

DRUG TESTING & DNA COMPARISON PROCEDURES FOR ASF JUNIOR MARKET SHOWS

All animals qualifying for the Junior Livestock Auction and alternates are required to submit a urine test and are also required to have a DNA Sample pulled to be compared to the sample submitted at Nomination Time. The Arkansas State Fair reserves the right to pull urine or DNA from any animal entered in the ASF Market Shows and submit the sample for testing.

DRUG TESTING / URINE SAMPLES

Once a urine sample has been collected, it will be split into two equal samples, sealed and signed by the Exhibitor, a Parent or Guardian (may be a Vo-Ag Instructor or County Extension Agent, or other appropriate personnel.) Animals may not leave the collection area until an adult signature has been acquired on the specimen jars. Once all samples have been collected, both sets will be transported to a secure facility as determined by the Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission. One set will be tested for drug violations. Any violations found will be submitted to ASF Management, which will then form a committee to make a determination regarding the violation. Information regarding the committee and penalties for the violation are listed in the Junior Division General Rules. All sample collections and testing are supervised by the Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission. See detailed collection procedure information in the General Rules of the Arkansas State Fair Livestock Show.

DNA COMPARISON

Prior to nomination into the ASF Market Show, exhibitors are required to submit a hair sample for DNA comparison for each animal nominated. DNA Samples **MUST** include hair follicles. Original samples that are submitted without follicles in tact or empty envelopes may be subject to disqualification, premiums being withheld, and auction money being withheld. If the sample is deemed inconclusive by the laboratory because of missing hair follicles, the test will be considered a mismatch and appropriate penalties will be applied. Individual Animal ID must match exactly the ID that was submitted on and inside the DNA Sample Envelope. Any discrepancy or confusion in Animal ID will be the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Questions arising as the result of exhibitor error will be handled on a case by case basis by show officials. Should extra DNA testing be required, and is approved by show officials, to remedy any problem, the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 per test, payable immediately.