

 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Forms must be filled out completely and in the local extension offices by the designated species ownership deadlines for State Fair and/or AKSAR-BEN 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 or the County Extension Office. The 4-H Youth Program Advisor must verify Ownership Verification Affidavit forms and all necessary information. These forms must be uploaded to the 4-H Member records on the 4hOnline enrollment system.

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.

Animal Ownership

All beef, goat, dairy, sheep, and swine 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.

Leasing Animals

Livestock Lease agreements are acceptable for all classes of animals, except market swine. Swine projects are not allowed to be leased, as the State Fair show is terminal and checks are cut to the youth who entered the animal.

- Adequate facilities to house the animal
- Financial means to own and take care of livestock.

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

Breed Registration Papers

Copy of breed registration paper for registered or purebred animals must be uploaded to the 4-H Member records on the 4hOnline enrollment system by county achievement day or August 1 whichever is earlier. 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)

In leasing situations, exhibitors must submit a copy of registration papers to their County Extension Office by county achievement days or August 1 which ever is earlier. Registered animals owned by someone outside immediate family must be registered to the owner listed on the 4-H Livestock Lease Agreement Form. Registration papers must be available at the time of check-in for State Fair.

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 available on the SDSU website for all species of livestock (e.g., beef, sheep, swine, poultry and goat).

When the form ask for Left or Right Ear, it is referring to which ear of the animal the identification piece is on.

MANDATORY IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS



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All animals must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate 4-H Ownership Verification Affidavit (OVA) form, and uploaded to the 4-H Member records on the 4hOnline enrollment system.

- 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, Market Lambs, Market Swine and Market Meat Goats for State Fair and AKSARBEN exhibition.
- All OVA Forms including Rabbit and Poultry must be uploaded to 4-H Online and turned into County 4-H Office by verification deadline.

Species	Identification Method For State Fair Exhibition	Deadline for Ownership (Date as of the current year)	Weigh-in Date Range
Breeding Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered cattle • Commercial heifers must have ear tattoo, or NUES Tag or SD 4-H NUES Tag, and birth date listed on OVA form 	June 1	
Breeding Meat Goat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie ID 	June 1	
Breeding Sheep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie ID 	June 1	
Dairy Cattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered cattle • Grade and Crossbred cattle must have ear tattoo or electronic ID tag, or Bangs Tag, or NUES Tag or SD 4-H NUES Tag and birth date listed on OVA form 	June 1	
Dairy Goat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie ID OR • Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered goats 	June 1	
Market Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official NUES Tag or SD 4-H NUES Tag • DNA Sample • Weight & Weigh-in Date listed on OVA form 	April 1	1/1 – 4/1
Market Goat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie ID • DNA Sample • Weight & Weigh-in Date listed on OVA form 	June 1	4/1 – 6/1
Market Lamb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie ID • DNA Sample • Weight & Weigh-in Date listed on OVA form 	June 1	4/1 – 6/1
Market Swine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official NUES Tag or SD 4-H NUES Tag • DNA Sample • Weight & Weigh-in Date listed on OVA form 	June 1	4/1 – 6/1
Poultry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic Leg Band 	June 1	
Rabbit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear tattoo in left ear 	June 1	