

# 2024 DNA Validation Rules/Guidelines



1. All junior market steers, barrows, lambs and goats must submit DNA samples to the Ozark Empire Fair. **DNA samples for steers, goats, lambs and hogs must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2024.** The Ozark Empire Fair is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. Certified mail with a return receipt is recommended.
2. Hair will be used for DNA validation on all species. Hair collection envelopes must be ordered from the Ozark Empire Fair. Only envelopes from the Ozark Empire Fair will be accepted. **Hair sample collection instructions are available in print and video format on the Gold Buckle Extravaganza webpage. Please follow the instructions for collecting hair samples exactly.** Should the original sample not be a valid sample (including samples found to not have adequate roots), the animal may be disqualified and no premium, sale monies or salvage value will be paid.
3. Exhibitors may only submit five DNA samples per species.
4. **ANIMALS MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE TAG PROVIDED IN YOUR DNA PACKET. THE IDENTIFICATION ON THE DNA ENVELOPE MUST EXACTLY MATCH THE IDENTIFICATION ON THE ANIMAL(S) YOU ENTER!** Any discrepancies at weigh-in will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and the animal may be disqualified from the show. Should additional DNA testing be allowed (only if approved by show officials and determined on an individual basis), the cost to the exhibitor will be \$150 payable immediately by cash or credit card only.
5. DNA validation does not constitute an entry in the 2024 Gold Buckle Extravaganza. Regular entry procedures must be followed; entry deadline is June 15, 2024. An exhibitor may enter two animals in each species. **ANIMALS MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED ON THE DNA VALIDATION ENVELOPE SUBMITTED BY RESPECTIVE DEADLINES. Only animals which have an individual DNA Validation Envelope on file with the Ozark Empire Fair may be entered.**
6. All DNA Validation Envelopes from the same family must be sent to the Ozark Empire Fair in the same envelope.
7. Should it be necessary to return your DNA Validation Envelopes for any reason (lack of signatures, etc.) there will be a \$10 re-processing fee.
8. Exhibitors are encouraged to note which animal's DNA is submitted with the corresponding OEF tags and wait to put tags in ears until just prior to the event- this is to insure the tag is still in the ear and not damaged.
9. ***Exhibitors, parents and guardians may be banned from competing at future Gold Buckle Extravaganzas, Gold Buckle Galas and the Ozark Empire Fair for a violation of the published 2024 Ozark Empire Fair and Gold Buckle Extravaganza rules. Additionally, a violation of any published rule may disqualify entries, and premium, sale monies and salvage value will NOT be paid.***

***\*DNA validation envelopes/samples submitted to the Ozark Empire Fair on all junior market animals become the property of the Ozark Empire Fair. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said envelopes and samples when submitted as proof of ownership. Validation envelopes/samples are stored in a secure environment at the DNA Laboratory and are destroyed in due time following the show.***

## Submit Proof of Quality Assurance Certification by June 15

Any youth exhibiting a market animal in the Gold Buckle Extravaganza must hold a quality assurance certificate for at least one of the four species (beef, swine, lamb, goat). It does not have to be for the same species exhibited. For example, an exhibitor may show a lamb and be Beef Quality Assurance certified. All state recognized programs will be accepted, including Show Me Quality Assurance. An exhibitor's identification number or a record of certification must be mailed to the Livestock Office at the Ozark Empire Fair with a postmark date no later than June 15. Information on the Show Me Quality Assurance Program, as well as the manual and self-test, is available at <http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/>.

## Gold Buckle Extravaganza Reminders

- Entries will be accepted from youth who are 8 years of age as of January 1, but not over 21 years of age as of January 1. The exhibitor's primary residence must be in one of the following counties: **Barry, Barton, Bates, Benton, Camden, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Miller, Morgan, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Pulaski, St. Clair, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Webster and Wright.**
- Each exhibitor may DNA up to 5 animals in each species. However, only 2 animals will be allowed to show.
- We will once again source broilers for our exhibitors. Orders are due May 10, 2024 to the Ozark Empire Fair office. Request an order form with your DNA kit order.

## Gold Buckle Extravaganza | Junior Market Entry Checklist

- ✓ Obtain DNA Validation Kit from Ozark Empire Fair. Order yours by May 8th. Read DNA Validation Rules/Guidelines.
- ✓ Collect Hair Sample(s) following detailed instructions found at [www.ozarkempirefair.com/p/fair/livestock/goldebuckleextravaganza](http://www.ozarkempirefair.com/p/fair/livestock/goldebuckleextravaganza)
- ✓ Review each DNA Validation Envelope to ensure all information is complete.
- ✓ Note which animal's DNA is submitted with the corresponding OEF tags on the 'Tag # Record sheet and wait to put tags in ears until just prior to the event.
- ✓ Include all DNA Envelopes from the same family in one envelope & mail to the Fair.
- ✓ **POSTMARK DNA SUBMISSIONS NO LATER THAN MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FOR STEERS, LAMBS, GOATS, & BARROWS. NO EXCEPTIONS! THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ENTRY.**
- ✓ **2024 Early Entry Deadline will end on June 15, 2024. Late entries will be accepted until July 1, 2024 with additional late fees.**

**NOTE: DNA sample submission does not constitute entry into the 2024 Gold Buckle Extravaganza Show. Regular entry procedures must be followed.**

- ✓ Mail copy of your Quality Assurance Certification to OEF postmarked no later than June 15, 2024.
- ✓ Present Health Quality Assurance Record (included in your packet) at weigh-in on July 18<sup>th</sup>. This record should include ALL vaccinations, supplements and treatments administered to your animals.

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## 2024 Gold Buckle Extravaganza Tag # Record

*Please complete and keep for your records*

Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Species	OEF Tag #	Animal ID/Name