

## 4-H ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES– 2024

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

<i>Project Area</i>	<i>Nomination Requirements</i>		<i>ID Due Date*</i>		<i>Show Entry Deadline</i>	
	<i>County Fair ONLY</i>	<i>State Fair</i>	<i>COUNTY</i>	<i>STATE 4-H</i>	<i>County Fair</i>	<i>State Fair</i>
<b>BEEF</b>						
Market	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	On county weigh date for ROG	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Registered Breeding	ID Sheet Tattoo or Family Ear Tag	Tattoo, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Commercial Breeding	ID Sheet Tattoo <u>or</u> EID Tag <u>or</u> Family Ear Tag	Tattoo <u>or</u> EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Feeder Calf	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Bucket Calf	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 3 5 PM	-----
<b>DAIRY</b> (Cattle)	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	June 15 5 PM	June 15 5 PM	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>GOAT</b>						
Registered Dairy	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag or Tattoo that matches registration papers	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 3 5 PM	-----
Grade Dairy	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag or Scrapie Tattoo	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 3 5 PM	-----
Pygmy	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	No Class	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 3 5 PM	-----
Breeding	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Market	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>HORSE</b>	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	ID Sheet Drawing or Picture	June 15 5 PM	June 1 5 PM	July 3 5 PM	-----
<b>POULTRY</b>	No ID Required	No ID Required	-----	-----	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>RABBIT</b>	ID Sheet Picture or Tattoo	Ear Tattoo by August 10	June 15 5 PM	-----	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM

<b>SHEEP</b>						
Breeding	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
Market	ID Sheet Scrapie Tag	Scrapie Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>SWINE</b> (Market)	ID Sheet 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15 5 PM	June 15 (online)	July 3 5 PM	August 10 8 PM
<b>SWINE</b> (Breeding)	-----	EID Tag, DNA, & Animal Info Submitted Online	-----	June 15 (online)	-----	August 10 8 PM

#### Additional Information

\*The ID due date is when all tagging, tattooing, pictures, etc. is to be finished, DNA envelopes and ID Sheets (available at [wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits](http://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits)) are due to the Extension Office, and animal information should be submitted online via the Show Stock Manager database ([showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com)).

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 4-H Online.
2. Exhibitors will review their species fair books.
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 nomination. DNA must be turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination with payment in Show Stock Manager by June 15. (It is recommended that you make a copy of the completed envelope you turn in to your county.) For animals carrying an 840 EID tag, exhibitors must also obtain a Premises ID. Contact your local Extension office for details.
4. Exhibitors must complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification by 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 must notify their county Extension office of any retags that may occur up until the time of check-in at the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors will select which animals they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website. All nominated and validated animals will automatically be listed as options for entry registration.
8. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed association registration paperwork to check in at State Fair for animals being shown 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.

#### County Staff Responsibilities:

1. Submit an 840 EID tag order for beef and swine animal exhibits.
2. Schedule and publish weigh-in and/or tagging dates if offered in your county.
3. Request, distribute, and collect DNA samples for families. 840 EID tags should not be distributed without the premise ID being recorded in 4-H Online. It is optional but recommended to record it on the DNA envelope.
4. Inform families of the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training options available to them (in-person and online).
5. Collect all beef, swine, lamb, and goat DNA envelopes by June 15. 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 21.
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 4-H Online.
8. Review and validate all online livestock entries for each exhibitor by July 1. Online validation is found at [showstockmgr.com](http://showstockmgr.com).
9. Input nomination edits into Show Stock Manager for your families. Edits will be corrected by the Show Coordinator. For retags, directly notify Brandy Schulze and 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.