2025 4-H & FFA Animal Identification Guidelines/Check List for Saline County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben Entry

Animals MUST be officially identified for (County Fair, State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben). This includes 4-H, FFA, and Clover Kids animals.
<u>Identification, DNA, and nomination do not serve as an entry. Entry is an additional step required to exhibit your animals.</u>

<u>State Fair:</u>
<u>Market Animals</u>, <u>Breeding Animals</u> AND <u>Feeder Calves</u> MUST have DNA on file at Extension Office, be nominated, paid for, and submitted via www.showstockmgr.com by the exhibit or family on or before the June 13th deadline. Entry deadline for animals is for Aug. 10 by 8 pm CST
Age requirement: State Fair: Must be <u>8-18 years of age as of</u> Jan. 1 of current year.

<u>Ak-Sar-Ben:</u>
Market Animals, Breeding Animals, AND Feeder Calves MUST have DNA on file at the Extension Office no later than June 13 and complete online nomination. Entry deadline TBA.

Age requirement: Must be <u>9-19</u> years of age on Jan. 1 of current year.
If only exhibiting at Ak-Sar-Ben and not State Fair, you must request DNA envelopes from Ak-Sar-Ben, not the Extension Office.

FFA members should visit with your chapter advisor or State Fair FFA website for ID questions.

YQCA course completion certificates for 4-H and FFA members ages 8-21 as of Jan. 1 of current year are due at the Extension Office by June 15 for exhibitors of Beef, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry & Rabbits planning to exhibit at the county fair and state fair.

MARKET ANIMALS - June 13 Deadline
Identification Requirements

Market Beef (20 head ID limit per exhibitor)
County Fair: EID tag, County Fair ID Card & entry

State Fair: EID tag, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry

Ak-Sar-Ben: EID tag, DNA, online nomination & entry

Performance Market Beef (limit 1 head) previous year bucket calf
County Fair ONLY: EID tag from 2024, County Fair ID Card & entry

Registered Market Steers – No registered steer class at county fair. All shown by weight splits.
County Fair: EID tag, County Fair ID Card & entry

State Fair: EID tag AND tattoo, registration papers, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry

Ak-Sar-Ben: EID tag, DNA, online nomination & entry

Market Goats (20 head ID limit per exhibitor)
County Fair : Scrapie tag, County Fair ID Card & entry

State Fair: Scrapie tag, Flock tag, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry

Ak-Sar-Ben: Scrapie tag, Flock tag, DNA, online nomination & entry

Market Sheep (20 head ID limit per exhibitor)
County Fair: Scrapie tag, County Fair ID Card & entry

State Fair: Scrapie tag, Flock tag, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry

Ak-Sar-Ben: Scrapie tag Flock tag, DNA, online nomination & entry

Market Swine (40 head ID limit per exhibitor)
County Fair : EID tag, County Fair ID Card & entry

State Fair: EID tag, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry

Ak-Sar-Ben: EID tag, DNA, Purebreds need reg. papers, online nomination & entry

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BREEDING ANIMALS - June 13 Deadline
Identification Requirements

Breeding Beef (Registered) – If no reg. papers at county fair the animal will show as commercial.
County Fair : Tattoo matching registration papers, County Fair ID Card & entry.
Junior Breeding Heifers must have tattoo and registration papers.
State Fair: Tattoo matching registration papers, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: Tattoo matching registrations papers, DNA, online nomination & entry

Breeding Beef (Commercial/Not registered)
County Fair: EID tag or Tattoo, County Fair ID Card & entry
State Fair: EID tag or Tattoo, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: EID tag or Tattoo, DNA, onljne nomination & entry

Performance Breeding Beef (limit 1 head) previous year bucket calf
County Fair ONLY: EID tag from 2024, County Fair ID Card & entry

Breeding Goats (Registered)
County Fair: Scrapie tag & flock tag or tattoo matching reg. papers, County Fair ID Card & entry
State Fair: Scrapie tag, Flock tag or tattoo matching registration papers, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: Scrapie tag & Flock tag or tattoo matching registration papers, DNA online nomination & entry

Breeding Goats (Commercial/Not Registered)
County Fair: Scrapie tag, County Fair ID Card & entry
State Fair: Scrapie tag, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: Scrapie tag, DNA, online nomination & entry

Breeding Sheep (Registered)
County Fair : Scrapie tag & flock tag or tattoo matching reg. papers, County Fair ID Card & entry
State Fair: Scrapie tag & Flock tag or tattoo matching registration papers, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: Scrapie tag & Flock tag or tattoo matching registration papers, DNA, online nomination & entry

Breeding Sheep (Commercial/Not Registered)
County Fair: County Fair ID Card & entry
State Fair: Scrapie tag, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: Scrapie tag, DNA, online nomination & entry

Breeding Swine
County Fair: EID tag, County Fair ID Card & Entry. Reg. Papers presented at check-in for purebred gilts.
State Fair: EID tag, registration papers, have ear notches matching reg. papers for purebreds, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: EID tag, registration papers for purebreds, DNA, online nomination & entry

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BUCKET CALF – JUNE 13 Deadline

Bucket Calf (limit 1 head)
ID Requirements:
County Fair ONLY: EID tag, County Fair ID Card & entry
State Fair: NO CLASS
Ak-Sar-Ben: NO Class

Bucket Calves must be born between January 1 and June 13 of the current year.

Enrolled 4-H Clover Kids (ages 5-7) have the same ID requirements. Bucket Calves for Clover Kids ages 5-7 must weigh under 350 lbs at county fair weigh in/check in.

