

Polk County Animal Identification Guide for 2016

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Project	Method of Identification			DNA Collectors And Breeding Nomination Cards & ID Sheet Deadlines	Maximum # to enter at County Fair.	****Entry Deadline	
	COUNTY FAIR	STATE FAIR	AK-SAR-BEN			State Fair	AK-SAR-BEN
BEEF							
Market	4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag & DNA	EID Tag & DNA	April 15	3 with no more than two steer or heifers in any combination	August 10	August 8
Breeding	4-H Ear Tag or Tattoo & ID Sheet	Tattoo & BNC	Tattoo & BNC	June 15	3 with no more than two older than one year.	August 10	August 8
Feeder Calves	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	No Class	*4-H Ear Tag/DNA	June 15	2	No Class	August 8
Bucket Calf	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	No Class	No Class	June 15	1 (Age 8-10)	No Class	No Class
Cow/Calf Pair	4-H Ear Tag (both)& ID Sheet	No Class	No Class	June 15	1 pair	No Class	No Class
GOAT							
Market	4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag & DNA	EID Tag & DNA	June 15	4	August 10	August 8
Breeding	4-H Ear Tag or Tattoo & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag & BNC	No Class	June 15	2 Does	August 10	No Class
HORSE	I.D. Sheet Drawing	I.D. Sheet Drawing	I.D. Sheet Drawing	May 13- Dist. & St. June 1- County	No Limit	May 13 – State & District Show	August 8
SHEEP							
Market	4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag & DNA	EID Tag & DNA	June 15	4	August 10	August 8
Breeding	4-H Ear Tag OR Tattoo & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag & BNC	No Class	June 15	2 Ewes	August 10	No Class
SWINE							
Market	4-H Ear Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag & DNA	Ear Notches & DNA	June 15	6 swine total including Breed Guilt	August 10	August 8
Breeding	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	No Class	June 15	1	No Class	No Class

MORE INFORMATION ON BACK – ***IN ORDER TO SHOW AT STATE FAIR AND AK-SAR-BEN YOU MUST COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAY THE SHOW FEE'S. FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE POLK COUNTY WEB SITE AS SOON AS AVAILABLE!**

4-H Animal Exhibitor and Animal Project Regulations

Age of 4-H Exhibitor

A 4-H animal owner/exhibitor 8 to 18 years old before Jan. 1 of the current calendar year is eligible to exhibit in 4-H sponsored events. Exhibitors who are 10 before Jan.1 may exhibit at the State Fair and at the Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition.

Animal Ownership

All beef, swine and sheep project animals must be owned:

a) Solely by the 4-H exhibitor or

b) The exhibitor in partnership with the other members(s) of his or her family. Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in the care of the head of the household.

Registration Papers

For County Fair, State Fair, and Ak-Sar-Ben, registration papers must show one of the following:

a) the member's name as owner, or

b) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family (see immediate family definition above), or

c) the family farm or ranch name or parent's name

d) registration must be completed by fair date

* County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but **will not** be accepted as a form of identification for State Fair. Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (10), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20).

** BNC = Breeding Nomination Card. Animals are nominated (formerly known as identified) by the dates above.

*** Entries must be in by the dates dictated by each individual show to be eligible for exhibition at these events. In the case of State Fair, the August 8th deadline will serve as the declaration for a nominated animal to be shown in either 4-H or FFA. If an animal is entered to be shown in FFA at State Fair, it is no longer eligible for AKSARBEN. If an animal is entered in FFA, but isn't exhibited, that animal is not eligible to be exhibited at AKSARBEN. If an animal is entered in 4-H at State Fair, but is not exhibited, that animal is eligible for AKSARBEN. AKSARBEN is a 4-H livestock show.

Family Responsibilities:

1. 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 by the appropriate deadline listed in the table.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks.