February 29, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Extension Agents and Agricultural Science Teachers

FROM: Marty Gibbs, District 7 Extension Administrator
Ty Crooks, Extension Assistant - Sheep and Goats

SUBJECT: 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Validation Tag Order - 2016 State Fair of Texas

The 4-H/FFA Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program is requesting that ear tag orders be made for the State Fair of Texas market lambs and market goats. Tag order form and payment **MUST be received in our office by the deadline, not post-marked, not in the mail, but in our hands.** Phone orders will NOT be accepted. NO REFUNDS will be issued, please order the number of tags as accurately as possible.

- **TAG ORDER FORM DEADLINE: APRIL 20, 2016**
- **TAG ORDER FORM RECEIVED BY APRIL 20TH: $10.00 EACH**
- **TAG ORDER FORM RECEIVED AFTER APRIL 20TH: $20.00 EACH**
- **MAKE ONE CHECK FOR ENTIRE COUNTY PAYABLE TO:** SHEEP AND GOAT VALIDATION OF TEXAS
- **MAIL ORDER FORM AND ONE CHECK FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY TO:** SHEEP AND GOAT VALIDATION OF TEXAS
  7887 US HIGHWAY 87 N
  SAN ANGELO TX  76901-9714

- The order form has been sent to the County Agent only
- The County Sheep and Goat Validation Chairman should complete the order form, and be responsible for ordering tags
- **Only ONE order form and check per county** will be accepted, which will include all FFA chapters and 4-H clubs

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All official validation and tagging will occur in the presence of the County Sheep and Goat Validation Committee(s). Tags and more detailed information concerning this process will be sent to the County Sheep and Goat Validation Chairman in May.

- **OFFICIAL VALIDATION AND TAGGING DATES: JUNE 1 – 30, 2016**

**Nose Prints (Lambs only):** Two nose prints per card are required on lambs. *We will NOT take nose prints on goats.* As a reminder, please purchase your nose printing materials as soon as possible. We have found that the blue ink pads available at typical office supply stores work well.

**Hair Samples (Lambs and Goats):** Hair samples for DNA identification testing are required for lambs and goats.

**Tattoos (Lambs and Goats):** The county number is required to be tattooed in the ear of both lambs and goats. Make sure you have the necessary tattoo equipment on hand.

Once you have completed your validation program, return the following items to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas:
- Validation Forms
- Nose Print Cards
- Hair Samples

- **MATERIALS POST-MARK DEADLINE: JULY 7, 2016**
- **MAIL VALIDATION FORMS, NOSE PRINT CARDS, HAIR SAMPLES TO:**
  SHEEP AND GOAT VALIDATION OF TEXAS
  7887 US HIGHWAY 87 N
  SAN ANGELO TX  76901-9714

We will continue to use the Sheep and Goat Validation Excel Reports to submit your tag information. You will download the Excel report from the Sheep and Goat Validation web page.

- **EXCEL REPORT E-MAIL DEADLINE: JULY 7, 2016**

Thank you 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.

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