

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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2024 DNA Identification Program

DNA Identification technologies have proven to be instrumental in safeguarding the reputation and integrity of our State's Youth livestock programs.

NEW for 2024: Non-registered Boer Goat Does and Market Goats must have 840 tags and DNA samples.

Who needs 840 Ear Tags and DNA samples? All animal entries in the **market and non-registered breeding stock** shows of the Junior Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine Divisions of the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair must have 840 ear tag identification and DNA samples submitted to Wisconsin State Fair or an approved County Fair.

When are DNA Samples Due? DNA identification sample envelopes must be returned postmarked by or before May 22, 2024, to be eligible for Wisconsin State Fair champion awards. Animal entries in the market and non-registered breeding stock shows of the Junior Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine Divisions without proper DNA identification postmarked by or before May 22, 2024, are eligible to be shown at Wisconsin State Fair but are not eligible for Wisconsin State Fair champion awards.

What is required?

- **840 Ear Tag Identification:** Wisconsin State Fair requires an 840 ear tag as official animal identification. 840 RFID ear tags are preferred, but any official 840 ear tag is accepted. The 15-digit sequence of numbers beginning with "840" will be recognized by Wisconsin State Fair as the individual animal identification number. Wisconsin State Fair sells individual 840 RFID ear tags, but 840 ear tags purchased elsewhere may be used.
Please note: use of RFID tags will speed up unloading and check-in procedures.
- **DNA Identification Sample Envelopes:** Purchased DNA sample envelopes are **required** to collect and submit DNA samples. Envelopes may be purchased from Wisconsin State Fair or from County Fair programs which use *Animal ID Inc.* as their DNA service provider, but envelopes must be returned to the State Fair or County Fair from which they were purchased. Wisconsin State Fair will not accept DNA samples for processing that are not contained in official Wisconsin State Fair envelopes, including but not limited to blank envelopes, photocopied envelopes, plastic bags, and envelopes purchased from County programs.
Please note: Sample envelopes must be identified in the exhibitor's name or in immediate family member names only. If animals are identified in the immediate family members names, all siblings' names MUST appear on both the envelope and the DNA Identification document. Cousins are not considered immediate family and may not co-identify the same animal.

How can I purchase through Wisconsin State Fair? Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification 840 ear tags and sample envelopes are available for purchase online by credit card at entry.wistatefair.com. Walk-up orders are not accepted at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

DNA Identification Sample Envelope: \$8.00

840 RFID Ear Tag: \$8.00

DNA Identification Sample Envelope and 840 RFID Ear Tag: \$16.00

Where do I send DNA Samples? DNA sample envelopes sent to Wisconsin State Fair should be addressed to:

Wisconsin State Fair Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214

In-person drop offs of DNA sample envelopes are not accepted at Wisconsin State Fair Park. DNA sample envelopes may only be returned via mail, Fed Ex or UPS.

Reminder! Purchasing and/or submission of 840 ear tags or DNA sample envelopes is NOT entry in the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair. Exhibitors must enter the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show online at entry.wistatefair.com in a separate process in late spring.

Please contact Wisconsin State Fair at entryoffice@wistatefair.com with additional DNA identification questions.