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**MEMO TO:** All Harris County AST & 4-H Club Managers

**SUBJECT:** **2010 Texas 4-H/FFA Breeding Sheep Validation**

The Texas 4-H/FFA Breeding Sheep Validation Program has been initiated for the 2010 show season. Major shows that will be using the Breeding Sheep Validation Program are the San Antonio, San Angelo, and Houston Livestock Shows. The ownership deadline for breeding sheep will be changed from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Existing breeder tag numbers and tattoos will be used. Therefore, **NO validation tags and county tattoos number will be required.** The registration number for each animal will be recorded on the validation form and a copy of the original registration papers will be required. Nose prints and hair samples will be taken on all breeding ewes and rams. All breeding sheep will be validated in individual exhibitor names and not by families as conducted on the market animal validation program. No partnerships are allowed on breeding animals.

Attached is the tag order forms for the 2010 Texas 4-H/FFA Breeding Sheep Validation. The deadline for ordering tags will be **Monday, August 24, 2009.** Tags will cost \$5.00 each. After the August 24, 2009 deadline, additional tags may be ordered at a cost of \$20.00 per tag. Late orders must be in our office by September 25<sup>th</sup> to ensure your tags at validation. 4H Clubs/FFA Chapters need to mail **ONE** chapter/club check payable to: Harris 4-H Fund and mail to Harris County 4-H, 3033 Bear Creek Drive, Houston, Texas 77084.

The validation will take place on **Monday, October 12, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Houston Farm & Ranch Club.** This will be the only day on which tagging will occur, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please note the following:

1. **ALL EXHIBITORS, PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS MUST BE PRESENT. NO ONE ELSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO SIGN FOR THESE PERSONS.**

2. All lambs will have nose prints and hair samples taken to be used in a DNA identification testing.

Please fill out the enclosed form to ensure each 4H/FFA member that has paid for a tag receives his/her tag(s) at validation.

Sincerely,

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