**Livestock Identification Requirements for County and State Fair**

All livestock being shown at the county or state fair need to be registered properly with the office by May 1. All livestock need to be properly tagged (or tattooed, for registered animals; or ID papers submitted for horses) and the correct forms submitted to the office long before fair comes.

"Livestock" here includes horses, cattle (beef and dairy), sheep, goats (meat and dairy), and swine.  Rabbits and poultry and dogs follow separate rules.

**YOU MUST INFORM THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF ALL LIVESTOCK THAT WILL BE SHOWN BY MAY 1.**No matter which species, no matter whether market or breeding, no matter whether state or county tagged - you must provide the office with, at minimum, the species and tag number!  You may inform us of more animals than you will actually show, but all animals that might be shown must be identified this way.

**Showing livestock at the county fair only?**

Animals being shown only at county fair need county tags.  2021 tags are $1 each.

You will then need to turn the numbers into the extension office by **May 1**

* Beef cattle
  + Market animals must be weighed in (March 20, 2021) and get a county ear tag
  + Commercial breeding heifers must have a county tag
  + Purebred/Registered breeding heifers do not need a tag but their registration/tattoo information must be turned in
* Swine (market and breeding): get a county swine tag, report animal's gender and tag number to the office
* Sheep
  + All sheep need a valid scrapie ID
  + Market animals must be weighed in (April 25, 2021) and get a county ear tag
  + Commercial breeding animals must get a county tag
  + Purebred/Registered breeding ewes do not need a tag but their registration/tattoo information must be turned in
* Meat goats
  + All goats need a valid scrapie ID
  + Market animals must be weighed in (April 25, 2021) and get a county ear tag
  + Commercial breeding animals must get a county tag
  + Purebred/Registered breeding does do not need a tag but their registration/tattoo information must be turned in
* Dairy goats and dairy cattle
  + All goats need a valid scrapie ID
  + Commercial breeding animals must get a county tag
  + Purebred/Registered breeding animals do not need a tag but their registration/tattoo information must be turned in

**Showing at the state fair?**

If you want to show at the state fair, you will likely need to get an EID tag for your animal, collect a DNA sample, and submit nomination and declaration forms to be eligible to register.  **Nomination is not registration/entry for state fair!  It is a step BEFORE state fair entry.**

* The extension office has envelopes for DNA samples, but it is the 4-Her's responsibility to pull samples and submit to the state with payment ($8)
* **Nominating an animal is not registering it to show at the state fair!**
* Nomination forms must be signed by one of the county agents

State fair nominations have slightly different dates than county fair - but remember, if you're also showing at county, the office needs the information listed above!

More information on state fair nominations can be found at the [K-State Youth Livestock webpage](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/).

* A [YQCA certificate](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/YQCA%20Directions%20to%20Print%20Certificates.pub.png) is required with any submission.
* Individual species forms
  + [Market beef](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020%20Market%20Beef%20Nomination%20Form.pdf)
  + [Commercial heifer](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020%20Commercial%20Heifer%20Nomination%20Form.pdf)
  + [Swine](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020%20Swine%20Nomination%20Form.pdf)  (and [extra swine](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020_EXTRA_Swine%20Nomination%20Form.pdf))
  + [Sheep](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020%20Lamb%20Nomination%20Form.pdf)  (and [extra sheep](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020_%20EXTRA_Lamb%20Nomination%20Form.pdf))
  + [Meat goat](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020%20Meat%20Goat%20Nomination%20Form.pdf)  (and [extra goat](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2020%20_EXTRA_Meat%20Goat%20Nomination%20Form.pdf))

2021 Deadlines

* Beef cattle
  + Market animals must be weighed in (March 20 2021), get an EID eartag, have DNA pulled, and nomination forms submitted to the state (and county notified) by May 1
  + Commercial breeding heifers must have an EID eartag, have DNA pulled, and nomination forms submitted to the state (and county notified) by June 15
  + Purebred/Registered breeding heifers do not need an EID tag or DNA sampling, but must be in the exhibitor's name by June 15
  + Register for state fair by July 15
* Swine
  + Market and commercial breeding animals must get an EID eartag, have DNA pulled, and nomination forms submitted to the state (and county notified) by June 15
  + Purebred/Registered breeding gilts do not need an EID tag(\*\*except - registered gilts going to KJLS) or DNA sampling, but must be in exhibitor's name by June 15
  + Register for state fair by July 15
* Sheep
  + Market animals must be weighed in (April 25, 2021)
  + Market and commercial breeding animals must get an EID eartag, have DNA pulled, and nomination forms submitted to the state (and county notified) by June 15
  + Purebred/Registered breeding animals do not need an EID tag or DNA sampling, but must be in the exhibitor's name by June 15
  + Register for state fair by July 15
* Meat goats
  + Market animals must be weighed in (April 25, 2021)
  + **All meat goats must be nominated and get an eID tag, even if they're purebred/registered.**
  + All meat goats must get an EID eartag, have DNA pulled, and nomination forms submitted to the state (and county notified) by June 15
  + Register for state fair by July 15

Beef EID tags are $4 each.  Sheep, goat, and swine tags are $3.25 each.

**State Fair Pre-Entry**

After nomination but before the Doniphan County Fair, market livestock showmen hoping to compete at the state fair must submit pre-entries.  **These pre-entries are mostly due July 15 2021.**  4-Hers or 4-H families must enter on their own; the county will then confirm the entry.

Dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry entries are due to the state office **August 15** and must be done through the extension office.  Please get us your entries EARLY!