

IMPORTANT 4-H MEMBER INSTRUCTIONS

Form must be filled out completely and in the local extension offices by the designated species ownership deadlines for State Fair and/or AKSARBEN eligibility. Print or obtain a copy of this form online or from your County Extension Office. Copy is to be turned in at weigh/tag-in location. 4-H Youth Program Advisor must send a copy to the State 4-H Office and file an additional copy at the local County Extension Office, for exhibition at State Fair.

Weigh-in Date Ranges for Market Animals

Each county or multiple county unit area will schedule weigh/tag-in dates prior to ownership deadlines. Realizing this, 4-H members have up until the ownership deadlines to verify ownership, regardless of the scheduled county weigh/tag-in date. Arrangements to have these animals tagged and weighed need to be coordinated through the 4-H Youth Program Advisor. Keep this in mind when scheduling the dates and encourage 4-H members to arrive at scheduled times.

Age of 4-H Livestock Exhibitor

A 4-H Livestock owner/exhibitor 8 to 18 years old on January 1 of the current calendar year is eligible to exhibit in 4-H sponsored events. Cloverbuds are not allowed to exhibit and show livestock.

Animal Ownership

All beef, sheep, swine, goat and dairy must be owned:

- a) Solely by the 4-H exhibitor, or
- b) The exhibitor in partnership with other member(s) of his or her immediate family. Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters and youth in the care of the head of the household.

Breed Registration Papers – A copy is due in County Extension Office July 1 For State Fair and AKSARBEN, registration papers must show one of the following:

- a) The member's name as owner, or
- b) The name of the exhibitor and/or co-owner who is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family (see immediate family definition above), or
- c) The family farm or ranch name or parent's name. (Unless specified differently by specific junior breed association rules for South Dakota)

Leasing Animals

Livestock leasing agreements for some animals is acceptable. Eligibility guidelines for youth leasing animals include their not having:

- **adequate facilities to house the animal; and**
- **financial means to own and take care of livestock.**

The South Dakota 4-H Livestock Lease Form (4HYD423) is available on the SDSU website or from County Extension Offices and it must be filed with your local County Extension Office no later than April 1, for Market Beef and June 1, for Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Market/Meat Goats, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep and Market Swine.

In leasing situations, exhibitors must submit a copy of registration papers to their County Extension Office no later than July 1.

Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

All youth must have a completed Country of Origin Labeling affidavit form in their personal files for 4-H Livestock Projects, regardless of whether their animals were purchased or raised. The State 4-H Office has a simple COOL Youth Livestock Affidavit (4HYD417) available on the SDSU website for all species of livestock (e.g., beef, sheep, swine, poultry and goat).

Identification of Animals

All animals must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate 4-H form and the file in the local extension office and state 4-H office.

4-H Youth Program Advisor will be responsible for sending a copy of the forms to the State 4-H Office by April 15 (market beef) and June 15 (all other species)

Species	Identification Method (State Fair)	State ID Deadline Form	Weigh In Date Range	Form number
Market Beef	Official 4-H ear tag. (DNA for AKSARBEN) (Must be accompanied by weight and weigh date)	April 1 of the current year	12/26 – 4/1	4HYD418
Market Lambs	Official 4-H ear tag. Scrapie tag. (DNA for AKSARBEN), (must be accompanied by weight and weigh date)	June 1 of the current year	4/1 – 6/1	4HYD419
Market Swine	Official 4-H ear tag. Ear Notches. Photograph of pigs head – clearly showing ear tag and ear notches. (DNA for AKSARBEN), (must be accompanied by weight and weigh date)	June 1 of the current year	4/1 – 6/1	4HYD425
Market Goats	Official 4-H ear tag. Scrapie tag. (DNA for AKSARBEN), (must be accompanied by weight and weigh date)	June 1 of the current year	4/1 – 6/1	4HYD420
Breeding Beef	Ear tattoos of association, registration papers (commercial heifers – herd tag and birth date)	June 1 of the current year		4HYD424
Breeding Sheep	Ear tattoos of association, registration papers Scrapie tag, (commercial ewes – herd tag, Scrapie tag)	June 1 of the current year		4HYD426
Dairy Cattle	Herd Tag, tattoo	June 1 of the current year		4HYD427
Dairy Goat	Herd Tag, tattoo, Scrapie tag (earless goats – tail tattoo)	June 1 of the current year		4HYD428
Poultry	Plastic leg bands	Prior to State Fair entry deadline		4HYD421
Rabbit	Ear tattoo	Prior to State Fair entry deadline		4HYD422

- Individual counties and other shows or contests may use different information deadlines and/or rules, but for South Dakota State 4-H, these deadlines and information minimums must be met.
- NOTE: DNA samples are required for market beef, lambs, swine and meat goats at AKSARBEN.