

Animal Identification Procedures

**-County Fair ID Sheets are Due June 15 to the Extension office
-Fremont Fair, State Fair, and Ak-Sar-Ben ID Sheets Due on Another Date**

4-H members participating in the following projects must comply with the identification procedures. Please take note of the variance between the species.

Species	County Policy	State Policy
Dog	No Identification Required	No Identification Required
Cat	No Identification Required	No Identification Required
Small Animal	No Identification Required	No Identification Required
Poultry	No Identification Required	No Identification Required Ak-Sar-Ben Broilers are banded when purchased.
Rabbit	No Identification Required	State Fair requires rabbits to be tattooed by June 15.
Horse	--Exhibitors must submit proper identification papers by June 1 --Exhibitors must submit their District Horse Show entry and proper I.D. on date determined by State Horse Specialist. (sometime in May)	--Exhibitors must submit proper identification papers by June 1. --Exhibitors must submit their District Horse Show entry and proper I.D. on date determined by State Horse Specialist. (sometime in May)
Dairy	Exhibitors must submit proper identification papers by June 15	State is the same as county policy.
Swine	Exhibitors must submit proper identification papers by June 15	State is the same as county policy. Sheep which will be exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben are required to be DNA sampled.
Sheep	Exhibitors must submit proper identification papers by June 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Market lambs must be tagged with a 4-H ear tag. <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding ewes: Registered ewes may use the flock tag or tattoo, Commercial ewes must be tagged with a 4-H ear tag.	State is the same as county policy. Sheep which will be exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben are required to be DNA sampled.
Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket calves <input type="checkbox"/> Feeder Calves <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding Heifers	Exhibitors must submit proper identification papers by June 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket calves may fill out an identification form at the Extension office using herd tag. A 4-H ear tag is not required to show at county or at Fremont. <input type="checkbox"/> Feeder calves must be identified with a 4-H tag. <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding heifers must be identified by tattoo. Junior Breeding Heifers can be shown at County Fair and at Ak-Sar-Ben.	State allows breeding heifers who are properly identified to exhibit. Ak-Sar-Ben allows breeding heifers, junior breeding heifers, and feeder calves which are properly identified to exhibit. Note: There is an age restriction on exhibitors for these two shows.
Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Market Heifers <input type="checkbox"/> Market Steers	Market beef animals must be brought to county weigh day to be tagged and weighed.	Animals which will be exhibited at Norfolk, State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben are required to be tagged, weighed and nose-printed. Animals which will be exhibited at Ak-Sar-Ben are required to be DNA sampled.

*Pay attention to the Newsletter for animal identification updates.

Quality Assurance Must Be Certified Before June 14

The Nebraska 4-H Program is REQUIRING members (8-18 years old) exhibiting beef, bucket calf, sheep, swine, dairy cattle and/or goats to be trained in Quality Assurance (QA). This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and will be implemented into the Washington County 4-H Program. Therefore, youth exhibiting beef, bucket calf, sheep, swine, dairy cattle and/or goats at the Washington County Fair, Fremont 4-H Fair, Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition are required to be QA certified by June 15, 2006 to be eligible to exhibit.

Quality Assurance certification will be good for a one-year term. Therefore, all 4-H and FFA members who were Pork Quality Assurance trained and certified in the past will need to be certified in Quality Assurance before June 15, 2006. Exhibitors must be certified before the show season or they will NOT be allowed to exhibit their livestock at this year's shows; Washington County Fair, Fremont 4-H Fair, Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition.

Specific Requirements / Age & Procedures

Ages 8 - 11 on January 1 of current year.

- ✓ Attend yearly training session

Ages 12 -14 on January 1 of current year

- ✓ Attend yearly training session OR
- ✓ Take and pass "Intermediate" level written test (done until 15 years old)

Ages 15 - 18 on January 1 of current year

- ✓ Attend yearly training session OR
- ✓ Take and pass "Senior" level written test (done for 4-H career)