

# Animal Identification Guidelines – 2024

Female market animals (beef, sheep, swine) may be identified as both breeding and market.

Double identification DOES NOT allow the animal to be show as both breeding and market.

Read 2024 Stanton County Fairbook for complete details.

Project Area	Nomination Process		ID Sheets & DNA Due	Pre-Entry Deadline	
	County Fair ONLY	State Fair		County Fair	State Fair
<b>BEEF</b>					
Market	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Heifer	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag	Registered - Tattoo Commercial – Tattoo or EID Tag Both - <b>DNA</b> & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Feeder Calf	4-H Ear Tag	EID tag & <b>DNA</b> & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Bucket Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 1	July 8 Record Book due July 31	No Class
Cow/Calf Pair – Cow Calf	Cow – Tattoo or 4-H Tag Calf – 4-H Tag	No Class	June 1	July	No Class
<b>DAIRY CATTLE</b>	Drawing or Photo	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
<b>GOAT</b>					
Dairy	USDA Scrapie Tag**	No Class	June 1	July 8	No Class
Market	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Doe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & <b>DNA</b> & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
<b>HORSE</b>	Drawing or Photo	Horse Identification Certification	June 1	July 8	June 1
<b>POULTRY</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
<b>RABBIT*</b>	Tattoo	Tattoo	June 1*	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
<b>SHEEP</b>					
Breeding Ewe	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & <b>DNA</b> & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Market Sheep	USDA Scrapie Tag**	USDA Scrapie Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
<b>SWINE</b>					
Market Swine	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & DNA & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM
Breeding Gilt	4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag & <b>DNA</b> & Online Nomination	June 1	July 8	August 10 – 8 PM

\* Rabbit tattooing. Tattooing date – TBD. Rabbits must be tattooed by June 1.

\*\* Contact Extension Office for information on obtaining USDA scrapie tags.

**NOTE: All 4-H/ FFA BREEDING LIVESTOCK, MARKET LIVESTOCK AND FEEDER CALVES will be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible for State Fair.**

### **Additional Information**

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 a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (20), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20). There are 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).

### **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 turned into their county office by June 1 and have completed the online nomination ([www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com)) **with payment** by June 15. **Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission.** 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.)
4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) for the enrolled livestock projects by June 1.
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 exhibitors 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.**

### **County Staff Responsibilities:**

1. Submit an 840 EID tag order for beef and swine animal projects.
2. Schedule and publish weigh-in and/or tagging dates if offered in your county.
3. Request, distribute and collect DNA collectors for families. 840 EID tags should not be distributed without the premise ID being recorded in 4H Online. It is optional but recommended to record on the DNA envelope.
4. Inform families of the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training options available to them.
5. Collect all beef, swine, lamb, and goat DNA envelopes by June 1. Families will submit payment online in *Show Stock Manager*. Copy all DNA envelopes for your county records and mail all completed DNA envelopes to the AKSARBEN Stock Show office by **June 15**.
6. Remind families to confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
7. Collect Premises ID numbers from exhibitors and input those into 4H Online.
8. Review and validate all online livestock nominations in *Show Stock Manager* for each exhibitor by **July 1**.
9. Input nomination edits in to Show Stock Manager for your families. Edits will be corrected by Show Coordinator. For retags, directly notify Brandy Schulze [bschulze@unl.edu](mailto:bschulze@unl.edu) and/or input the change in Show Stock Manager.
10. Inform families that all nominations have been validated and are available for entry at the Nebraska State Fair entry website <https://www.statefair.org/> when the system is open.