

## 2013 Kansas Livestock Nomination Guidelines

*Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) ear tags are now required for the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show.*

In order to show at a state show in Kansas (Kansas State Fair (KSF) or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS)) you must first nominate your animal.

**What is a nomination?** A nomination is documentation that you have owned, possessed and cared for your animal since a certain date in order to show at a state show.

**How are the nomination dates set?** The nomination dates are set by minimal guidelines set forth by Kansas 4-H on how long you should own, possess and care for your animal to have gained the optimal experience. In addition, the KSF and KJLS Board of Directors agree on these dates.

### **What are the nomination dates?**

May 1 Market Steers and Market Heifers

June 15 Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, Market Goats, and Commercial Does.

**How do I know what to turn in?** The Youth Livestock Program has compiled a list of everything needed by each species.

**What is the Nomination Declaration form?** The nomination declaration form is required by all families wishing to show at Kansas State Shows. This form states the family name along with who is able to show within that family. In addition, it lists where the animals are kept, and also has a statement about possession, ownership and care of the animals. It must be signed by all individual exhibitors, a parent and extension agent/advisor.

**Is a Nomination the same as an entry for the show?** NO. You must first nominate your animal in order to declare that you own, possess and care for them. Then you must actually enter that animal for the show. You must do both of these things in order to show. *Nominations are sent to the K-State Youth Livestock Program office, but the entries for KSF and KJLS are sent directly to the respective Livestock Show offices.*

**How will I know if my Nomination is complete?** Once your nomination is put into the nomination database you will receive a letter in the mail from the Youth Livestock Program. This letter will list all of the animals that we have in the system from you. If you are missing information it will tell you what you are missing and how to fix that issue. In addition, we post the nomination information on our website [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) under Nominated Livestock so you can see if your nomination is complete. We update this very often during the nomination process and highly recommend that you use this tool.

**What if I don't get everything in the first time?** If your confirmation letter states that something is missing or wrong, **there is a one-time fee of \$10.00**. This includes, declaration form, missing contact information, breed, sex, date of birth, DNA Envelope, ear tag number, and signatures (exhibitor, parent and agent/advisor).

**Where do I get ear tags and DNA envelopes?** Ear tags and DNA Hair Sample envelopes can be obtained from your local Extension Office. In the event that your local Extension Office does not have either on hand, please call 785-532-1264 or email [cowers@ksu.edu](mailto:cowers@ksu.edu). One type of envelope is available for all species. Be sure to circle the correct specie from which you pulled hair and write the ear tag number on the envelope. **DO NOT CUT THE HAIR.** DNA must be submitted in an official DNA envelope and must have at least one parent's signature in addition to the exhibitor's.