

CTYF VALIDATION GUIDELINES

Cost is \$10 per project

1. CTYF WILL USE THE TEXAS 4/H AND FFA VALIDATION PROGRAM AS A GUIDELINE FOR ALL SPECIES.
2. CTYF Validation Committee must be present:
 - a. Must consist of at least three members of the following: (one of which must be an Agricultural Science Teacher or Agriculture Extension Agent from Bosque County).
 - i. CTYF Officer
 - ii. CTYF Board Member
 - iii. Agricultural Science Teacher within Bosque County
 - iv. Agriculture Extension Agent within Bosque County
 - b. Each Committee must have one member designated as a Chairman
3. Each Exhibitor must sign and fill out:
 - a. **Ethics Policy**(one for each exhibitor)
 - b. **Validation Form** for each species
 - c. **Hair sample card**(one for each animal)
 - i. Parents must be present or **Parental Waiver** (one for each family) if parent is not present their child's advisor is responsible for completing all forms.
 - d. If there is more than one family member per project, all family members' names must be on all forms. (Siblings, step-siblings, or legally adopted may validate the same animal)
4. County ear tag must be placed in the center of the **LEFT EAR** with the tag number on the outside of the ear.
5. Hair samples for DNA identification will be obtained by collecting 30-40 hairs w/roots and placing them in the appropriate envelope.
6. Ear notches (Swine only) should be of adequate depth. Ear notches should be drawn exactly as they appear on the animal's ear and include tears, holes or other identifiable characteristics.
7. The County Number (Goats and Lambs only) will be tattooed in the right ear
8. Nose Prints (~~Goats~~ and Lambs only) will be taking, two prints on a single card with the projects ear tag number placed on the card.

**CHECK THAT ALL FORMS HAVE BEEN FILLED OUT
COMPLETELY AND LEGIBLY**