



**Colorado  
State Fair**

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719-404-2035

**AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2026**

**DNA will be utilized for identification of all market animals at the Colorado State Fair.**

## **2026 COLORADO STATE FAIR NOMINATION DEADLINES**

**MARKET BEEF NOMINATION Due: April 1<sup>st</sup> to your office; April 6<sup>th</sup> to CSF**

**MARKET GOAT NOMINATION Due: June 1<sup>st</sup> to your office; June 8<sup>th</sup> to CSF**

**MARKET HOG NOMINATION Due: June 1<sup>st</sup> to your office; June 8<sup>th</sup> to CSF**

**MARKET LAMB NOMINATION Due: June 1<sup>st</sup> to your office; June 8<sup>th</sup> to CSF**

**PLEASE REMIND EXHIBITORS IN YOUR COUNTY THAT SUBMITTING A NOMINATION FORM AND DNA IS NOT ENTRY INTO THE COLORADO STATE FAIR! SEPARATE ENTRY IS REQUIRED. THE MARKET ENTRY DEADLINE WILL BE JULY 27, 2026, 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](http://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. 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).
4. All market beef, goat, hog or lamb nominations MUST submit DNA. DNA submitted on an animal not nominated will be marked as such and that animal IS NOT eligible to show in the Market Shows at the Colorado State Fair. DNA envelopes will be available to be purchased starting March 2, 2026. The deadline for submitting DNA is as follows:  
  
Beef – April 6<sup>th</sup> (postmark)  
Goats, Hogs and Lambs – June 8<sup>th</sup> (postmark)
5. The date of nomination will be considered date of ownership. Ownership after the following dates is not acceptable.

Beef – April 6<sup>th</sup>

Goats, Hogs and Lambs – June 8<sup>th</sup>

6. All information must be completed on the nomination form.

7. All Market exhibitors must have completed a meat quality assurance program. The Colorado State Fair accepts the **Colorado 4-H Meat Quality Assurance** or **YQCA**.

8. It is recommended that Extension Specialists/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 Specialists/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. If County tags are not issued, the nomination form must contain some type of individual identifier, i.e., ear notches, scrapies tag.

2. **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.

3. If the animal is not weighed in at your county weigh-in, the exhibitor and the County Specialist / FFA advisor must work together to assure the animal is nominated and tagged prior to the nomination due date.

4. The official recorded County / FFA ear tag number or other identifier 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 Specialist/FFA Advisor **MUST** notify the CSF Livestock Office via email of such change.

5. 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 that may be showing at the Colorado State Fair Market show.

Nomination forms that have the exhibitor listed as “SMITH FAMILY” will not be accepted by the Colorado State Fair.

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 listing all animals 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 online 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. Entries will be checked to make sure the same animal is not entered under more than one exhibitor’s name and any animal found to be entered in more than one exhibitor’s name will be disqualified and no entry fee refund issued.

#### **SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR MARKET HOGS – EAR NOTCH INFORMATION**

1. The Colorado State Fair will allow one ear notch change per animal. Any ear notch correction should be submitted by the County Extension Specialist/FFA advisor. Extension Specialist/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. Make sure you mark the ear notches on the back side of the nomination form.
2. 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.
3. Ear notches should be read and written on the nomination form by the exhibitor or Extension Specialist/FFA advisor. Do not leave the reading of notches to the Livestock Office staff.

**REMEMBER, NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE SENT IN BY THE EXTENSION/FFA OFFICE, NOMINATION FORMS SENT IN DIRECTLY BY EXHIBITORS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE EXHIBITOR.**

If you have questions, please contact Robyn Toft at 719-404—2035 or [robyn.toft@state.co.us](mailto:robyn.toft@state.co.us).