

# **RACINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.**

## **MARKET ANIMAL LIVESTOCK DNA RULES \***

### **MARKET ANIMAL DNA GENERAL RULES**

- A. The Racine County Fair is fully committed to ensuring the integrity of all Market Animals being shown at the Racine County Fair. Adherence to these rules will be strictly enforced by the Racine County Agricultural Society, Inc. Livestock DNA Committee (hereafter referred to as the Livestock DNA Committee)
- B. ALL Market / Carcass animals (Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Goats) entered into the Racine County Fair shall be required to purchase an RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tag, DNA envelope, and submit a DNA sample to the Livestock DNA Committee each exhibition year.
- C. Dates for purchase and submission will be announced each year by the Livestock DNA Committee in communications to the exhibitors.
  - a. **LATE DNA SAMPLES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
- D. The cost of the DNA packet will be \$10.00 per animal to be paid when DNA envelope(s) and RFID tag(s) is/are given to the exhibitor.
- E. The Livestock DNA Committee will submit all collected DNA samples during turn in dates to an independent third party lab where they will be held in a secure location until validation testing is completed after each years Racine County Fair.
- F. If an animal has a sample submitted for the Racine County Fair, you do not need to submit DNA to Wisconsin State Fair separately as long as the animal/exhibitor also meets all State Fair deadlines.

### **LOST/DESTROYED TAG(S) PROCEDURES**

#### **A. Lost/Destroyed Tag(s) prior to July 10**

- a. Exhibitor shall report the lost/destroyed tag to the Fair Office (262-878-3895) or Livestock DNA Committee ([livestockdna@racinecountyfair.com](mailto:livestockdna@racinecountyfair.com)).
- b. The exhibitor must come to the fair office to receive a replacement tag.
  - i. If the tag was destroyed, the exhibitor must submit the destroyed tag and the exhibitor(s) names the tag was registered to, to the office in order to receive a new tag.
  - ii. If the tag was lost, the exhibitor must be able to provide the tag number and the exhibitor(s) names the tag was registered to, to the office in order to receive a new tag.
- c. The Livestock DNA Committee will change the ear tag in the respective specie(s) DNA database and also submit that change to the independent third party lab that holds the DNA samples.
- d. It is the exhibitor(s) responsibility to contact Wisconsin State Fair if the animal that lost / destroyed the tag is to be shown at the Wisconsin State Fair.

#### **B. Lost/Destroyed Tag(s) as of July 10 or later**

- a. Exhibitor is to report the lost/destroyed tag to the Fair Office (262-878-3895) or Livestock DNA Committee ([livestockdna@racinecountyfair.com](mailto:livestockdna@racinecountyfair.com)).
- b. The exhibitor must come to the fair office to receive a replacement tag.
  - i. If the tag was destroyed, the exhibitor must submit the destroyed tag and the exhibitor(s) names the tag was registered to, to the office in order to receive a new tag.
    - 1. The exhibitor will also submit a **MANDATORY DNA** sample on the animal in question.
  - ii. If the tag was lost, the exhibitor must be able to provide the tag number and the exhibitor(s) names the tag was registered to, to the office in order to receive a new tag.
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- c. The Livestock DNA Committee will change the ear tag in the respective specie(s) DNA database and also submit that change to the independent third party lab that holds the DNA samples.
- d. It is the exhibitor(s) responsibility to contact Wisconsin State Fair if the animal that lost / destroyed the tag is to be shown at the Wisconsin State Fair.

### **C. Non-Reported Lost Tag**

- a. In the event an animal lost an ear tag, it was NOT reported to the Racine County Fair office prior to the animal setting foot on Racine County Ag. Society, Inc. property, the animal will be RFID tagged with a new tag and have a DNA sample taken IMMEDIATELY and sent for testing.
- b. The exhibitor will be responsible for any and all fees incurred for the DNA sampling & testing.
  - i. Any exhibitor refusing to pay for DNA sampling & testing will be deemed ineligible to show any Market animals at the Racine County Fair that year and the animal in question MUST leave the property immediately.
  - ii. If the exhibitor agrees to pay for the DNA testing, all premiums and auction proceeds will be withheld until the DNA test results are received by the Livestock DNA Committee.

## **DNA SAMPLING AND TESTING**

### **A. Sampling / Testing**

- a. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market animals will be DNA sampled and said samples sent for testing immediately after being chosen as Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Market animals on their respective specie show day.
- b. Every animal participating in a Carcass class will have DNA samples taken on the Carcass Live Show Day as animals are weighed-in.
- c. The Livestock DNA Committee reserves the right to take samples at random at any time during the Racine County Fair.
- d. The Livestock DNA Committee reserves the right to take additional samples at any time during the Racine County Fair.
- e. All testing will take place with either the exhibitor or exhibitors parent / guardian present (if the exhibitor is under 18) present. The exhibitor or the exhibitor's

parent / guardian will be required to sign the DNA sample envelope verifying all information is correct and the sample that was taken is the sample that was sealed in the envelope.

**B. Results of Testing**

- a. All results of DNA testing are presumed to be the result from the sample taken from the animal in question.
- b. **ANY** DNA test failure will result in the exhibitor forfeiting ALL premiums from all projects shown at the Racine County Fair and auction proceeds for the animal that failed testing.
  - i. For a first offense, the exhibitor and immediate family members will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair for a period of no less than one (1) year.
  - ii. For a second offense, the exhibitor and immediate family members will be barred from exhibiting at the Racine County Fair permanently.
- c. **ALL** livestock sale checks will be withheld until DNA results are available.

**\*All Rules are Subject to Change at any time.**

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