

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES– 2016

ID sheets for County Fair livestock, Dairy and Horses can be found at <http://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits>. Read identification instructions under each specie.

Project Area	Nomination Process*			DNA Collectors and Breeding Nomination Cards**		Pre-Entry Deadline***		
	County Fair <u>ONLY</u>	State Fair	AKSARBEN			County Fair	State Fair	AKSARBEN
BEEF				Due to County:	State 4-H Deadline:			
Market	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag & DNA	EID Tag & DNA	March 6	April 15	July 6	August 10	August 5
Breeding	Tattoo or Family Ear Tag	Tattoo & BNC	Tattoo & BNC	June 15	June 15	July 6	August 10	August 5
Feeder Calves	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	<i>FFA Only</i>	EID Tag & DNA	June 15	June 15	July 6	-----	August 5
Bucket Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	No Class	May 2	NA	July 6	-----	-----
DAIRY								
Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	June 15	June 15	July 6	August 10	August 5
Goat	Drawing or Picture	No Class	No Class	May 20	NA	July 6	-----	-----
GOAT								
Breeding	Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag & BNC	No Class	May 20	June 15	July 6	August 10	-----
Market	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag & DNA	EID Tag & DNA	May 20	June 15	July 6	August 10	August 5
HORSE	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	May 13	May 13	July 6		
SWINE								
Market	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag & DNA	Universal Ear Notches & DNA	May 16	June 15	July 6	August 10	August 5
SHEEP								
Breeding	Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag & BNC	No Class	May 20	June 15	July 6	August 10	-----
Market	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag & DNA	EID Tag & DNA	May 20	June 15	July 6	August 10	August 5

* County offices can accept paper ID sheets for their own record keeping but **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 (10), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20).

** BNC = Breeding Nomination Card. Animals are nominated (formerly known as identified) by the dates above.

*** Entries must be in by the dates dictated by each individual show to be eligible for exhibition at these events. In the case of State Fair, the August 10th deadline will serve as the declaration for a nominated animal to be shown in either 4-H or FFA. If an animal is entered to be shown in FFA at State Fair, it is no longer eligible for AKSARBEN. If an animal is entered in FFA, but isn't exhibited, that animal is not eligible to be exhibited at AKSARBEN. If an animal is entered in 4-H at State Fair, but is not exhibited, that animal is eligible for AKSARBEN. AKSARBEN is a 4-H livestock show.

County Staff Responsibilities:

1. Submit an EID tag order for State Fair/AKSARBEN livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries.
2. Submit a regular tag order for county only livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries and submit an EID tag order for county only livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat) entries.
3. Request DNA collectors and breeding nomination cards.
4. Distribute and collect DNA collectors and breeding nomination cards to families.
5. Collect market beef DNA collectors by April 15. Copy each market beef DNA collectors for county records and mail all completed DNA collectors to the AKSARBEN office by April 20.
6. Collect market swine, market lamb, and market goat DNA collectors by June 15. Collect breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding doe nomination cards by June 15. Copy each DNA collector and breeding nomination card for county records and mail all completed DNA collectors and breeding nomination cards to the AKSARBEN office by June 20.
7. Review and validate all livestock entries for each exhibitor based off the recorded copy of the DNA collector and/or breeding nomination card in their office.
8. Send all edits to AKSARBEN for any changes needed for their families' livestock entries. **Once all edits have been received and AKSARBEN perfects the database, no further edits will be allowed.**
9. Inform families that all nominations have been uploaded and is available on ShoWorks for State Fair pre-entries.

Family Responsibilities:

1. Exhibitors showing market animals at State Fair or AKSARBEN must have a signed and sealed official DNA collector with hair samples for DNA verification turned into their county office by the appropriate deadline listed in the table.
2. Exhibitors showing breeding beef, breeding sheep and breeding does at State Fair will be nominated with a breeding nomination card. The breeding nomination card will contain all information necessary for State Fair eligibility. Families will need to have completed breeding nomination cards turned in to their county office by the June 15 nomination deadline.
3. Exhibitors will select which animal entries they have chosen to show at State Fair in a dropdown menu in ShoWorks. All nominated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for pre-entry registration.
4. 4-H and FFA youth participants will declare which youth organization they will show their animal projects by August 10 in ShoWorks.