



2026 Aksarben Stock Show Nomination Process

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **NEW IN 2026: DNA envelopes submitted for nomination for the Nebraska State Fair are NOT eligible for the Aksarben Stock Show. Exhibitors must purchase and submit separate envelopes for each.**
- Read all the nomination rules prior to nomination.
- DNA envelopes must be ordered prior to nomination being submitted.
- **You will need to know which animal identification corresponds to which envelope number, so don't return envelopes prior to completing online nomination. We also recommend writing it down or taking a picture of each envelope to assist with entries.**
- **DNA envelopes must be postmarked to return to the Aksarben Stock Show by July 1st.**
- **Every exhibitor must submit nomination information online by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on July 1st.**
- Official nomination and DNA is required for market and breeding beef, feeder calves, market and breeding goats, market and breeding sheep, and market and breeding swine.
- Family nominations are allowed, but you must follow the steps outlined below.
- Dual nomination of females in both market and breeding is allowed, but you must follow the steps outlined below. You will only need to submit one DNA envelope for that animal.

1. Order Official DNA Envelopes – MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO NOMINATION

- a. DNA envelopes must be ordered for and paid online by going to aksarbenstockshow.com. Only official DNA envelopes from the Aksarben Stock Show will be accepted, so please plan accordingly. Specific instructions can be found below.
- b. Family nominations are allowed, but please see instructions specific for that below.
- c. Envelopes cost \$8/envelope. There is no limit on the number of animals an exhibitor may nominate, but each animal must have its own envelope. There is no refund for unused envelopes.
- d. You have two options for shipping:
 - i. Certified Mail Postage (5-12 business days) for \$7
 - ii. FedEx Two Day Shipping (2 business days) for \$14
- e. **Ordering of DNA envelopes will close at noon (Central Time) on June 26th, no exceptions, so please plan accordingly.**
- f. Steps to Ordering DNA Envelopes Online
 - i. Go to the DNA Orders Page
 - ii. Fill out the following
 1. First Name
 2. Last Name

3. Email
 4. Age of Exhibitor(s) as of Jan. 1, 2026
 5. Select the quantity of envelopes
 6. Select postage
 7. Address Line 1
 8. City
 9. State
 10. Postal Code
 11. Phone Number
- iii. Agree to the Terms & Conditions
 - iv. **VERIFY THAT YOUR CART IS CORRECT**
 - v. Fill out email
 - vi. Fill out payment information
 - vii. Fill out Billing Address
 - viii. Click Review Order then Complete Order.
 - ix. You will then receive an email with your receipt

2. Complete Online Nomination – COMPLETE AFTER DNA ENVELOPE IS IN HAND – OPENS MAY 1st

- a. All nominations for the Aksarben Stock Show will be done online. The link to nominate can be found at aksarbenstockshow.com. The first step is to Register.
 - i. Create an account and establish a password by choosing “I am a new exhibitor.” **It is important to save the password you select for each exhibitor, as it will be used when logging in to submit entries.**
 1. Optional – Families may create a “Quick Group” and add all their exhibitors to it. This will save time for families wanting to do Family Nominations and will be ideal when doing entries.
 - ii. Enter the exhibitor’s address, city, state and zip. This will be the address where premium checks will be mailed, so accuracy is important.
 - iii. Enter the **COUNTY** of residence (not Country).
 - iv. Enter a phone number that we can access if questions arise.
 - v. Enter an email address that is regularly accessed. Emails regarding the Stock Show will be sent out to this address.
 - vi. Enter the exhibitor’s date of birth.
 - vii. Verify all information is correct and click continue.
- b. To complete the actual nomination, follow these steps:
 - i. Select the department of livestock in which you are nominating.
 - ii. Select the appropriate division and/or breed.
 - iii. **Enter the DNA envelope number found on the top left corner.**
 - iv. Enter Identification Information for Each Animal and Gender. For AOB Breed you will need to specify what breed.
 1. For Sheep and Goats
 - a. Under Tag ID enter the last 4 numbers of the Scrapies tag.
 - b. Under Scrapies Tag put the entire Scrapies tag number – **MUST SUBMIT THE ENTIRE SCRAPIES TAG (Flock number (starts with a state abbreviation and individual animal number)**

- i. If you are unsure on how to read a Scrapies tag visit <https://shelby.osu.edu/sites/shelby/files/imce/Reading%20a%20Scrapie%20Tag.pdf>
 - c. Registered Breeding Ewes & Does will ask for Birthdate of the Animal.
 - 2. For Swine
 - a. Under Tag ID enter an official tag number. Put the last 4 numbers of the EID tag number. *Only EID tags will be accepted for market and breeding swine, see information under Nominations and Entries for more explanation.*
 - b. Put the entire EID tag number under Electronic ID.
 - c. Under Ear Notch put the ear notch. Use the format *right ear-left ear (litter number-individual notch)*. For example, 8-3.
 - d. Breeding Gilts will ask for Birthdate of the Animal.
 - e. Crossbred Market Swine and Gilts will ask if Light Cross or Dark Cross.
 - 3. For Market Beef, Feeder Steers and Commercial Heifers
 - a. Under Tag ID enter an official tag number.
 - i. If an EID tag put the last 4 numbers of the tag.
 - b. For beef with an EID tag put the entire tag number under Electronic ID.
 - c. For registered market steers put the tattoo number in the Ear Tattoo field.
 - 4. For Registered Breeding Heifers
 - a. Put the tattoo number in the Ear Tattoo field.
 - b. If heifer has an Electronic ID, put last 4 numbers under Tag ID and entire EID number under Electronic ID.
 - c. Enter the Birthdate of the Animal.
 - v. Ewes, Gilts, Does, and Heifers can be dual nominated for both market and breeding. Enter under the **Breeding Division** and slide the “Female Dual Nom” check box at the bottom to the blue “YES.” This will automatically nominate you in both. **Don’t duplicate the nomination yourself.**
 - 1. Note – Only one envelope is needed for dual submission.
- c. Add nominations/entry to cart.
 - i. After all information is entered correctly, click “Add Entry to Cart” to continue. At this point you can choose from three different options.
 - 1. “Add a Different Entry” if you have a change in specie or sex you are entering for the same exhibitor.
 - 2. “Add a Similar Entry” if you want to add entries of the same species and sex for the same exhibitor.
 - 3. “Continue” if you have completed all entries for that particular exhibitor.
 - ii. Review Cart
 - 1. Review the nominations/entries you have submitted and select from the following options:
 - a. “Add more Entries” to add more entries for this particular exhibitor.
 - b. “Save the Cart for Later” allows you to return at a later time to complete the nomination process.
 - c. For those using the Quick Group feature you will select “Add Entries for a Different User” to input another exhibitor.

