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The Colorado State Fair will continue to use a hybrid identification procedure of retinal scans and DNA as detailed below. Beginning in 2025, only DNA will be utilized for identification of market animals.

2024 COLORADO STATE FAIR NOMINATION DEADLINES

MARKET BEEF NOMINATION Due: April 1st to your office; April 5th to CSF

MARKET GOAT NOMINATION Due: June 1st to your office; June 7th to CSF

MARKET HOG NOMINATION Due: June 1st to your office; June 7th to CSF

MARKET LAMB NOMINATION Due: June 1st to your office; June 7th to CSF

PLEASE REMIND EXHIBITORS IN YOUR COUNTY THAT A NOMINATION AND SUBMISSION OF DNA IS NOT ENTRY INTO THE COLORADO STATE FAIR! SEPARATE ENTRY IS REQUIRED. THE ENTRY DEADLINE WILL BE JULY 29, 2023, AND MUST BE MADE ONLINE – MAILED ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

1. Nomination forms are attached, and it would be extremely helpful if the forms are copied on card stock and color-coded as follows: Beef – Green; Goats – Blue; Hogs – Orange; Lambs – Yellow.
2. All Livestock Exhibitors must provide a Premises Identification Number (PID) at the time of nomination. Exhibitors should contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or www.coloradodepartmentofagriculture.com (look under Animals/Traceability) and fill out the Animal Location Identification form online to get a PID. It normally only takes less than 30 minutes to get a PID.
3. All Market exhibitors must have completed a meat quality assurance program. The Colorado State Fair accepts the **Colorado 4H Meat Quality Assurance** or **YQCA**.
4. Each exhibitor nominating animals for the Colorado State Fair will complete one (1) form per species per exhibitor (additional pages may be added if needed). Retinal scans must be attached to the beef, goat, and lamb nomination forms; hog ear notches must be marked on the hog form.
5. Any beef, goat or lamb nomination that does not have retinal scans attached will be required to submit DNA. DNA submitted on an animal not nominated will be marked as such and that animal IS NOT eligible to show at the Colorado State Fair. DNA envelopes will be available to be purchased starting March 4, 2024. The deadline for submitting DNA is as follows:

Beef – April 1st (postmark)

Goats, Hogs and Lambs – June 1st (postmark)

6. The date of nomination will be considered date of ownership. Ownership after the following dates is not acceptable.
 - a. Beef – April 1st
 - b. Goats, Hogs and Lambs – June 1st.
7. All information must be completed on the nomination form.
8. It is recommended that Extension Agents/FFA Advisors make copies of every completed nomination form before sending to the Colorado State Fair. If an exhibitor fills out a nomination form, send it to the Colorado State Fair! Extension agents/FFA Advisors should not make the determination whether or not an exhibitor may be coming to the Fair!
9. The Colorado State Fair **will not** accept nomination forms via email or directly from exhibitors.

ALL ANIMALS COMING TO STATE FAIR MUST HAVE A COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM

1. Each animal must be ear tagged with the official recorded County / FFA ear tag. The extension agent or FFA advisor should submit a copy of the list of exhibitor, animal, and ear tags with the Nomination Forms. **ALL GOATS AND LAMBS MUST HAVE SCRAPIES TAGS.** To obtain a scrapies tag, contact the Colorado Department of Ag at 970-219-0467 or 866-873-2824.
2. If the animal is not weighed in at your county weigh-in, the exhibitor and the County agent / FFA advisor must make arrangements to tag that animal prior to the nomination due date.
3. The official recorded County / FFA ear tag number must go on the Nomination Form as the permanent ear tag. That ear tag must be in the animal's ear until inspection/processing at the CSF. If an ear tag is changed, the Extension Agent/FFA Advisor **MUST** notify the CSF Livestock Office via email of such change.
4. Make sure nomination forms are filled out completely and signed by the exhibitor and the parent' if the exhibitor is a minor. **Exhibitors are responsible for insuring that all animals that might be exhibited at the Colorado State Fair are nominated – NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

ANIMAL NOMINATION – FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD NOMINATIONS

At the time of nomination, all market exhibitors may family/household nominate all animals according to the following guidelines:

1. The exhibitors must all legally reside in the same household and are siblings, stepsiblings, or legally adopted.
2. In order to properly family nominate an animal, **submit a separate nomination form for each exhibitor** and list every animal in each exhibitor's name.

