



The Pre-Registration (tagging) Day for all market lambs and goats is quickly approaching! Please mark your calendar with this important date!

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

**FFA - 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

**4-H - 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Wilford Ring, Sonoma County Fairgrounds**

**Enter through Gate 7 on Aston Ave.**

Pre-registration is mandatory for all market lambs and market goats that exhibitors intend to show at the 2017 Sonoma County Fair. At this Pre Registration day, animals will be ear tagged, evaluated for tail dock length, (lambs only) and have their breed determined by an official. (A scale and a place to collect DNA will be available if desired.)

**DNA Requirements:**

Market animals are required to have their DNA collected. The collection is the responsibility of the exhibitor and their parent or leader. An area for DNA collection is available at the pre-registration but the DNA Pre Registration form requires that both the exhibitor and their parent or leader be present for the collection.

**Deadline to turn in Market Lamb and Goat DNA samples is Saturday, May 20 during the pre-registration.**

DNA form serves as a pre-registration form - there is no need to turn in any paperwork prior to pre-registration. Community Club Leaders and FFA Advisors submit quantity requests for the number of DNA kits needed for their group. Our office then distributes DNA kits at the beginning of May. They will be available for pick-up May 1 in the Entry Office or May CCC meeting. DNA kits are available at the Entry Office for independent exhibitors or others prior to the pre-registration.

Please Note:

- All sheep/goats are required by USDA & CDFA to be identified with official USDA scrapie premise tag.
- Exhibitors can submit DNA samples for as many animals as they wish. The DNA kits are free for the first 5 animals (per species, per exhibitor), but \$5.00 per head is charged for additional animals.
- Market lambs and goats showing active signs of club lamb fungus or soremouth please arrive at the fairgrounds no earlier than 11:45 a.m. (4-H, FFA or independent juniors). Any animal arriving earlier will be asked to reload and wait until the end.
- In addition to the DNA/Pre-registration process; exhibitors must also enter these animals into the fair with an official entry form. Entry forms are due (at Entry Office) by 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 16 or online Friday, June 30. Exhibitors can turn in their entry forms at the pre-registration event if desired.
- If your club/chapter chooses to pick-up DNA packets prior to pre-registration please fill out the top portion of the form only and bring all three (3) copies with the lamb/goat.

A few new features for 2017:

- **2017 Livestock Fitting Policy has been revised:**  
**Market Animals:** No hair or skin dyes, paints or colorants (including powder) or Adhesives are allowed to be used. No products or materials may be used to manipulate the hair on legs. Exhibitors may continue to use oils or clear coat products to enhance shine as well as external applications or substances for appearance to the hoofs. No shadow painting or practices that change the animal's appearance.  
**Breeding Animals:** Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited. No shadow painting.
- The fair livestock schedule for 2017 has returned to a 2-week format. Open Dairy Goats, Market Sheep/Goat shows will all take place before the fair opens on August 3rd. This is necessary so we can fit everything into a 2-week time frame! Please review the schedule attached to acquaint yourself with new dates and times for arrivals, orientations, shows, exhibitor meetings and departure dates.
- Minimum market weight for goats has been increased from 50 pounds to 60 pounds.
- Goats may be dehorned or tipped. If tipped, horn length cannot exceed 4", and must be tipped down to the diameter of a dime. \*Note all goats must be dehorned in 2018.
- Novice status for showing at the 2017 Sonoma County Fair is defined as follows: A novice is anyone who has not shown that specie of livestock before as of January 1st of current year.

### **Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics Training:**

In order to be eligible to show livestock at the Sonoma County Fair, exhibitors are required to complete the mandatory Quality Assurance and Ethics training once prior to the age of 14 and once after. View the complete policy and training dates here: <http://www.sonomacountyfair.com/fair/livestock-exhibitors.php>.

The registration will be held in Wilford Ring rain or shine, we'll see you there!

Questions? Call the Entry Office: (707) 545-4203 or email us at:  
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