

# Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process

## Nomination Checklist – By Specie

I have a market steer or market heifer to nominate, what do I submit?

- Exhibitor Information Online** (via Exhibitor or Family Quick Group in ShoWorks: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>)
  - *Returning Exhibitors* – use existing account created in 2022; do NOT create duplicate account.
- Completed 2023 Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Form available [here](#).
  - If you answered “No” for the housing question, fully complete Section 2, including:
    - ✓ specie(s)
    - ✓ description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence
  - Upload into ShoWorks system for each exhibitor within family
- YQCA Certificate** (upload into ShoWorks system when prompted for each exhibitor; must be valid thru 10/1/2023).
- Animal is tagged by May 1** with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
  - ✓ Contact your local extension office if calf has an existing 840 EID tag upon purchase.
- Animal Nomination Entry Online by May 1**: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>
  - Department - Cattle      • Division – Market Beef      • Breed      • Tag Number
  - Club (exhibitor’s county or FFA chapter)      • Animal Gender      • Housing Location
  - Make sure 4-H tag number in animal’s ear matches Animal ID on DNA and Tag ID in system.
  - Enter animal nomination under each exhibitor within the family.
- DNA Envelope**
  - Purchase online by April 20 via ShoWorks (payment of nomination fee). Non-refundable.
  - Collect DNA hair sample – hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
  - All exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- Mail DNA** - All of the above must be **completed** & DNA **postmarked** by **May 1**.
  - Certified Mail *highly* encouraged.
  - Include copy of submission receipt (with Tag IDs listed) from ShoWorks with DNA envelope(s).

I have a heifer that I would like to nominate as BOTH a commercial heifer AND a market heifer, what do I submit?  
*\*No market heifer division available at KJLS; only state fair.*

- Exhibitor Information Online** (via Exhibitor or Family Quick Group in ShoWorks: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>)
- Completed 2023 Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Form available [here](#).
  - If you answered “No” for the housing question, fully complete Section 2, including:
    - ✓ specie(s)
    - ✓ description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence
  - Upload into ShoWorks system for each exhibitor within family
- YQCA Certificate** (upload into ShoWorks system when prompted for each exhibitor; must be valid thru 10/1/2023).
- Animal is tagged by May 1** with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
  - ✓ Contact your local extension office if calf has an existing 840 EID tag upon purchase.
- Animal Nomination Entry Online by May 1**: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>
  - Submit animal under both market beef and commercial breeding heifer divisions.
  - Department - Cattle      • Division – Market Beef & Commercial Breeding Heifer      • Breed      • Tag Number
  - Club (exhibitor’s county or FFA chapter)      • Animal Gender      • Housing Location      • DOB
  - Make sure 4-H tag number in animal’s ear matches Animal ID on DNA and Tag ID in system.
  - Enter animal nomination under each exhibitor within the family.
- DNA Envelope**
  - Purchase online by April 20 via ShoWorks (payment of nomination fee) – only need one (1) envelope/animal.
  - Collect DNA hair sample – hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
  - All exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- Mail DNA** - All of the above must be **completed** & DNA **postmarked** by **May 1**.
  - Include copy of submission receipt (with Tag IDs listed) from ShoWorks with DNA envelope(s). No refunds.
  - Certified Mail *highly* encouraged.

I have a **commercial heifer** to nominate, what do I submit?

- Exhibitor Information Online** (via Exhibitor or Family Quick Group in ShoWorks: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>)
- Completed 2023 Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Form available [here](#).
  - If you answered “No” for the housing question, fully complete Section 2, including:
    - ✓ specie(s)
    - ✓ description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence
  - Upload into ShoWorks system for each exhibitor within family
- YQCA Certificate** (upload into ShoWorks system when prompted for each exhibitor; must be valid thru 10/1/2023).
- Animal is tagged by June 15** with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
  - ✓ Contact your local extension office if calf has an existing 840 EID tag upon purchase.
- Animal Nomination Entry Online by June 15:** <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>
  - Department - Cattle      • Division – Commercial Breeding Heifers      • Tag Number
  - Club (exhibitor’s county or FFA chapter)      • DOB      • Housing Location
  - Make sure 4-H tag number in animal’s ear matches Animal ID on DNA and Tag ID in system.
  - Enter animal nomination under each exhibitor within the family.
- DNA Envelope**
  - Purchase online by June 5 via ShoWorks (payment of nomination fee). Non-refundable.
  - Collect DNA hair sample – hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
  - All exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- Mail DNA** - All of the above must be **completed & DNA postmarked by June 15**.
  - Certified Mail *highly* encouraged.
  - Include copy of submission receipt (with Tag IDs listed) from ShoWorks with DNA envelope(s).

I have a **market hog or commercial breeding gilt** to nominate, what do I submit?

- Exhibitor Information Online** (via Exhibitor or Family Quick Group in ShoWorks: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>)
- Completed 2023 Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Form available [here](#).
  - If you answered “No” for the housing question, fully complete Section 2, including:
    - ✓ specie(s)
    - ✓ description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence
  - Upload into ShoWorks system for each exhibitor within family
- YQCA Certificate** (upload into ShoWorks system when prompted for each exhibitor; must be valid thru 10/1/2023).
- Animal is tagged by June 15** with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
  - ✓ Contact your local extension office if hog has an existing 840 EID tag upon purchase.
- Animal Nomination Entry Online by June 15:** <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>
  - Department – Swine      • Division – Market Hog and/or Commercial Breeding Gilt
  - Breed      • Tag Number      • Club (exhibitor’s county or FFA chapter)      • Ear Notch
  - Animal Gender      • Housing Location
  - Make sure 4-H tag number in animal’s ear matches Animal ID on DNA and Tag ID in system.
  - Enter animal nomination under each exhibitor within the family.
- DNA Envelope**
  - Purchase online by June 5 via ShoWorks (payment of nomination fee). Non-refundable.
  - Collect DNA hair sample – hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
  - All exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- Mail DNA** - All of the above must be **completed & DNA postmarked by June 15**.
  - Certified Mail *highly* encouraged.
  - Include copy of submission receipt (with Tag IDs listed) from ShoWorks with DNA envelope(s).

