# 2024 ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES

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**ID sheets for County Fair livestock entries can be found at http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/livestock-affidavits/.**

| Project Area | Nomination/Identification Requirements — The form of ID used for State Fair may also be used for the County Fair. | | Nomination Cost | Due Date | | Show Entry Deadline | |
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| | County Fair ONLY | State Fair (EID Tag is recommended in Left Ear) | | County | State Fair via Show Stock Manager | County Fair | State Fair via Showorks (8:00 pm CST) |
| Market Beef | 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag | EID Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Breeding Heifer | Registered-Tattoo Commercial-Tattoo, 4-H Tag or EID Tag | Registered-Tattoo, DNA & Online Nomination Commercial-Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Fall Feeder Calf | 4-H Ear Tag | No Class | ---- | June 15 | ----- | July 26 | ---- |
| Feeder Calf | Registered-Tattoo, 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag Commercial-4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag | EID Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Cow/Calf Pair | Cow-Tattoo or family tag Calf-4-H Tag or EID Tag | No Class | ---- | June 15 | ---- | July 26 | ---- |
| Bucket Calf | 4-H Ear Tag | No Class | ---- | June 15 | ---- | July 26 | ---- |
| 2nd Year Bucket Calf | 4-H Ear Tag from previous year | No Class | ---- | June 15 | ---- | July 26 | ---- |
| Market Swine | 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag or Ear Notches | EID Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Breeding Swine | 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag or Ear Notches | EID Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Market Sheep | Scrapie Tag | Scrapie Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Breeding Sheep | Scrapie Tag | Scrapie Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Bottle Lamb | Scrapie Tag | No Class | ---- | June 15 | ---- | July 26 | ---- |
| Market Goat | Scrapie Tag | Scrapie Tag, DNA, Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Breeding Goat | Scrapie Tag | Scrapie Tag, DNA & Online Nomination | $7.00 | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Companion Goat | Scrapie Tag | No Class | ----- | June 15 | ---- | July 26 | ---- |
| Dairy Animal | ID Sheet/Sketch, Photo or Tag | ID Sheet Drawing | ---- | June 15 | June 15 | July 26 | August 10 |
| Dairy Goat | Scrapie Tag | No Class | ---- | June 15 | ---- | July 26 | ---- |
| Horse | ID Sheet with Description/Photo | ID Sheet with Description/Photo | ---- | June 15 | June 1 | July 26 | June 1 11:59 pm CST |
| Rabbit & Poultry | No ID required | No nomination required. Rabbits will be required to have an ear tattoo by the show entry deadline. | ---- | ---- | ---- | July 26 | August 10 |

- County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but these **will not be accepted as a form of identification for State Fair**. Each exhibitor may nominate for State Fair a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (20), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20).
- Fall Feeder Calf, Cow/Calf, Bucket Calf, 2nd Year Bucket Calf, Bottle Lamb, Companion Goat and Dairy Goat projects do not have a class option at the Nebraska State Fair. *(continued on back)*

- There are State Fair entry limits for each of the individual species. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than the following for each species to State Fair: Beef (5), Swine (6), Sheep (4), Goat (4), Poultry (6), Rabbit (6).

- Review individual fairbooks for registered animal requirements as there may be additional items required to be exhibited in a breed class at State Fair, but not to be nominated.

- The due date is when all tagging is to be finished, animal information should be submitted online via the Show Stock Manager database, DNA collected and completed. DNA envelopes should be in the possession of the County Extension staff.

Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H by the county deadline in 4H Online.
2. Exhibitors will review their species fairbooks.
3. Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification. **Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission.** DNA must be turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination with payment in Show Stock Manager 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 the completed envelope you turn into your county.)
4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by the August 10.
5. Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
6. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website by August 10. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.
8. 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 or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager.**