

# Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process



## 2023 Updates



### [Use Existing ShoWorks Exhibitor Accounts for Nominations](#)

We transitioned to an online nomination system in 2022, which streamlined the process from nomination through exhibition. Exhibitors who created an account and state nominated a market animal or commercial breeding female last year need to use their existing account for this year. Please do NOT create a new account, unless you truly are a family nominating for the very first time. If you need help accessing an account from last year, you may request a password reset through the system or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning families will verify their contact information, update the exhibitor's age and YQCA #, then continue through the system.

### [Official DNA Envelope Reminder](#)

Families will pay their nomination fee by purchasing official DNA envelopes online through ShoWorks. Envelopes that were purchased last year (2022) are still valid. Old DNA envelopes (2021 and before) will not be accepted. The new envelopes include all of the information necessary to enter each animal into the system, as well as a place for the barcode sticker, which families need to request from their extension office.

### [DNA Envelope Order Deadlines Changed](#)

The deadline to order DNA envelopes has been moved up to increase the amount of time families have to receive and collect their DNA samples prior to the nomination deadline. Orders will now be due 10 days prior to the nomination deadline: Market Beef – April 20; Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers – June 5. With this adjustment, an option has been added for expedited shipping. Orders will continue to be filled after the DNA order deadline, but families will need to add to their cart and pay the \$50 expedited shipping fee to have them overnighted. This is in addition to the cost of each DNA envelope. Continuing from last year, families may also pick up their DNA envelopes, if they notify Lexie immediately after placing their order online, to arrange a pick up date and time.

### [Declaration Form Updated – Typed Signatures Accepted](#)

The Declaration Form has been updated to accept electronic signatures, including typed and system generated, as well as physical hand-written signatures. An acknowledgement statement has been included notifying families that any of the above signature options they choose, for exhibitors and parents/guardians, will be legally binding. Families will need to complete the form, save it, and upload it into ShoWorks under each exhibitor within the family. The system will prompt exhibitors to upload their YQCA certificate and Declaration Form simultaneously upon submitting their first animal nomination entry. Forms should be read in their entirety before being signed by the appropriate parties.

**Reminder** – if animals are not housed at the exhibitor's primary residence, this must be disclosed on the Declaration Form and explained in Section 2.

### [Dual Nomination Checkbox Option Piloted for Gilts, Ewes, & Does](#)

This year there will be an option to dual nominate gilts, ewes, and does by using a sliding checkbox, under the market division for each specie, rather than entering the information twice (once under each division). Dual nomination means the animal is nominated both in the market division and in the commercial breeding division. Therefore, they are eligible to be entered by an exhibitor and shown in either division for the Grand Drive and/or KJLS. This option is only available in the system under the market division. Families who wish to take advantage of this option will need to nominate all of their gilts, ewes, and does under the market division, and then move the "Dual Nom (Mkt & Com)" slider button to the blue "YES" on the bottom of the page. Doing this will make them available in the show entry system as a commercial breeding female as well. All animals will still need to be entered under all eligible exhibitors within a family.

*Please keep in mind this option is in a pilot phase and future use will be evaluated and determined at the conclusion of the 2023 project year.*

### [ShoWorks Passport App](#)

ShoWorks is the online entry system used by both state shows. Families are encouraged to download and use the new ShoWorks passport app. It allows you to manage exhibitors and entries across multiple shows, as well as receive notifications directly to a mobile device!

### [Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Rules Changes](#)

The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive is transitioning to a fit show for the market animal and breeding divisions. Showmanship will remain a “no fit, blow and go” show. There are also changes for cattle exhibitors related to fitting chutes and tie outs. Refer to the Grand Drive rules for additional details.

### [KJLS Rule Changes](#)

KJLS will be adding Poland China and Spot divisions to the swine show. Families may select those specific breeds in the nomination system, rather than classifying those pigs as Dark AOB. The weight limit for market hogs has also increased to 305 pounds. Breeding does will no longer need to be slick shorn. Refer to the 2023 KJLS rules for additional details.

### [“Worksheets” Available](#)

A “worksheet” is available on the website, for each specie, to be used as a guide to organize animal information before entering it into ShoWorks. These forms are NOT to be mailed and will NOT be accepted as valid nomination submissions. They are simply a resource for those who want to visualize their nominations and make sure an animal doesn’t get overlooked upon entering them in the system.