

# HOW TO TAG ANIMALS

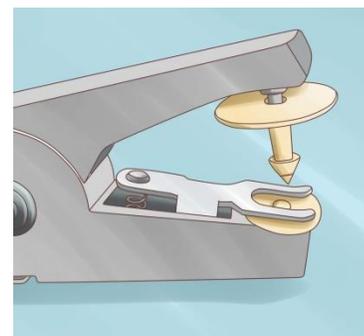
**Important Note:** If you do not own a tag applicator and need to purchase one, please remember to take a tag with you so that you purchase the correct tag applicator. If you are going to borrow another families tag applicator (not recommended), please make sure to use rubbing alcohol or a disinfectant solution to clean the jaw and pin portion of the applicator before and after use.

Tagging is an important part of animal identification as it helps a producer or farmer to identify a certain animal for reproductive and health concerns, as well as for culling and selling. Tagging an animal is very similar to a human getting their ears pierced. Learn how to properly tag your animals and maintain proper care by reading the following steps:

1. Properly secure the animal to apply the tag. Movement of the animal's head could create an undesirable situation when trying to properly apply a tag or button. This could result in injury to either the person or animal or both, and may also result in improper tagging of the animal.
2. Identify the tagging site on the animal's ear. **(AVOID VEINS WHEN TAGGING THE EAR OF ALL ANIMALS)**



3. Keep the applicator clean to prevent infection. Use rubbing alcohol or a disinfectant solution to clean the jaw and pin portion of the applicator before and after use. You should also clean the tagging area of the animal's ear.
4. Place each half of the tag or button onto the applicator. The visual panel stud must be inserted completely onto the applicator pin and the panel/button portion placed under the opposite clip.
5. Check the alignment of the tagger. This must be done before you tag. Simply close the jaw of the applicator to the point where the two halves just meet. The stud should be in line with the hole of the button or tag.
6. Position the applicator in the identified tagging site on the animals ear. Firmly and quickly close the applicator and release. You will hear a loud click when the stud goes completely into the hole, and upon releasing the tagger the tag or button will have stayed in place.
7. Examine the tag. This is to verify that it's correctly, comfortably, and securely positioned. Once satisfied, you may want to record the number of that particular animal for future reference.



If you have any questions about how to properly tag your animals, please contact the appropriate Green Lake County Fair Superintendent:

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