

Racine County Fair
Market Livestock DNA Rules
March 1, 2019

ALL Market animals entered in the Racine County Fair will be required to submit a DNA sample at the respective specie weigh in or when Care and Housing papers are due. Deadlines are as follows:

Beef/Beef Carcass: Second Saturday of December
Sheep/Sheep Carcass: April 27 or First Saturday of May
Swine/Swine Carcass: April 27, May 6
Goats: May 6

LATE SAMPLES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

The cost of the DNA envelope is \$15.00 per animal to be paid when DNA envelope(s) and RFID tag(s) is/are given to exhibitor. DNA envelope availability will be determined and announced by each specie superintendent. If you register animal DNA with Racine County Fair, it is our understanding you do not have to register with State Fair separately as long as the animal/exhibitor meets all State Fair deadlines.

LOST EAR TAG PRIOR TO JULY 10

In the event of an animal losing their ear tag prior to July 10, the exhibitor is to report the lost tag to the fair office 262-878-3895 for a replacement tag. When calling the fair office, the exhibitor MUST provide the ear tag number that was lost and exhibitor name the lost tag was registered to. Racine County Fair will submit the changed ear tag information to WLIC. However, if the animal is to be shown at state fair, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact State Fair if the animal that lost the tag is to be shown at state fair.

LOST EAR TAG JULY 10 AND LATER

In the event of an animal losing their ear tag after July 10, the exhibitor is to report the lost tag to the fair office 262-878-3895 for a replacement tag. When calling the fair office, the exhibitor MUST provide the ear tag number that was lost and the exhibitor name the lost tag was registered to. The exhibitor will submit a MANDATORY DNA sample on the animal that lost the tag. Racine County Fair will submit the change to WLIC however; it is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact State Fair if the animal that lost the tag is to be shown at state fair.

NON REPORTED LOST TAG

In the event of an animal losing their ear tag and it is not reported to the Racine County Fair office prior to arrival at the Racine County Fair, the animal will be ear tagged and DNA tested immediately upon arrival at the Racine County Fair. Exhibitor will be responsible for any and all fees incurred for the DNA testing upon arrival. (At the time of these rules the current test fee is \$90.00). Any exhibitor refusing to pay for testing will be deemed ineligible to show at the Racine County Fair and the animal MUST leave the fairgrounds immediately. If the exhibitor agrees to pay for DNA testing, all premiums and auction proceeds will be withheld until the DNA test results are received at the Racine County Fair.

DNA TESTING DURING FAIR

All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be DNA tested at 8:00 am on Saturday of the Racine County Fair (just prior to the livestock auction). Random testing may take place on other animals. Any additional testing will be at the discretion of the Racine County Fair DNA Committee. Carcass Class DNA samples will take place on carcass live show day as the animals are weighed in.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION CHECKS

ALL livestock sale checks will be withheld until test results are available. ANY DNA test failure will result in the exhibitor forfeiting ALL premiums from all projects shown at the Racine County Fair, auction proceeds for the animal that failed testing and the exhibitor will be banned from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair for a period of 2 years from the failed test date. If the exhibitor's animal fails any future tests, the exhibitor will be banned from exhibiting at any future Racine County Fair.

Acknowledgement of Rules by Exhibitor

By checking the DNA acknowledgement box in the on line entry system, exhibitor acknowledges their understanding and acceptance of the aforementioned Racine County Fair DNA rules.