

2023 State Fair Livestock Nomination Process

County Staff/FFA Advisor Responsibilities:

1. Request DNA collectors from the 4-H/FFA (Ryan Hassebrook) office.
2. Distribute DNA collectors to families.
3. Order EID tags from a tag supplier. *Note: Exhibitors will need a premises ID prior to ordering 840 tags.* While any tag supplier can be used, here are a couple options:
 - a. Animal Health International
Catalina Hecker, Customer Service Representative
Direct Line: 970-347-3016
Office Number: 402-562-5544
Email: catalina.hecker@animalhealthinternational.com
 - b. CSR Company
Office: 402-731-9600
4. Collect market beef, breeding beef, market swine, breeding swine, market lamb, breeding sheep, market goat and breeding goat DNA collectors by June 15. Remind families that all breeding beef, breeding gilt, breeding sheep and breeding doe online nominations are due by June 15. Copy each DNA collector for county/chapter records and mail all completed DNA collectors to the AKSARBEN, postmarked by June 20.
5. Review all livestock entries submitted online by the exhibitors in your county or FFA Chapter. Check for complete animal nomination requirements per each species identification guidelines prior to validating each entry. Validate each completed entry after review. For any entries that require an edit, please note the edit in the nomination database.
6. Inform families that all nominations have been uploaded and are available on ShoWorks for State Fair pre-entries during the registration timeframe.

Family Responsibilities:

2. Exhibitors order EID tags from a tag supplier. *Note: Exhibitors will need a premises ID prior to ordering 840 tags.* While any tag supplier can be used, here are a couple options:
 - a. Animal Health International
Catalina Hecker, Customer Service Representative
Direct Line: 970-347-3016
Office Number: 402-562-5544
Email: catalina.hecker@animalhealthinternational.com
 - b. CSR Company
Craig Schmidt, Sales Representative
Office: 402-731-9600
Email: cschmidt@csrcoinc.com
2. Exhibitors get DNA collectors from the county Extension office/FFA Advisor.

- a. Exhibitors collect the hair samples and fill out the DNA collector AND enter the required information from the DNA collectors for their market animals and breeding nominations in to the State Fair online nomination database by the required deadlines. Each DNA sample will have a fee that will be collected during the online nomination process
3. Exhibitors will turn in the DNA collectors to the county Extension office/FFA Advisor.
 - a. Exhibitors showing market animals at State Fair or AKSARBEN must have a signed and sealed official DNA collector with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office/FFA Advisor AND the required information submitted in the State Fair online nomination database by the appropriate deadline listed in the table. NOTE: Both the actual DNA collector (hair sample) and the online submission must be completed by the deadline in order for the entry to be valid; incomplete entries will not be allowed to exhibit.
 - b. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep, breeding does and breeding swine at State Fair will be nominated with an online breeding nomination. Families will review each species identification guidelines in order to have the breeding nomination contain all necessary information for State Fair eligibility for their respected organization. Families will need to have completed the online breeding nomination by the June 15 nomination deadline. NOTE: The online submission must be completed by the deadline in order for the entry to be valid; incomplete entries will not be allowed to exhibit.
 - c. Note: County paper affidavits for State Fair/AKSARBEN livestock entries is not a valid nomination and will not be accepted.
4. Families will have until the nomination deadline to edit their information.
5. Exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair from a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration in ShoWorks.