

KANSAS STATE YOUTH LIVESTOCK NOMINATION PROCESS



2026 UPDATES



CREATE NEW ACCOUNT FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

All exhibitors will need to select “I am a new exhibitor” and create a new exhibitor account through ShoWorks this year. Even if the young person has nominated in previous years, a new account needs to be created at the beginning of 2026. The only exception is those who will be using the Passport App. Families will need their official KSU Family Name and Nomination #, as well as the new YQCA certification number to create an exhibitor’s account. This information is posted via the KSU Family Nomination Name and Number List posted on the [Nomination Information](#) page of the website.

Reminder – **all exhibitors** who plan to show **need their own ShoWorks exhibitor account**. Animals must be nominated under each child a family would like to be eligible to enter and exhibit that animal. It is highly encouraged to submit all animals under all kids. Families who have two (2) kids and three (3) animals should enter all three (3) animals under each child’s ShoWorks account during nomination. Then, either child may enter the animal for a state show.

ORDER OFFICIAL DNA ENVELOPES IN ADVANCE

Families will need to purchase official DNA envelopes online through ShoWorks, for each animal in which they plan to nominate. Envelopes that were purchased in 2022 – 2025 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 provide a place for the barcode sticker, which families need to request from their local extension office. Everyone is encouraged to order DNA envelopes as early as possible. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is **10 days prior** to the nomination deadline for each specie:

Market Beef – April 20

Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers – June 5

EXPEDITED SHIPPING OPTIONS

There is a new option this year for families to pay an additional \$10 for Priority Shipping of DNA envelopes. Priority Shipping provides an estimated 3-5 day delivery through USPS and tracking. There is also a \$50 option for overnight shipping via FedEx. Orders will continue to be filled a few days after the DNA envelope order deadline, but families must pay the \$50 expedited shipping fee to have them overnighted. This is in addition to the cost of each DNA envelope.

DNA envelope orders will continue to be shipped using standard USPS mail at no additional cost. The above are optional for expedited shipping. DNA envelopes may also be picked up in-person from the KSU Youth Livestock Program Office the next business day after placing the order online.

4-H COUNTY AND FFA CHAPTERS AVAILABLE UNDER CLUB DROP-DOWN LIST

Each exhibitor must select the “CLUB” in which they participate and intend to show. For 4-H members, this is their local **county**. FFA Chapters are available in the system under the county in which they are located. It is vitally important families select the appropriate “Club” for each exhibitor.

USE CHECKBOX UNDER MARKET DIVISION FOR DUAL NOMINATED FEMALES

Exhibitors will continue to have the 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 both the market and commercial breeding division). Dual nomination means the animal is eligible to be entered by an exhibitor in either division for the Grand Drive and/or KJLS. The decision will be made during show entry. Livestock may only be shown in one division.

KANSAS STATE FAIR GRAND DRIVE CHANGES

Hair Sheep have been added to both the market and breeding divisions of the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive. Refer to the 2026 [Grand Drive](#) rules and schedule for more information.

KJLS CHANGES

Landrace and Chester White are new swine breeds in the market and breeding divisions of KJLS. Gelbvieh has also been added to the breeding heifer show. The minimum weight for market goats will be 50 pounds. The shows will be full fit beginning this year. Several scheduling changes will also be implemented. Refer to the 2026 [KJLS](#) rules and schedule for more information.