3. All exhibitors must sign the DNA sample envelope – DNA is one envelope per animal.
4. The animal WILL NOT be family nominated if all exhibitors have not completed a separate nomination form and signed the DNA envelope for each animal.
5. Exhibitors will be required to declare which family member will be showing which animal **at the time of entry**. Family/household entries will not be accepted, and those entries will be rejected as erroneous entries and not eligible to show at the Colorado State Fair.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR MARKET HOGS – DNA AND EAR NOTCHES
DUE DATES ABOVE APPLY – ALL INFO MUST BE SUBMITTED

1. Hog exhibitors **will be required to submit DNA samples** for all hogs that may be entered and shown at the Colorado State Fair. Only submit DNA on a hog if you think you will be bringing it to the Colorado State Fair.
2. The Colorado State Fair will allow one ear notch change per animal. Any ear notch correction should be submitted by the County Extension agent/FFA advisor. Extension agents/FFA advisors should submit any ear notch changes in writing and emailed to the Colorado State Fair – changes to ear notches will not be accepted directly from exhibitors or parents. Incorrect ear notches may result in disqualification from showing at the Colorado State Fair. Pictures of ear notches are not acceptable.
3. Each crossbred hog owned within a family unit must have different notches. If you are not familiar with ear notching hogs, contact a person who is qualified to do so.
4. Ear notches should be read and written on the nomination form by the exhibitor or extension agent. Do not leave the reading of notches to the Livestock Office staff.

2024 COLORADO STATE FAIR RETINAL SCANNING PROCEDURES and GUIDELINES
DUE DATES LISTED ABOVE APPLY – ALL INFO MUST BE SUBMITTED!

1. The Colorado State Fair will allow either DNA or retinal images for identification of market beef, market lambs and market goats ONLY.
2. If retinal scans are used for market beef, market goats and market lambs, the Colorado State Fair nominations must have the Optibrand Certificate attached (with the youth's name on it). Nominations that do not have a copy of the retinal scan certificate will be required to submit DNA within the above time limits.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Download all scans to the Summitview Management Database using Opti-reader tools software. Instructions are in the attached document Getting Started with Summit view Solutions. The information is also online in as a connect session at: <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p38853927/>
4. To set up a new account, contact Jenny Brown at Summitview Solutions at 970-222-6324.

All scans should include the following with this terminology only:

Data	Field Name (Use only these field names)	Field Type
Animal ID	Animal ID	Text
Owners First Name	First	Text
Owners Last Name	Last	Text
Tag Photo	Tag Photo	Photo
Retinal Scans (Both Eyes)	Image(s)	Retinal Image
Species	Species	Menu (Beef, Sheep, Goat)
County	County	Text
Technician Initials	Tech	Text

RETINAL SCAN INSTRUCTIONS

1. Contact Jenny Brown at jenny.brown@summitviewsolutions.net for a file already setup for use.
2. Edit Scans online to get all data correct.
3. Be sure not to use duplicate numbers for your livestock. If all your tags for each species start with 1, then use B1 for beef, S1 for sheep, G1 for goat.
4. Please be sure that all scans are of good quality and in the correct position prior to sending them in. Example: Make sure all goats have the optical disk visible at the bottom of the scan.
5. Once all scans have the owner's name and pertinent data, print them and attach them to the back of Colorado State Fair NOMINATION FORM with the **scans facing out**. Multiple scans can be attached to the nomination form.
6. You will need to upload all scans to www.summitviewmanagement.net by the CSF nomination due date. This is best done with Mozilla Firefox. **PLEASE NOTE**: No scans will be accepted after the CSF nomination due date.
7. For any questions concerning the Nomination process, please call Robyn Toft at the Livestock Office of the Colorado State Fair @ 719-404-2035 or email at robyn.toft@state.co.us.