

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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Wisconsin State Fair 2020 840 RFID Ear Tag and DNA Identification Program Updates

Wisconsin State Fair and some County Fairs throughout Wisconsin have been utilizing 840 ear tag and DNA technology to identify potential Fair animals in the Beef, Sheep, and Swine projects for the last 15 years. The requirements of these Identification technologies have proven to be instrumental in safeguarding the reputation and integrity of our State's Youth livestock programs. Wisconsin State Fair's process for 2020 840 RFID ear tag and DNA identification is as follows:

840 RFID Ear Tag and DNA Identification Submission Due Date: All Wisconsin State Fair 840 RFID ear tag and DNA identification requirements for Junior Show Beef, Sheep, and Swine (market and non-registered breeding stock) must be **submitted to Wisconsin State Fair postmarked/delivered on or before May 21st.**

840 Ear Tag Identification: Wisconsin State Fair requires an official 840 RFID ear tag for identification. 840 RFID ear tags are available to purchase from Wisconsin State Fair **BUT DO NOT** need to be purchased through Wisconsin State Fair. Any official 840 RFID ear tag is accepted. The 15-digit number sequence on the 840 RFID ear tag will be the recognized number for individual animal identification.

DNA Identification: DNA hair kits will be available for purchase online from Wisconsin State Fair by credit card only on: entry.wistatefair.com.

Online Wisconsin State Fair 840 RFID Ear Tag and DNA Identification Cost:

- 840 RFID ear tag and DNA hair kit: \$11
- 840 RFID ear tag: \$5
- DNA hair kit: \$6

Online sales will close on Friday, May 15th at 5 pm (Central Time) and only walk up orders (paid with credit card) will be accepted from May 18th – 21st. Wisconsin State Fair office hours for walk up orders are weekdays from 8 am to 4:30 pm in the Administrative Offices located in the basement of the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center (640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214).

All DNA samples must be returned to Wisconsin State Fair (Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214) postmarked/delivered on or before May 21st

Wisconsin State Fair will recognize and accept DNA Identification from County Fair DNA identification programs who use Animal ID Inc. as their DNA service provider. Animal ID Inc. will provide 840 RFID and DNA identification information for those exhibitors participating in County Fair programs who wish to also be eligible for Wisconsin State Fair.

Purchasing and submission of 840 RFID ear tags and/or DNA kits is NOT entry in the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show. Exhibitors MUST enter the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show online at wistatefair.com in a separate process.

Please contact Wisconsin State Fair at entryoffice@wistatefair.com with additional 840 RFID or DNA Identification questions.

Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214 or wistatefair.com