

Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process



2022 Updates



[New Online Nomination System](#)

Exciting news – we have transitioned to an online nomination system for 2022! This will streamline the process from nomination to entry, but both steps will continue to be required to be eligible to show. Families will pay their nomination fee through purchasing DNA envelopes in advance, submit exhibitor and animal information online through ShoWorks, then mail the signed DNA samples and a receipt of animals entered online by the deadline. No more paper forms! Animals will need to be submitted under each exhibitor in the family, as well as each division in which the family wants the animal to be eligible (example – enter a gilt as a market hog & commercial breeding gilt). Extension agents and FFA advisors will approve nominations online. Families will need to plan ahead to be successful in this transition! Everyone is also encouraged to use the Rookie Guide this year, as it has valuable information, including step-by-step instructions.

[New DNA Envelopes](#)

Families will pay their nomination fee by purchasing official DNA envelopes online through ShoWorks. Old DNA envelopes 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. DNA Envelope orders will close one week prior to the nomination deadline for each specie (Market Beef – April 24; Small Livestock – June 8).

[ShoWorks Passport App](#)

ShoWorks is the online entry system used by both state shows. This system is also being used to submit nomination data online. Once families create an account for each child to nominate animals, they will be ready to quickly login and enter those exhibitors in each show. 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!

[Livestock Quality Assurance Requirement \(YQCA\) Continues for ALL Exhibitors](#)

ALL Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training to be eligible for either state show. This national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Youth 7 and older (as of 1/1/2022) will need to participate in YQCA training annually, either through an instructor-led training or the online course. Members who are 7 years old need to attend an instructor-led course with a parent/guardian. The requirement for 7-year-olds exhibiting at KJLS went into effect last year (2021).

A copy of each child's YQCA certificate needs to be downloaded from the YQCA system upon course completion. It will be uploaded into the ShoWorks system during the nomination process. Nominations submitted without a YQCA certificate will be considered incomplete. Please visit www.yqcaprogram.org to register for training.

[Declaration Form Updated](#)

The Declaration Form has been updated by removing the agent signature. 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. 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.

[Berkshire, Poland China, and Spot Divisions Added to Swine](#)

The state fair will be adding Berkshire, 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.

["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.