



Dear Potential Sonoma County Fair Market Steer Exhibitor,

Included in this email is important information regarding the **Sunday, March 26** mandatory Market Steer Pre-Weigh. There will be no make-ups; all steers must be present on Sunday, March 26 to be eligible for the 2017 Sonoma County Fair. The steers will be weighed, ear tagged, photographed and breed determined. New this year, DNA samples will be due at pre-weigh. All steers must be broke to lead and will have their breed determined at the March pre-weigh.

**NEW LOCATION: Enter fairgrounds near the Jockey Club- Bennett Valley Road - please refer to this [MAP](#). Follow the signs after entering.**

**Pre-Weigh Schedule: Sunday, March 26, 2017**

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. ~ FFA steers

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ~ 4-H and Independent/Special Junior steers

1. Check-in with fair personnel
  2. Breed Determined
  3. Photograph Steer
  4. Ear tag and weigh steer
  5. Collect/Submit DNA Sample\*
- \*DNA is due at pre-weigh

**Rules:**

- It is mandatory that all market steers that are to be entered in the 2017 Sonoma County Fair be brought to the Sunday, March 26 pre-weigh-no exceptions.
- All steers will be weighed, ear tagged, photographed and have their breed verified.
- All steers that go through the pre-weigh must be halter-broke and able to lead. Any steer brought to the pre-weigh that is not under control of the exhibitor or their representative may be disqualified and therefore ineligible to be shown at the fair.
- Exhibitors are limited to (2) market animals at fair time, however, more may be brought to the pre-weigh. Each steer must go through the entire procedure to be eligible at fair time. If you plan on bringing a steer intended for the Healdsburg Fair please let us know.

- No dogs are allowed in the receiving area or arena (to ensure safety of the animals).
- Spectators are not allowed in the receiving area.

### **DNA Requirement:**

All steers are required to have DNA samples on file. DNA packets are available in advance at the fairgrounds or can be completed during pre-weigh. (A DNA packet includes: DNA Form, SCF Collection Envelope, UCD Collection Envelope, 2 Integrity Seals and Instructions.)

- DNA collection is the responsibility of the exhibitor and their parent or leader.
- DNA paperwork requires that both the exhibitor and their parent or leader be present for the collection.
- If you choose to collect the DNA samples at home bring the completed collection kit with you on March 26.
- New this year, DNA is due the same day as pre-weigh. No late samples will be accepted.
- We will have an area for DNA collection available at the pre-weigh.

### **Breed Verification:**

These breed divisions will be offered at the 2017 Sonoma County Fair:

- Angus (Black & Red)\*
- Hereford \*
- Shorthorn \*
- All Other Breeds\*
- Crossbred

\* PLEASE NOTE: Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn & AOB cattle must have letter from the breeder stating 100% purebre

The Sonoma County Fair will have an official at the pre-weigh to determine the breed of your steer. The fair will reserve the right to re-evaluate steers at fair time during weigh-in if deemed necessary. Please indicate the breed you think your steer is best suited on your DNA form, however, keep in mind that the official may change the breed.

### **Entry Forms:**

Reminder - in addition to the DNA form you are required to submit the regular market animal entry form to qualify for judging. Guidebooks will be available beginning May 1st. Paper Entry Forms are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16. Online entries close Friday, June 30 ~ this is your responsibility ~ don't forget!

To be eligible for Sonoma County [Bred and Born, entry form](#) must be submitted by June 16, 2017.

### **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>.

Questions? Call the Entry Office: (707) 545-4203 or email us at: [Livestock@sonomacountyfair.com](mailto:Livestock@sonomacountyfair.com)

