

Arkansas State Fair Livestock Show Validation

Program Guidebook

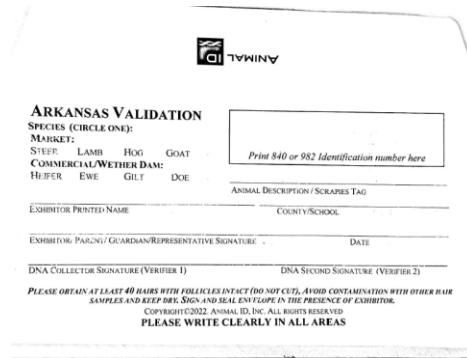
What is validation?

The purpose of the Arkansas State Fair Validation Program (ASFVP) is to promote positive youth development for Arkansas youth by ensuring rules are adhered to for the integrity of the livestock show. The validation process creates a level playing field, facilitates youth engagement, builds responsibility, and fosters life skill development - respect, teamwork, communication.

Animals will be tagged with an 840 Electronic Identification (EID) tag and DNA (hair sample) will be collected. All market (steers, lambs, goats, and hogs) and commercial females (heifers, gilts, wether dam lambs, wether dam goats) will be required to participate in the ASFVP to exhibit at the 2023 Arkansas State Fair and county fairs choosing to participate in AFSVP. Please check each fair's rules for validation requirements. Note that participating in the AFSVP is a proof of ownership by livestock shows in Arkansas. **It does NOT automatically serve as entry into a livestock show.**

What is a Validation Registration Kit, where can I find it and how do I validate my animal?

Validation Kit Envelope:



The image shows a validation kit envelope with the following fields and instructions:

- ARKANSAS VALIDATION**
- SPECIES (CIRCLE ONE):**
- MARKET:** STEEP, LAMB, HOG, GOAT
- COMMERCIAL/WETHER DAM:** HELPER, EWE, GILT, DOE
- Print 840 or 982 Identification number here** (with a box for the number)
- ANIMAL DESCRIPTION / SCRAPES TAG**
- EXHIBITOR PRINTED NAME** and **COUNTY/SCHOOL**
- EXHIBITOR, PARENT/GUARDIAN/REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE** and **DATE**
- DNA COLLECTOR SIGNATURE (VERIFIER 1)** and **DNA SECOND SIGNATURE (VERIFIER 2)**
- PLEASE OBTAIN AT LEAST 40 HAIRS WITH FOLLICLES INTACT (DO NOT CUT), AVOID CONTAMINATION WITH OTHER HAIR SAMPLES AND KEEP THE SIGNS AND SEAL ENVELOPE IN THE PRESENCE OF EXHIBITOR.**
- COPYRIGHT ©2022, ANIMAL ID, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED**
- PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY IN ALL AREAS**

1. Exhibitors will be required to order a Validation Kit and pay online through the Arkansas State Fair website.
2. Payment – Once you have completed the online order, payment is due in the same application.
3. Once orders are completed, the Arkansas State Fair will mail those kits to the contact you chose.
4. When returning your DNA envelope, Exhibitor Information –
 - a. All information is **REQUIRED** on the envelope for a kit to be valid: Circle the species, Print 840 or 982 Identification number, Animal Description (black angus, etc. and Scrapies tag (if applicable)), Exhibitor Name, 4-H County or School, Exhibitor Parent or Guardian Signature, and the two signatures of those collecting the DNA hair sample.
5. County Extension Agents, Agriculture Science and Technology Educator and County Fairs will then work together to get the exhibitors in their area validated. **There will be TWO SIGNATURES required for a valid kit to be completed. The individuals eligible to serve as a signature are listed below. Two ASTE or CEA from the same entity are not allowed to sign off on one validation. It must be two individuals from varying entities. Such as one ASTE and one CEA or two ASTE from differing schools. The two signatures must be from two separate, non-familial entities.**

Eligible to sign off on a Validation –

- **Agriculture Science and Technology Educator (ag teacher)**
- **County Extension Agent**
- **Arkansas Department of Agriculture - Livestock Inspector**
- **Arkansas State Fair Staff member or Superintendent (ASF only)**

Placement of EID 840 tags will be done at the time that DNA is collected. There will be no cutting or removing of federal tags that are in place in any animal.

Can we validate as a family/household? Yes. All eligible siblings or youth who legally reside in the same household, share the same legal physical address, and materially and actively participate in the care of the project can be listed under the family/household name. This allows all eligible youth within the family/household to exhibit animals validated under the family/household name. Youth will determine which specific animal they will exhibit when they enter the show. Therefore, this decision does not have to be made during the validation process. All potential exhibitors within a family/household have their own Validation Kit.

What is the fee for a family/household validation? \$10/animal/exhibitor is the fee. Example: You want to validate a steer and a hog for two siblings. One animal for two siblings is $\$10 \times 2 = \20 . Since you are wanting to validate two animals for two siblings it would be $\$20 \times 2 = \40 .

What are the deadlines and fees for submitting Validation Registration Kits? Validation kits must be ordered through the Arkansas State Fair website (www.arkansasstatefair.com) deadlines are below:

STEERS

Kits For mailing - May 15

For Pick up from the Arkansas State Fairgrounds main office – June 1

Deadline to submit Validation kit is June 1st for STEERS. All kits must be post marked by June 1st or physically in the ASFG office by that date.

ALL OTHERS (MARKET LAMBS, MARKET GOATS, MARKET HOGS and COMMERCIAL FEMALES)

Kits For mailing – June 30

For Pick up from the Arkansas State Fairgrounds main office – July 15

Deadline to submit Validation kit is July 15th. All kits must be post marked by July 15th or physically in the ASFG office by that date.