

Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process

2024 Updates



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

State Livestock Nominations transitioned to an online system in 2022. Exhibitors who state nominated a market animal or commercial breeding female last year need to use their existing ShoWorks account this year. Do NOT create a new account, unless you truly are a family nominating for the very first time or adding a brand new exhibitor to the family. For help accessing an account, request a password reset in the system or contact the [Youth Livestock Program](#) for assistance. Exhibitors will verify their contact information, update their age and 2024 YQCA #, then continue through the system.

[Order Official DNA Envelopes in Advance](#)

Families will pay their nomination fee by purchasing official DNA envelopes online through ShoWorks. Envelopes that were purchased in 2022 or 2023 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. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is **10 days prior** to the nomination deadline: **Market Beef – April 20; Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers – June 5**. There is also an option for expedited shipping. Orders will continue to be filled after the DNA 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. Families may also pick up their DNA envelopes in-person, as long as they pay for them online and contact the KSU Youth Livestock Program in advance to make arrangement for pick up.

[Club Options Modified](#)

Each exhibitor must select the “CLUB” in which they participate and intend to show. For 4-H members, this is their local county. All FFA Chapters have also been added to the system under the county in which they are located. For example, Dickinson county 4-H’ers will select “Dickinson” as their “Club” in the system. An Abilene FFA member will find their chapter under “Dickinson – Abilene FFA”. This will allow FFA members to be able to select the appropriate Club more easily, as well as assist the shows in stalling assignments. It is vitally important families select the appropriate “Club”.

[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 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. The decision will be made during show entry. 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. All animals will still need to be submitted online under each exhibitor account within a family to be available later for all kids during the show entry process. Only one (1) DNA sample is required for dual nominations.

[Kansas 4-H Premium Auction Policy Change](#)

Kansas 4-H has removed the policy making livestock projects sold through Kansas county fair premium auctions ineligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS. Please refer to the Kansas 4-H Policy Guide and each show’s specific rules for more details on animal eligibility.

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

The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive has modified their rules regarding fitting for the market animal and breeding divisions; refer to the 2024 rules for details. Showmanship will remain “no fit”. Additionally, all market beef with Maine-Anjou papers will show together in one division. Shorthorn Plus has also been added to the market beef show. The swine show will now include Chester Whites, a combined AOB division, as well as light and dark crossbred divisions. Market Suffolk sheep will show as AOB this year. Refer to the 2024 [Grand Drive](#) rules for more information.

[KJLS Rule Changes](#)

Limousin steers will show in the AOB division, but families may continue selecting that specific breed in the nomination system. The weight limit for market steers has also increased to 1,100 pounds. There will be some changes in the KJLS schedule as well. Refer to the 2024 [KJLS](#) rules and schedule for additional details.