

# WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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## Wisconsin State Fair 2022 DNA Identification Program

DNA Identification technologies have proven to be instrumental in safeguarding the reputation and integrity of our State's Youth livestock programs. DNA identification must be submitted to be eligible for all 2022 Wisconsin State Fair Championship awards in the market and non-registered breeding stock shows of the Junior Beef, Sheep and Swine Divisions. Wisconsin State Fair's process for 2022 DNA identification is as follows:

**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 which begin 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 do not need to be purchased through Wisconsin State Fair.

**DNA Identification Sample Envelopes:** Sample envelopes are used to collect and submit DNA samples for animals in the market and non-registered breeding stock shows in the Junior Beef, Sheep and Swine Divisions. Envelopes purchased from Wisconsin State Fair must be returned to Wisconsin State Fair (*see submission information below*).

**Purchases 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](http://entry.wistatefair.com). At the present time, due to COVID-19, walk-up orders will not be accepted at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

DNA Identification Sample Envelope: \$7.00

840 RFID Ear Tag: \$8.00

DNA Identification Sample Envelope and 840 RFID Ear Tag: \$15.00

**Wisconsin State Fair DNA Identification Submission Date:** Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification sample envelopes must be returned postmarked on (or before) May 25, 2022\*. At the present time, due to COVID-19, in-person dropoffs of DNA identification will not be accepted at Wisconsin State Fair Park. DNA identification may only be returned via mail, Fed Ex or UPS. DNA sample envelopes being sent to Wisconsin State Fair should be addressed to:

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

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** Junior market beef, sheep and swine and non-registered breeding stock without DNA identification postmarked/delivered by May 25, 2022, are eligible to show at Wisconsin State Fair but are not eligible for champion awards.

**County Fair DNA Programs:** Wisconsin State Fair recognizes and accepts DNA identification from County Fair programs which use *Animal ID Inc.* as their DNA service provider. Any DNA identification sample envelopes purchased through a County Fair program must be submitted back to the respective County where purchased. DNA identification samples postmarked/delivered on (or before) May 25, 2022, will be recognized as meeting Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification requirements.

**Reminder!** Purchasing and/or submission of 840 ear tags or DNA sample envelopes is NOT entry in the 2022 Wisconsin State Fair. Exhibitors must enter the Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show online at [wistatefair.com](http://wistatefair.com) in a separate process in late spring.

Please contact Wisconsin State Fair at [entryoffice@wistatefair.com](mailto:entryoffice@wistatefair.com) with additional DNA identification questions.