

Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process



2025 Updates



Use Existing ShoWorks Exhibitor Accounts for Nominations

State Livestock Nominations transitioned to an online system in 2022. Exhibitors who state nominated a market animal or commercial breeding female last year need to use their existing ShoWorks account this year. Do NOT create a new account, unless you truly are a family nominating for the very first time or adding a brand new exhibitor to the family. For help accessing an account, you may use the password reset option or contact the [Youth Livestock Program](#) for assistance. Exhibitors will verify their contact information in ShoWorks from last year, update their age and 2025 YQCA #, then continue through the system.

Remember – all exhibitors who plan to show need their own ShoWorks exhibitor account. Animals must be nominated under each child a family would like to be eligible to enter and exhibit. It is highly encouraged to submit all animals under all kids. Families who have two (2) kids and three (3) animals should enter all three (3) animals under each child's ShoWorks account during nomination. Then, either child may enter and exhibit the animal at a state show.

Order Official DNA Envelopes in Advance

Families will need to purchase official DNA envelopes online through ShoWorks, for each animal in which they plan to nominate. Envelopes that were purchased in 2022 – 2024 are still valid. Old DNA envelopes (2021 and before) will NOT be accepted. The new envelopes include all of the information necessary to enter each animal into the system, as well as provide a place for the barcode sticker, which families need to request from their local extension office. The deadline to order DNA envelopes is **10 days prior** to the nomination deadline: **Market Beef – April 20; Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers – June 5**. There is also an option for expedited shipping. Orders will continue to be filled a few days after the DNA envelope order deadline, but families must pay the \$50 expedited shipping fee to have them overnighted. This is in addition to the cost of each DNA envelope.

4-H County and FFA Chapters Available Under Club Drop-down List

Each exhibitor must select the “CLUB” in which they participate and intend to show. For 4-H members, this is their local county. All FFA Chapters have also been added to the system under the county in which they are located. For example, Dickinson county 4-H'ers will select “Dickinson” as their “Club” in the system. An Abilene FFA member will find their chapter under “Dickinson – Abilene FFA”. It is vitally important families select the appropriate “Club”.

Use Checkbox Under Market Division for Dual Nominated Females

Exhibitors will continue to have the option to dual nominate gilts, ewes, and does by using a sliding checkbox, under the market division for each specie, rather than entering the information twice (once under both the market and commercial breeding division). Dual nomination means the animal is nominated both in the market division and in the commercial breeding division. Therefore, they are eligible to be entered by an exhibitor and shown in either division for the Grand Drive and/or KJLS. The decision will be made during show entry. Families who wish to take advantage of this option will need to nominate all of their gilts, ewes, and does under the market division, and then move the “Dual Nom (Mkt & Com)” slider button to the blue “YES” on the bottom of the page.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive Rule Changes

Continuing this year, all market beef with Maine-Anjou papers will show together in one division – All Maine Breeds. Shorthorn Plus has also been added to the market beef show. The swine show will now include dark and light divisions for both market and commercial breeding. Refer to the 2025 [Grand Drive](#) rules for more information.

KJLS Rule Changes

Limousin steers will show in the AOB division, but families may continue selecting that specific breed in the nomination system. For swine, the birthdate for gilts has been moved to January 1 of the current show year and they will show by weight. The maximum weight for gilts will be 350 pounds, with a 15- pound weigh back. The max number of animals that may be entered for all species is four (4). However, entered animals may be any combination of market and breeding, as long as the number entered per exhibitor does not exceed four (4) total animals. There will be some changes in the KJLS schedule as well. Refer to the 2025 [KJLS](#) rules and schedule for additional details.