

2021 Regional Market Steer Tagging Update

Possession/Ownership Deadline: February 14, 2021

- To be eligible for the 2021 Knoxville Spring Junior Cattle Expo and State Beef Expo, all market steers must attend one of the below regional tagging days.

Anyone can attend any location that best fits their situation. Please read and follow all special instructions for each location and the biosecurity procedures below.

Friday, February 12, 2021

- Brehm Animal Science Arena, 2506 River Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996
- Tagging window: 6 PM to 9 PM (eastern time)
 - Do not arrive on campus until 5:30 PM to minimize traffic issues.
 - After arriving on the Ag campus, turn in front of Brehm (River Drive) and circle behind the building. Trailers should line up behind the building to avoid blocking traffic on Joe Johnson Drive and Neyland Drive. One trailer at a time will back up to the roll-up door on the side facing the vet school. Steers will be processed from one trailer and reloaded before unloading the next trailer.

Saturday, February 13, 2021

- First Farmers Co-op, 16219 TN-22, Lexington, TN 38351
- Tagging window: 8 AM to 12 PM (central time)
 - The Co-op livestock center is located directly behind the main store. Pull to the right side of the building between building and truck scales to unload, weigh, tag and reload steers.

Saturday, February 13, 2021

- Rhea County Fairgrounds, 290 Harold Robbins Lane, Evensville, TN 37332
- Tagging window: 12 PM to 4 PM (eastern time)
 - Enter fairgrounds on the driveway just past the Rhea County Health Unit. Steers will be processed in the Livestock Barn (first building on your right).

Sunday, February 14, 2021

- Williamson County Ag Expo Park, 4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN 37064
- Tagging window: 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM (central time)
 - Tagging will take place in Manier Areas (large outdoor open space)
 - [Signup.com](https://www.signup.com) in advance (between February 4 and February 11 to schedule a specific time slot for each exhibitor to arrive (2 exhibitors in a 15 minute window, approx.).

Depending on numbers from each county, scheduled times may be assigned to allow for extra travel time for counties that are traveling the farthest.

- All animal registration data will be collected via google forms to eliminate handling of paper documents and writing utensils.
- Exhibitors will be assisted in loading animals after their animals have been processed and they will leave the grounds upon completion.
- Exhibitors arriving early or waiting their turn will remain in their vehicle until the time they are directed to unload.

Tagging Day Procedures

- 840-RFID tag applied
- Tattoo applied (if necessary)
- DNA hair sample collected
- Weighed

This tagging day requirement only applies to market steers. Registered Heifers, Commercial Heifers, Prospect Steers (steers weighing less than 900 pounds at the show) and Dairy Feeder Steers will have the same deadline as the 2020 program year. If there is any chance that a presumed prospect steer will weigh 900 pounds at the show in July, it is advised to bring them to one of the tagging locations. This will cover them regardless of what they weigh in July.

- Knoxville Spring Junior Cattle Expo – March 15
- State Beef Expo – May 1

Biosecurity Procedures at each site

- Masks will be worn by the staff during the entire time. Anyone entering the facility will be required to wear a mask while they are inside the building.
- Only the youth and one other person from each group of steers will be allowed into the tagging facility. High risk individuals will be asked to refrain from attending the sites.
- Participants (as well as family/anyone) entering the building will need to complete the below self-screen in advance of attendance.
 - [Visitor and Vendor Health Self-Screening \(utk.edu\)](http://utk.edu)
- Hand sanitizer will be available to families and staff to use while they are on-site.
- Common points of contact (ie. door knobs, gate handles) will be regularly disinfected.
- Families will unload their beef steers one trailer at a time. As much as possible they will be asked to social distance themselves from other families. If necessary, we will delay unloading of steers until previous families have left the facility to minimize the number of people in the facility.
- Animal data forms will be completed by staff and given to the youth to shorten the time they are on-site and so they are not bringing forms that are handled by multiple people.

- It is expected that individual families will not spend more than 15-20 minutes on-site.
- There will be messaging that goes out to the participants in advance and will include some language that says something like ““if you are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please do not attend....””.
- We will also post reminders about masks and if you have symptoms do not come into the building.
- No payment of fees will be collected at the event. County Agents are responsible for collecting entry fees from their respective county’s exhibitors in advance of the tagging event or after the event. No handling/exchange of currency will occur at the event.