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Advisors,

Please ensure your Preble County Junior Fair Families have read and understood the Junior Fair Changes and Additions released in March. The information can be found on the home page of the preblecountyfair.com website. (See note about QA reminder at the bottom of this email.)

I want to highlight the following:

Just so you know, all animals, regardless of their market or nonmarket status, will be checked in at the Preble County Fair.

For Exhibitors taking Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, and Sheep, all your livestock being exhibited at the Preble County Fair **MUST** have an EID tag.

Reasoning: These tags allow for quick and accurate identification of animals using RFID readers, which saves time when managing fair check-ins and livestock shows.

Again, this rule includes all breeding and nonmarket livestock.

Sheep and Goat Exhibitors - For non-market sheep and non-market goats, EID tags are required, but the actual placement of the EID tag in the nonmarket animal's ear is dependent on those unique situations. In cases where an EID tag cannot go into the nonmarket sheep or nonmarket goat ear, the exhibitor must have that EID tag available any time the animal comes to the show ring, including Friday night breeding animal check-in.

Here is a scenario for those unique situations for sheep and goats.

1. The exhibitor or exhibitor's family member comes and purchases an EID tag at the fair office. When doing so, inform the fair office if the tag will or will not go into the nonmarket sheep or goat ear.
2. If the exhibitor indicates that the nonmarket sheep or goat has a unique situation and the EID tag will not be in the nonmarket sheep or goat's ear, the fair office will put the EID tag onto a cardholder for the exhibitor to keep, and use at the fair.

****If the animal's EID tag gets lost, notify the fair office and provide them with the animal's information so a replacement tag can be purchased.**

The cost of each EID tag is \$6. Tags for the nonmarket animals will be available at the fair office after April 15, 2025.

The fair office is here to help. If you have questions about this rule, inquiries, or clarification, please get in touch with Karen at 937-456-3748.

Lastly, please ensure that your club and chapter members know that the Preble County Extension office is offering one more in-person Quality Assurance on May 13 at 6 p.m. Contact the Preble County Extension office if you have questions regarding QA.