

2018 UPDATES

KANSAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK NOMINATION PROCESS

Commercial Heifer Tattoo Requirement Removed

Tattoos are no longer required to nominate or show commercial heifers. Kansas 4-H EID tags and DNA samples will continue to be required.

Declaration Form Verbiage Updated

The Declaration (Housing) Form has been modified, particularly the verbiage in Section 3. 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.

County Agent/Advisor Signature Line Verbiage

The word "active" has been included in the signature line statement for county agents and FFA advisors to more closely reflect Kansas 4-H Policy and coincide with the 4HOnline enrollment system. Verbiage relating to payment of the program fee for 4-H members and dues for FFA members has also been added. The paperwork needs to be signed by a county extension agent for 4-H members and an FFA advisor for FFA members.

"Extra" Forms Reinstated

The "extra" nomination forms for swine and sheep have been reinstated. Please keep in mind that this form is ONLY to be used in ADDITION to the regular swine or sheep form to nominate more animals than there is space (more than 4 or 5, respectively). Therefore, if only the "extra" form is submitted, it will be returned to the family as incomplete and require payment of the \$20 incomplete fee to correct it.

Livestock Quality Assurance Requirement

Swine exhibitors are required to be certified in Youth PQA Plus or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Current numbers must be submitted on the swine nomination form. The Youth PQA Plus program will retire on May 31, 2018. After that date, any child needing quality assurance certification will need to complete the YQCA program. Youth PQA numbers will be honored until they expire. For youth who complete YQCA, a copy of the certificate needs to be attached to the Declaration Form.

**Beginning in 2019, YQCA will be required for all youth livestock exhibitors at the Kansas State Fair and KJLS, regardless of specie. All families are encouraged to learn about this program over the next year and prepare to fulfill the requirement in 2019.*

Optional Additional Information on DNA Envelopes

Families are encouraged to include the breed and a secondary form of identification, depending on the species, in the lower right hand corner of the front of their DNA envelopes. This could include tattoo, ear notches, and scrapie tag #s.

Ear Notch and Scrapie Tag Requirement Continues

Continuing in 2018, the ear notches for all swine nominated must be included on the swine nomination form. Exhibitors need to draw the ear notches exactly as they appear in the pig's ear for each animal nominated, in addition to writing the notch number in the field provided. Scrapie Tag #s are also required for all sheep and meat goats nominated. The full scrapie tag number, including Flock ID/Premise ID number and individual animal number, must be submitted (Example: KSS0035 16121). Please refer to the Rookie Guide for further information about either form of identification.

Breed Additions

Kansas State Fair – Swine: Berkshire (market and breeding division)
KJLS – Sheep: Hair Sheep (market division)