# 2024 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.**
**Identification, DNA, and nomination do not serve as an entry. Entry is an additional step required to exhibit your animals.**

**State Fair:**
Market Animals, Breeding Animals AND Feeder Calves 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 14th deadline. Entry deadline for animals is for Aug. 10 by 8 pm CST
**NEW in 2024: Age requirement: State Fair: Must be 8 or older on Jan. 1 of current year.**

**Ak-Sar-Ben:**
Market Animals, Breeding Animals, AND Feeder Calves MUST have DNA on file at Extension Office before the June 14 deadline. Entry deadline for animals - TBA
**Age requirement: Must be 9 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 14 for exhibitors of Beef, Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry & Rabbits planning to exhibit at the county fair and state fair.**

## MARKET ANIMALS - June 14 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 & entry

**Performance Market Beef (limit 1 head) previous year bucket calf**
**County Fair ONLY:** EID tag from 2023, 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, & 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 & 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 & 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, & entry

## BREEDING ANIMALS - June 14 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, & 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, & entry

**Performance Breeding Beef (limit 1 head) previous year bucket calf**
**County Fair ONLY:** EID tag from 2023, 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 & 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 & 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 & 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 & entry

**Breeding Swine**
**County Fair: NO COUNTY CLASSES FOR BREEDING SWINE**
**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 & entry

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## BUCKET CALF – JUNE 14 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 15 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 14 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 14 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.

## FIRST CALF/COW CALF AND COW/CALF
**(limit 1 pair) – JUNE 14 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 14 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, back & front)**, entry
(Must pass level 1 horse advancement level by July 1)

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

## RABBIT – June 14 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.**

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

**NOTES:** All Market & Breeding animals and Feeder Calves MUST have A DNA envelope on file at the Extension Office by June 14. 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 14 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 – Our office must have a Premise ID on file at the Extension Office for any exhibitor who has animals with EID tags or Scrapie tags. More information at: https://go.unl.edu/premiseidsaline23 - 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.

## Helpful Websites

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

**Saline County Extension**
www.saline.unl.edu

**Saline County 4-H Website**
https://go.unl.edu/salinecone4h

**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/premiseidsaline23

**Scrapie Tag**
https://go.unl.edu/scrapietaginformation

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

**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.
**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 other member(s) of his/her immediate family (can be in 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 their own animals.