I have a market lamb or commercial ewe to nominate, what do I submit?

- Exhibitor Information Online** (via Exhibitor or Family Quick Group in ShoWorks: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>)
- Completed 2023 Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Form available [here](#).
  - If you answered “No” for the housing question, fully complete Section 2, including:
    - ✓ specie(s)
    - ✓ description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence
  - Upload into ShoWorks system for each exhibitor within family
- YQCA Certificate** (upload into ShoWorks system when prompted for each exhibitor; must be valid thru 10/1/2023).
- Animal is tagged by June 15** with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- Animal Nomination Entry Online by June 15:** <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>
  - Department – Sheep                      • Division – Market Lamb and/or Commercial Breeding Ewe
  - Breed                      • Tag Number                      • Club (exhibitor’s county or FFA chapter)                      • Scrapie Tag Number
  - Animal Gender                      • Housing Location
  - Make sure 4-H tag number in animal’s ear matches Animal ID on DNA and Tag ID in system.
  - Enter animal nomination under each exhibitor within the family.
- DNA Envelope**
  - Purchase online by June 5 via ShoWorks (payment of nomination fee). Non-refundable.
  - Collect DNA hair sample – hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
  - All exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- Mail DNA** - All of the above must be **completed & DNA postmarked by June 15**.
  - Certified Mail *highly* encouraged.
  - Include copy of submission receipt from ShoWorks with DNA envelope(s).

I have a meat goat (ALL wethers and does) to nominate, what do I submit?

- Exhibitor Information Online** (via Exhibitor or Family Quick Group in ShoWorks: <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>)
- Completed 2023 Declaration Form**, including all sections and signatures.
  - Form available [here](#).
  - If you answered “No” for the housing question, fully complete Section 2, including:
    - ✓ specie(s)
    - ✓ description of how you will care for animals not housed at your primary residence
  - Upload into ShoWorks system for each exhibitor within family
- YQCA Certificate** (upload into ShoWorks system when prompted for each exhibitor; must be valid thru 10/1/2023).
- Animal is tagged by June 15** with a Kansas 4-H Electronic Identification (EID) tag.
- Animal Nomination Entry Online by June 15:** <https://kansasnom.fairwire.com/>
  - Department – Meat Goat                      • Division – Market Meat Goat and/or Breeding Doe
  - Tag Number                      • Club (exhibitor’s county or FFA chapter)                      • Scrapie Tag Number
  - Animal Gender                      • Housing Location
  - **\*ALL MEAT GOATS must be nominated to show – no registered breeding or purebred division.**
  - Make sure 4-H tag number in animal’s ear matches Animal ID on DNA and Tag ID in system.
  - Enter animal nomination under each exhibitor within the family.
- DNA Envelope**
  - Purchase online by June 5 via ShoWorks (payment of nomination fee). Non-refundable.
  - Collect DNA hair sample – hair must be pulled, not cut. Obtain at least 40 follicles.
  - All exhibitors within the family and a parent/guardian must sign the front of the DNA envelope.
- Mail DNA** - All of the above must be **completed & DNA postmarked by June 15**.
  - Certified Mail *highly* encouraged.
  - Include copy of submission receipt from ShoWorks with DNA envelope(s).

I have a **purebred, registered breeding heifer, registered breeding ewe, or pedigreed/purebred breeding gilt**, what do I submit?

- Heifers** and **gilt**s must be registered in exhibitor's name no later than **June 15** of the current year. Refer to the show rules and breed association for junior exhibitor guidelines.
- Ewes** must be registered in exhibitor's name no later than **July 1** of the current year. Refer to the show rules and the breed association for junior exhibitor guidelines.
- YQCA certification is required** for all exhibitors, including those only showing registered breeding females. Youth certification verification will be submitted as part of the online entry process for each show in which the exhibitor officially enters and plans to participate. Training needs to be complete by June 15.
- Registered Heifers must be identified with a permanent tattoo corresponding with registration papers.
- Registered Does **MUST** be nominated to be eligible to show; see market meat goat checklist for requirements.
- No nomination materials are required for Registered Heifers, Registered Breeding Ewes, and Pedigreed/Purebred Breeding gilts. Exhibitor's need to submit their entries online and pay the entry fees by the show deadline.
- Registered Heifers, Registered Breeding Ewes, and Pedigreed/Purebred Breeding gilts **do not** need to submit DNA hair samples, or be nominated through the online system.
- Pedigreed/Purebred Breeding Gilts need to be tagged with a Kansas 4-H EID tag to exhibit at KJLS.

**Mail DNA envelopes and copy of online nomination submission receipt with animals listed to:**

**Kansas State University  
Department of Animal Sciences & Industry  
State 4-H/FFA Shows  
Attn: Lexie Hayes, Youth Livestock Coordinator  
214 Weber Hall  
1424 Claflin Road  
Manhattan, KS 66506**

*\*A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. It only makes market animals and commercial breeding females eligible. Exhibitors must separately enter each show in which they would like to participate, including paying the show entry fees, using the unique show entry link provided by the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS. Visit each show's website for rules and entry information.*

**Kansas State Fair Grand Drive - <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/2020-special-edition-4-h--ffa-grand-drive>**

**Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) - <http://www.kjls.net/>**