FEEDER CALF – JUNE 13 Deadline

ID Requirements:
County Fair: EID tag, County Fair ID Card & entry
State Fair: EID tag, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: EID tag, DNA & entry

Feeder Calves must be born between January 1 and June 15 of the current year.

Young breeding heifers may be double nominated for County Fair & State Fair as both a feeder calf and a breeding heifer but can only be shown in ONE class and ONE division. You choose at online entry time.

COW CALF AND COW/CALF
(limit 1 pair) – JUNE 13 DEADLINE
County Fair: County Fair ID Card, Tattoo for registered cow, commercial cow can have either EID or tattoo; EID tag for calf & entry
State Fair (FFA only): Tattoo for cow; EID tag for calf, DNA, www.showstockmgr.com nomination & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: NO Class

The calf from the cow/calf pair can also be identified on the feeder calf ID form or a Breeding ID form (if female) for county fair and also entered appropriately as a feeder calf or Junior Breeding Heifer (born Jan. 1 – April 30, 2024). Can not enter for county fair as both a feeder and Junior breeding heifer. You must choose at online entry time. No changes at check-in.

HORSE – June 13 Deadline for County Fair; June 1 for State Show

Horse
ID Requirements:
COUNTY FAIR: Horse ID Form, **photos required of the horses (left side, right side, & front),** entry

(Must pass level 1 horse advancement level by JUNE 13 to be eligible to participate in county fair)

State Horse Show:
ID Requirements:
Horse ID Form, **photos required of the horses (left side, right side, & front),** & entry
(Must pass the appropriate horse advancement levels by entry time). Family must enter for State show online by deadline.

NOTES: All Market & Breeding animals and Feeder Calves MUST have A DNA envelope on file at the Extension Office by June 13 if planning to exhibit at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. Families need to come to the Extension Office to pick up DNA envelopes.

All State Fair Market & Breeding animals & Feeder Calves MUST be nominated in showstockmgr.com by June 13 to be eligible for entry into the State Fair. Nominations do not serve as an entry as entry is a separate process.

If exhibiting at Ak-Sar-Ben ONLY (not state fair), the family must order DNA envelopes directly from Ak-Sar-Ben in enough time to complete and return them to Ak-Sar-Ben by their deadline.

Premise ID – A Premise ID MUST on file at the Extension Office for any exhibitor who has animals with EID tags or Scrapie tags. More information about Premise ID is found in the next column to the right. For the Premises Type, choose "Production Unit."

An animal may be identified in 4-H in ONLY ONE COUNTY.
An animal cannot be exhibited in 4-H or FFA in more than ONE COUNTY FAIR.

RABBIT – June 13 Deadline

Rabbit
ID Requirements:
County Fair: Rabbit ID form, tattoo & entry
State Fair: Tattoo & entry
Ak-Sar-Ben: NO Class

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE TO IDENTIFY YOUR ANIMALS ON THE ID FORMS, TAG, TATOO, PULL DNA, SUBMIT YOUR STATE FAIR ONLINE NOMINATIONS, AND MAKE YOUR ONLINE COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES.

AS DNA IS NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL MARKET & BREEDING ANIMALS AND FEEDER CALVES FOR STATE FAIR, THIS PROCESS WILL REQUIRE MORE TIME FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THE DNA PROCESSING.

THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR/FAMILY, SO PLEASE MARK THESE DEADLINES ON YOUR CALENDAR OR SET A REMINDER ON YOUR PHONE CALENDAR.

Ak-Sar-Ben also requires their own online nomination which is not the same as the state fair online nomination.

LATE ID FORMS AND DNA ENVELOPES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON.

Helpful Websites

Saline County ID Forms & Requirements -
Forms can be downloaded here or picked up at the Extension Office
https://go.unl.edu/salineanimairesources

Saline County Extension
www.saline.unl.edu

Saline County 4-H Website
https://go.unl.edu/4hinsalinecounty

Nebraska 4-H
www.4h.unl.edu

Nebraska State Fair
https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair

Nebraska FFA Website for State Fair
https://neaged.org/state-fair/

Showstock Nomination Website
www.showstockmgr.com

Nebraska 4-H Horse Program
https://4h.unl.edu/horse

Premise ID Information
https://go.unl.edu/4hpremiseid

Scrapie Tags
https://go.unl.edu/scrapieinfosaline

Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show
https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)
www.yqcaprogram.org

YQCA instructor-led or online course MUST be completed every year for exhibitors of beef, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits, and poultry. YQCA course completion certificate MUST be on file at the Ext. Office by June 15th.

Age Requirement: 4-H: A 4-H animal owner/exhibitor 8 to 18 years old on January 1 of the current calendar show year is eligible to exhibit in 4-H sponsored events. Exhibitors who are 8 or older as of January 1 of the current calendar show year may exhibit at the State Fair.
4-H Clover Kids (ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1 of the current) who are officially enrolled in 4-H can identify animals of their own to exhibit in open class/clover kid fair classes (non-competitive).
FFA: Only bona fide Nebraska FFA members shall be eligible for FFA Division entries.

Animal Ownership: All beef, goats, sheep, and swine must be owned:
a) solely by the 4-H exhibitor or FFA member
b) the exhibitor in partnership with another member (s) of his/her immediate family (can be in the name of the parent). 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: MUST show exhibitor's name or a co-owner who is an immediate family member of the exhibitor's family and is listed in the online nomination in www.showstockmgr.com

Animal Identification: FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES
4-H/FFA families will tag, tattoo, identify and/or DNA sample and online nominate their own animals for exhibition at county and state levels.