

SHEEP AND GOAT VALIDATION OF TEXAS

September 26, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents - ANR and 4-H
Agricultural Science Teachers

SUBJECT: Texas 4-H/FFA Market Lamb, Market Goat, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goat Validation

The Texas 4-H/FFA Validation Program for market lambs, market goats, breeding sheep and breeding goats are required to be conducted from a central location or office. All validation should occur at a time, place, and date determined by the State Level County Validation Committee between **October 1st and October 31st**.

Guidelines for Market Lamb Validation, Market Goat Validation, Breeding Sheep Validation and Breeding Goat Validation are attached and are also available for download at:

<http://sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu/>

The Texas Market Lamb, Wether Dam, Market Goat, and Wether Doe Validation Program will be using electronic identification tags for the 2016-2017 show year. **All Sheep and Goats must be validated with the appropriate tag:**

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| • Market Lambs | Blue State Validation RFID Tag |
| • Wether Dams | White State Validation RFID WD tag |
| • Registered Breeding Sheep | Flock tag |
| • Market Goats | Red State Validation RFID tag |
| • Wether Does | Purple State Validation RFID WD tag |
| • Registered Breeding Boer Goats | Flock tag |

Counties that have unused tags at the completion of validation **will not** be required to return these tags to our office. These unused tags can be used at your counties discretion. If your county runs short on tags, extras must be ordered from the Texas Sheep and Goat Validation Program using the online order form at a cost of \$20 per tag through October 28, 2016. **Lambs and goats validated for the State Fair of Texas in June will have to be revalidated in October for spring 2017 shows.**

Please find enclosed the lamb and goat validation tags that you ordered for your county along with the **new** lamb, goat, breeding sheep and breeding goat validation forms. Hair sample envelopes for lambs, goats, breeding sheep and breeding goats are enclosed. Nose print cards for lambs and breeding sheep only are enclosed. **We ask that you throw away all previous validation forms and only submit your counties information on the new forms.**

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The Texas 4-H and FFA market lamb, goat, breeding sheep and breeding goat validation forms, hair samples collected for the DNA assay, nose prints (lambs and breeding sheep only), ethic policies and validation committee form should be postmarked on or before **November 8, 2016** and submitted by registered mail, return receipt requested, directly to:

**Texas Sheep and Goat Validation Program
7887 US Highway 87 North
San Angelo, TX 76901**

All unused forms and hair sample envelopes must be returned.

Thanks for your support of the 4-H/FFA Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (325) 653-4576.

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[HTTP://SHEEPANDGOATVALIDATION.TAMU.EDU](http://sheepandgoatvalidation.tamu.edu)

Attachments:

- 2016-17 Reminders and Updates
- Texas4-H/FFA Market Lamb Validation Guidelines
- Market Lamb Checksheet
- Texas 4-H/FFA Market Goat Validation Guidelines
- Market Goat Checksheet
- Texas 4-H/FFA Breeding Sheep Validation Guidelines
- Breeding Sheep and Wether Dam Checksheet
- Texas 4-H/FFA Breeding Goat Validation Guidelines
- Breeding Goat and Wether Doe Checksheet
- 2016-17 Texas 4-H/FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy
- Parental Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement
- 2016-17 Texas Sheep and Goat Validation Committee Form
- Procedures for Changing Ownership
- Procedures for DNA Assay Hair Collection
- Steps for Completing the 2016-17 Excel Report
- Texas Lamb and Goat Validation County Numbers
- Ear Tag Replacement Form