2022 Animal Identification Guidelines

Project Area	Method of Identification		Limit on # Identified	ID Form Required	Limit on # of animals shown at County Fair	ID Due Date	Entry Deadline	
	County Fair	*State Fair*					*County Fair*	*State Fair/ State Horse Show*
Market Beef	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA Sample, and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	10	County Only	2 (can take 2 to Carcass but limited to 3 total)	February 5 Market Beef Weigh-in 9:00 a.m - 2:30 p.m.	July 1	August 10
Registered Breeding Beef	*Tattoo ~	*Tattoo ~ and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	No limit	County Only	Breeding Heifer total - 2	June 15	July 1	August 10
Commercial Breeding Beef	4-H Ear Tag	*Tattoo OR EID Tag ~ and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	No limit	County Only		June 15	July 1	August 10
Feeder Calves	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	20	County Only	3 (can show 2 individuals plus a 3rd animal for a Stocker-Feeder Group of 3)	June 15	July 1	August 10
Bucket Calf (Not Clover Kids)	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	20	County Only	1	June 15	July 1	No Class
Breeding Meat Goat	Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	20	County Only	3	June 15	July 1	August 10
Market Goat	Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA Sample, and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	20	County Only	3	June 15	July 1	August 10
Dairy Goats	ID Sheet Drawing or photo and Scrapie Tag	No Class	No limit	County Only	3	June 15	July 1	No Class
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	No limit	Yes	3	June 15	July 1	August 10
Horse	ID Sheet Drawing or photo	ID Sheet Drawing or photo	No limit	Yes	3	June 1 (**May 6**, if entering District or State 4-H Horse Shows)	July 1	May 6
Poultry Breeding & Production	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	N/A	July 1	August 10
Rabbit	Tattoo	Tattoo	No limit	Yes	5	June 15	July 1	August 10
Breeding Sheep	Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	20	County Only	2	June 15	July 1	August 10
Market Lambs	Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA Sample, and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	20	County Only	3 individuals	June 15	July 1	August 10
Market Swine	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA Sample, and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	40	County Only	3 individuals	June 15	July 1	August 10
Breeding Swine	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag and animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	40	County Only	4 total swine (includes market and breeding)	June 15	July 1	August 10

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*Must be identified by tattoo.

~ Calf-hood brucellosis (Bang's) tattoos are not considered as an identification tattoo.

Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H and the required projects by the county deadline in 4H Online.

2. Exhibitors showing market animals at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination (www.showstockmgr.com) along with submitting payment online by June 15. Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. (It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of completed envelope you turn into your county.)

3. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding goats at State Fair will need to complete an online nomination along with submitting payment online (www.showstockmgr.com) by the June 15 deadline.

4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by the county deadline.

5. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.

6. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.

7. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. The registration papers must show the exhibitor's name, a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family or the family farm, ranch name or parent's name.

4-H Animal Exhibitor and Animal Project Regulations

Age of 4-H Exhibitor

A 4-H animal owner/exhibitor 8 to 18 years old on Jan. 1 of the current calendar year is eligible to exhibit in 4-H sponsored events. Exhibitors who are 10 as of Jan.1 may exhibit at the State Fair. 4-H members may be certified for state and interstate shows if they meet age requirements for that event and have properly enrolled animals.

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 Aksarben, 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

Identification of Animals
  a) All animals must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate 4-H form and on file in the local extension office.
  b) An animal may be identified in only one county.
  c) An animal cannot be shown in more than one county.