

2024 Livestock Validation Process

Youth who wish to exhibit market livestock (or breeding swine) at either KDA District Shows or the Kentucky State Fair must complete the Livestock Validation Process as outlined below. Please note that this does include commercial does and commercial ewes that will be shown in a KDA or State Fair Market Livestock Show.

1. Obtain a National Premise ID Number (PIN) for the physical location where show animals will be housed this year. This will be required information you need when attending a Livestock Validation Site and tagging your show animals.
 - a. Before beginning this step, look over the Frequently Asked Questions document.
 - i. If the farm where animals will be housed already has a National Premise ID Number (PIN), you will use that same PIN.
 - ii. **Beef exhibitors** may begin requesting their National Premises ID Number on Monday, February 5th 2024.
 - iii. **Small animal exhibitors (swine, sheep and goat)** may begin requesting their National Premises ID Number on Monday, March 18th, 2024.
 - iv. If the farm where animals will be housed does not have a National Premise ID Number (PIN), one must be obtained through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture Office of the State Veterinarian. There are two ways to complete this request, please select **ONE**:
 1. A fillable PDF form (attached) can be emailed to statevet@ky.gov (*Subject line: Livestock Exhibitor Premises ID Request*). This is the preferred option if there are more than 3 exhibitors with animals housed at the same farm, or if exhibitors from multiple families have animals housed at one shared location, such as show teams and school farms, **OR**
 2. A Google Form found here (*This will require you to have ALL information for ALL exhibitors with animals at this site.*) This option is best for families with only their own children showing at the same physical address.
 - v. You will receive back your National Premises ID via email within 1-3 business days, so check junk or spam folders after submitting a request. Keep this information in a safe place, once this is complete for this location, it is permanent and can be reused in future years as long as show animals are kept at that physical address.
2. Choose a validation site from the list available.

3. Download the appropriate validation form(s).
 - a. Ensure that the physical address where the animals will be housed has a National Premises ID Number prior to arrival at the Validation Site.
 - b. Complete the top portion of the form and secure the signature of the 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor.
 - c. Bring the form to the validation site with the top portion completed.
 - d. Each exhibitor must have a separate validation form even if co-tagging
 - e. Before coming to the validation site please be aware of the following:
 - i. Steer exhibitors must be prepared to tell staff what breeds they are declaring.
 - ii. Sheep exhibitors must be prepared to tell staff what breeds they are declaring.
 - iii. Lambs and goats must be scrapie tagged before arrival at the validation site.
 - iv. If pigs have registration papers or a bill of sale, this paperwork may be brought to the validation site.
4. Complete a Google form available here prior to arrival.
 - a. [Market Steers and Heifers](#)
 - b. [Sheep, Swine, Goats](#)
5. Bring the completed validation form with you to the validation site along with \$5 per head. Cash, money order, or check is acceptable. Payment will be processed through the host site 4-H Council.
6. At the site, present the completed validation form to the Division of Shows and Fairs staff.
7. Animal(s) will be tagged and DNA will be pulled by KDA Animal Health staff. Staff will write tag numbers on the form as animals are tagged.
8. Exhibitor will observe the tagging process and sign the form after all animals are tagged.
 - a. If an exhibitor under 18 is present without a parent or guardian, a Hold Harmless Form must be brought to the validation site.
9. Exhibitors will then park their vehicle and proceed to the check out table with the completed validation form and payment. The exhibitor will receive a copy of the validation form for their records and the original will be retained by KDA. This step must be completed for the animal to be eligible to show.

10. All Swine must be tagged as part of the validation process.
11. Swine exhibitors who have a closed herd, may contact the KDA Office of the State Veterinarian to schedule an on-farm tagging for their animals.
12. All goats that will shown in a KDA or State Fair Market Show must complete the validation process. This includes commercial does.
13. All sheep that will be shown in a KDA or State Fair Market Show must complete the validation process. This includes commercial ewes.
14. Breeding cattle and dairy cattle are not required to complete the validation process. Breeding goats and breeding sheep that will definitely not show in a market show are not required to complete the validation process.

Request for Retagging

If an animal loses a KUIP tag, the following steps must be followed to secure a new tag.

1. Contact the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Office of the State Veterinarian (KDA OSV) with the request for a retag by email at statevet@ky.gov (*Subject line: Livestock Exhibitor Retag Request*) or by phone at 502-573-0282 (*ask for the Office of the State Veterinarian, ADT program coordinator*).
2. KDA OSV field staff will then communicate directly with the Exhibitor and guardians to meet at the next district show they plan to attend. The Exhibitor will bring the animal to be retagged to the agreed upon site where KDA OSV staff will complete the official retag of the animal. The official retag form must be brought to the site.
3. KDA OSV staff will process the retag form with ADT office staff, and then report the retag to KDA Shows and Fairs for their records.

Deadlines for Livestock Validation

- Beef animals must be validated no later than March 16, 2024.
- Small animals (swine, sheep and goats) must be validated no later than May 15, 2024.

Livestock must conform to the Livestock Possession and Care Rules as stated on the validation forms for each species.

Please review KDA District Show and Kentucky State Fair guidelines for specific information on ownership deadlines for breeding animals and dairy cattle.

In order to show at the Kentucky State Fair, animals must show at a KDA District Show. [Click here](#) to view the schedule for these shows.

Rules for the Kentucky State Fair Youth Livestock Shows will be available on the Kentucky State Fair website.

Completion of the Livestock Validation process does NOT register an animal to show at the Kentucky State Fair. Youth exhibitors must register for the Kentucky State Fair by July 10. A registration link will be posted on the Kentucky State Fair website in early spring.