.



**STEP ONE:** Exhibitors will need to pick up RFID hog ear tags from the Vernon County UW-Extension Office. Each exhibitor can request up to 6 tags each. Anything over that is \$2 per tag. They can be picked up during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**STEP TWO:** when picking up the ear tags, exhibitors or parents, will be asked to complete a registration form. The ear tag numbers will be recorded on a form and a copy of it will go with the exhibitor or parent.

**STEP THREE:** take the RFID tags home OR with you when you pick up your feeder pigs and tag the hogs. The tag will go in the hog's LEFT EAR. If you are buying your hogs, the seller may be willing to help you with the tagging. You will need to use an Allflex tagger designed for the RFID tags. If you do not have a tagger, you will need to purchase one from a local agri-business supplier. They will cost in the area of \$20 each. We do not recommend sharing the tagger between swine herds.

**STEP FOUR:** take a picture of each hog's head with the tag already in the ear. One picture per hog. Deliver a copy of that picture to the Vernon County UW-Extension Office. Or you can attach the picture to an email or put it into the email message and send it to [cdaniels@vernoncounty.org](mailto:cdaniels@vernoncounty.org) with your name and the ear tag number.

**All pigs would need to be tagged and pictures turned in by May 25th.**

*Sincerely,*

*Lloyd Hardy, Vernon County Fair Swine Superintendent*