

**CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIR**  
**Country of Origin Affidavit/Declaration**

As an affidavit is deemed by USDA as an official record of Country of Origin, I attest through first-hand knowledge, normal business records, or producer affidavit(s) that all livestock referenced by this document or other communications specific to the transaction and transferred are of U.S. origin (born and raised in the U.S.).

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Seller Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal ID: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Seller Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **COOL for Youth Exhibitors**

The final rule of Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) came out on Jan. 16, 2009 slated to take effect March 16, 2009. This USDA rule provides consumers the knowledge and information of where their food originated. There has been much discussion on this topic since the 2002 farm bill, and it is now going into effect. This rule affects beef, lamb pork, and goats as well as other commodities like fish, nuts and ginseng.

How does this rule affect youth exhibitors? COOL does not directly regulate livestock producers, however producers have first-hand knowledge concerning the origin of their animals. Therefore, youth who purchase and or raise their animals need to know the origin of their animals, especially if sold to large-scale processors (Tyson, etc.), buying stations (Equity, etc.) or to local meat processors who sell to major retailers. Youth exhibitors may not know the final destination of their project at the time it is sold, therefore, all exhibitors should complete an affidavit of Country of Origin of their animal to be passed to the buyer of their project animal. If you purchase your project animal, it is also suggested to obtain a Country of Origin affidavit from the seller. Retain this affidavit for your own records. This provides additional evidence of the validity of the Country of Origin affidavit that the exhibitor passes to the buyer of their project animal, if it is required. There is an example form on the Extension Youth Livestock website that has all of the required information.

USDA will provide additional education and support, and this may result in changes in the program. For more information, access the USDA COOL website for these updates at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/> and click on Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), or go to the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm> and click on COOL.

In 2009 Animal ID Forms are required from ALL dairy, beef, sheep, goat and swine exhibitors. These forms are found in the back of the Fair Book and must be turned in before back tag numbers are issued. The Fair Office must keep a record of all animals exhibited at the Fair for 5 years in case of a disease outbreak. Acceptable forms of ID are: an official metal ear tag, breed registration number or breed registration tattoo. The exhibitor name and address must also be kept on file. If Animal ID Forms are not received prior to the show, placings and premiums will be forfeited and animals will immediately be removed from the fairgrounds.

For information on additional requirements for animal identification at the Crawford County Fair, please contact the Fair Coordinator at 608-412-4748 or [cctyfair@crowfordcountywi.org](mailto:cctyfair@crowfordcountywi.org).