



Arkansas State Fair Livestock Show Validation 2024 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 2024 Arkansas State Fair and county fairs choosing to participate in AFSVP. Please check each fair’s rules for validation requirements. Note: 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:

ARKANSAS VALIDATION	
SPECIES (CIRCLE ONE):	
MARKET:	
STEER	LAMB HOG GOAT
COMMERCIAL/WETHER DAM:	
HEIFER	EWES GILT DOE
Print 840 Identification number here	
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION & SCRAPIES TAG # IF APPLICABLE	
EXHIBITOR PRINTED NAME	DATE
EXHIBITOR/ PARENT/ GUARDIAN/ REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	4-H COUNTY OR FFA CHAPTER
DNA COLLECTOR PRINTED NAME	DNA COLLECTOR SIGNATURE
ENVELOPES FILLED OUT INCORRECTLY, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED	
<small>PLEASE OBTAIN AT LEAST 40 HAIRS WITH FOLLICLES INTACT (DO NOT CUT). AVOID CONTAMINATION WITH OTHER HAIR SAMPLES AND KEEP DRY. SIGN AND SEAL ENVELOPE IN THE PRESENCE OF EXHIBITOR.</small>	
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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY IN ALL AREAS, <u>MUST BE LEGIBLE</u>	

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 (within 3 business days).
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 EID number, Animal Description (black angus, etc. and Scrapies tag (if applicable)), Exhibitor Name, 4-H County or FFA Chapter, Exhibitor Parent or Guardian Signature, and the signature of the person responsible for collecting the DNA hair sample.
5. **There will be only ONE SIGNATURE required for a valid kit to be completed. The individual eligible to serve as a collector are listed below.**

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 if there is not one already in place. 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. Siblings must have their own Validation Kit. Example – if two sisters are validating the same hog, they must purchase two validation kits and each one must submit a kit for said hog. Family validation fee example** \$10/animal/exhibitor is the fee. Family wants 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 – April 19th

For Pick up from the Arkansas State Fairgrounds main office – May 5, 2024

Deadline to submit Validation kit is May 5th for STEERS. All kits must be post marked by May 5th or physically in the ASFG office by that date.

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

Kits For mailing – July 1st

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

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.