



2015 Junior Livestock DNA and Nomination

Procedures

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

<u>Steers & Breeding Heifers</u>	<u>Market Barrows, Market Goats, Market Lambs & Replacement Dairy Heifers</u>
Ownership Deadline: May 1, 2015	Ownership: June 15, 2015
DNA Deadline: May 1, 2015	DNA Deadline: June 15, 2015
Entry Deadline: August 1, 2015	Entry Deadline: August 1, 2015

ALL MARKET animals including Dairy Replacement Heifers will be required to submit a DNA sample, excluding Breeding Heifers. NMSF recommends that the County Agent or Teacher pull the sample. If someone other than these officials will be pulling the sample, please be sure to identify that person on the collection envelope. Be sure to tag the animal's ear before taking the sample. Instructions for taking the DNA samples are as follows:

1. Fill out the information on the collection envelope.
2. Using clean pliers pull out 30-40 dry hairs. The follicles must be intact.
3. Place the hair sample in the collection envelope and seal it.

The collection envelope should then be placed in a postal envelope and mailed to:

New Mexico Department of Agriculture
Veterinary Diagnostic Services (VDS)
Attention: Dustin Cox
1101 Camino de Salud, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

DO NOT SEND MONEY TO VDS.

Please request DNA envelopes from the NMSF via email with your tagging dates if you have not already done so. All DNA collection envelopes must be mailed. VDS will not accept hand delivered samples. More than 1 collection envelope may be placed in postal envelopes, but only 1 species per mailing. NMSF recommends that DNA samples be mailed "return receipt requested". Upon arrival at VDS the envelopes will be date stamped.

Any DNA sample postmarked after due date will be considered invalid and will be returned to the exhibitor. VDS will not check for accuracy of the sample or the completion of the form. This is the responsibility of the exhibitor, the parents and the agent or advisor. If at the fair there is an animal that is tested and the DNA sample provided is insufficient or incorrect, the entry will be considered invalid. This will result in a disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.

All Junior Livestock Animals are required to be entered to show at the NMSF. An animal may be entered in one exhibitor's name only; however, due to family nominations, exhibitor's name can be changed to a qualified family member at classification time. All DNA envelopes must have the tag numbers listed.

ALL entries and payment will be required to be submitted online by August 1, 2015 by midnight and can be paid either by electronic check or debit and credit cards. NO EXCEPTIONS! If an exhibitor does not have a computer with internet access at home, please visit the school, library or contact the Extension Office or Ag Teacher.

Ear tag process as follows:

JR. BREEDING HEIFERS – No DNA Required

- Junior Breeding Heifer Online Entry
- Cattle size tag goes in the left ear for commercial heifer
- If heifer is registered, no ear tag is needed as the tattoo will be used in place of tag

JR. REPLACEMENT DAIRY HEIFERS

- Junior Market Animal Online Entry
- Cattle size tag goes in the right ear

JR. MARKET STEERS

- Junior Market Animal Online Entry
- Cattle size tag goes in the right ear

JR. MARKET BARROWS

- Junior Market Animal Online Entry
- Button size tag goes in the left ear

JR. MARKET LAMBS

- Junior Market Animal Online Entry
- Button size tag goes in the right ear

JR. MARKET GOATS

- Junior Market Animal Online Entry
- Button size tag goes in the right ear