

## 2016 Livestock Identification Process

### **Principles used to guide the process:**

- Modeling industry standards to promote youth learning.
- Maintaining the integrity of the program.
- Making the process more user-friendly for families.
- Keeping costs reasonable.
- Allowing counties flexibility for local shows.
- Process will be slightly different for rabbits and poultry.

### **New for 2016:**

1. There will be no online or paper ownership affidavit requirements for State Fair entries. Paper copies for county only use can still be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/animalscienceprogrammanagement>.
2. Will be using one size visible EID tags in two colors for all market beef, market swine, market lamb, meat goat, feeder calves, breeding sheep and breeding goat animals showing at State Fair or AKSARBEN.
3. Families will be required to submit a Breeding Nomination Card for all breeding animals showing at State Fair. Breeding Nomination Cards will have a \$2 nomination fee.
4. DNA and breeding card verification will be required for all livestock animals showing at State Fair or AKSARBEN.
5. County-only animals can use EID tags or regular tags (you can order through State 4-H Office).
6. There will be no mandatory weigh-in days or group tagging.
7. Cost of DNA and EID tags will be supplemented with outside funds. We are working to keep total cost (DNA and EID tag) from \$8-10.
8. There will be a total limit of nominations by individuals including both 4-H and FFA entries to help level the playing field for those youth who are in both organizations. Entry Limits- Beef (10) Lambs (20) Swine (40) Goats (20).
9. Youth will have until August 10 (State Fair pre-entry deadline) to select whether they are showing their animal in 4-H or FFA. This could mean they show one organization at the county level and one organization at State Fair. They cannot switch between State Fair and AKSARBEN.
10. Families will be able to select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair in a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All nominated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration

## ***County Responsibilities***

1. Submit an EID tag order for State Fair/AKSARBEN livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries.
2. Submit a regular tag order for county only livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries and submit an EID tag order for county only livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries.
3. Request DNA envelopes and breeding nomination cards from AKSARBEN.
4. Distribute and collect DNA envelopes and breeding nomination cards to families. This could be done at county tagging dates.
5. Collect market beef DNA envelopes by April 15. Copy each market beef DNA envelope for county records and mail all DNA envelopes to the AKSARBEN office by April 20.
6. Collect market swine, market lamb, and market goat DNA envelopes by June 15. Collect breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding does breed nomination cards by June 15. Copy each DNA envelope and breeding nomination card for county records and mail all DNA envelopes and breeding nomination cards to the AKSARBEN office by June 20.
7. Review and validate all livestock entries for each exhibitor based off the recorded copy of the DNA envelope and/or breeding nomination card in their office.
8. Send all edits to AKSARBEN for any changes needed for their families' livestock entries.
9. Inform families that all nominations have been uploaded and is available on ShoWorks for State Fair pre-entries.

## ***Family Responsibilities***

1. Exhibitors showing market beef must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned in to their county office by the April 15 nomination deadline.
2. Exhibitors showing market swine, market lambs and market goats must have a signed and sealed official envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned in to their county office by the June 15 nomination deadline.
3. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding does at State Fair will be nominated with a breeding nomination card. The breeding nomination card will contain all information necessary for State Fair eligibility. Families will need to have completed breeding nomination cards turned in to their county office by the June 15 nomination deadline.
4. Exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair in a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All nominated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration.
5. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks.

### ***State 4-H Office Responsibilities***

1. Collect State Fair and county only tag orders from counties.
2. Submit the EID tag order with Allflex for each county and will distribute county orders once tags arrive in Lincoln.
3. Provide educational instruction on pulling DNA and tagging with EID tags.
4. Monitor the tag inventory for each county based off the numerical sequence.
5. Upload all AKSARBEN database entries to ShoWorks.
6. Announce to county staff that State Fair livestock nominations are now available in ShoWorks for State Fair pre-entry registrations.
7. Report 4-H and FFA declarations to AKSARBEN.

### ***AKSARBEN Responsibilities***

1. Provide the county office with the appropriate amount of DNA envelopes and Breeding Nomination Cards.
2. AKSARBEN will enter in all nominations in to the AKSARBEN database.
3. AKSARBEN will announce to county staff that entries have been uploaded to the database and will request that county staff validate all livestock entries.
4. AKSARBEN will make edits based off county requests and the county staff will validate the updated livestock entry information in the database.
5. AKSARBEN will submit entry lists to State 4-H.