



## 2026 Aksarben Stock Show Nomination Rules

### **NOMINATION DEADLINE: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

- Every exhibitor must submit nomination information online by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on July 1<sup>st</sup> and mail DNA envelopes postmarked by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Nomination does NOT constitute an entry. Each animal must be entered in the Aksarben Stock Show by the entry deadline, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to be eligible to show.
- Official nomination and DNA submission is required for market and breeding beef, feeder calves, market and breeding goats, market and breeding sheep, and market and breeding swine.
- Aksarben Stock Show is open to youth ages 9-19 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Youth must reside in one of the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin & Wyoming.
- **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.**

### **Nomination Rules**

1. DNA envelopes must be ordered and paid for online. Only official envelopes from the Aksarben Stock Show will be accepted.
2. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may nominate.
3. Follow the DNA Collection instructions for collecting the DNA hair sample. A minimum of 40 hairs with follicles intact are needed. Hair must be pulled from the legs or tail of the animal. Do not cut or clip the hair. Do not contaminate the sample with hairs of another animal. Place the hair inside the envelope and seal it.
4. DNA envelopes must arrive sealed in the official Aksarben Stock Show DNA envelope with all required information and signatures.
5. The information listed on the envelope must exactly match the animal(s) entered online.
6. If family nominating, names and signatures of each sibling must appear on the DNA envelope when it is submitted.
7. Should it be necessary to return your nomination for any reason (lack of signatures, etc.), a reprocessing fee can be charged to the exhibitor.
8. Contaminated samples or hair samples without the follicle attached will result in disqualification of the animal.
9. DNA samples collected at the show that do not match the submitted nomination sample will result in disqualification, forfeiture of all premiums and awards, and will exclude the exhibitor from future competition at the Aksarben Stock Show.

10. DNA nomination does not constitute an entry to the Aksarben Stock Show. Only animals with DNA on file and nominated online with the Aksarben Stock Show are eligible to enter. Regular entry procedures must be followed for each nominated animal to enter the Aksarben Stock Show.
11. If family nominating, only one DNA envelope is needed per animal; however, all exhibitors must be listed on the DNA envelope and all exhibitors must have nominated that animal online.
12. For dual nomination of females for both breeding and market, only one DNA envelope is needed for each animal. When nominating online you must select the option to dual nominate the animal under the market division. This must be done by the nomination deadline to be eligible for both.
13. Mail DNA envelopes to: Aksarben Stock Show PO Box 1387 Grand Island, NE 68802. DNA must be postmarked by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
14. The Aksarben Stock Show reserves the right to refuse any nomination.
15. Exhibitors and parents/guardians are responsible for making sure all information submitted online and DNA envelopes are correct.
16. Nomination is a proof of ownership required by the Aksarben Stock Show. Nominated animals and their exhibitors are not automatically entered in the Aksarben Stock Show.

### **Family Nomination**

At the time of nomination, all exhibitors may family nominate all animals according to the following guidelines:

1. The exhibitors must all legally reside in the same household and are siblings, step siblings, or legally adopted.
2. To complete a family nomination, enter each exhibitor online and list every animal in each exhibitor's name.
3. All exhibitors must sign the DNA sample envelope.
4. The animal WILL NOT be family nominated if all exhibitors have not been entered online and signed the DNA envelope for each animal by July 1<sup>st</sup>, no exceptions.