



2020 AMERICAN ROYAL

Livestock Show OCTOBER 14-25

PRESENTED BY  STOCK SHOW
SECRETS

2020 DNA Validation Rules/Guidelines



1. All market goats, market hogs, market lambs, market steers and crossbred gilts must have DNA samples submitted to the American Royal. **DNA samples must be postmarked on/before August 15th, 2020.** If DNA is postmarked and/or received between August 16th and August 25th, there will be a \$50.00 late processing fee. The American Royal is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. Certified mail with return receipt is recommended.
2. Hair will be used for DNA validation on all species. DNA Validation Envelopes must be ordered from the American Royal. Only 2020 American Royal DNA Validation Envelopes will be accepted. **Please follow the instructions for collecting hair samples exactly. Should the original sample not be a valid sample, the animal may be disqualified and no monies will be paid.**
3. There is no limit on the number of DNA samples that an exhibitor may submit.



4. **Animals must be individually identified.** The following forms of identification must be used. **The identification on the animal at processing must exactly match the identification on the DNA validation envelope.**
 - A. Swine (market barrows and crossbred gilts) must be identified by a Federal 840 tag number **and** ear notches.
 - B. Steers must be identified by a Federal 840 tag number.
 - C. Lambs must be identified by a Scrapie ID number*. Entire ID number including state ID and herd number** is required.
 - D. Goats must be identified by a Scrapie ID number*. Entire ID number including state ID and herd number** is required.

**Since scrapie tags can occasionally be lost, it is recommended that you also tattoo the lamb or goat and record the tattoo number on the front of the DNA envelope.*

***Scrapie tag numbers vary greatly, however each tag will include a state identifier, herd number, and animal number. The scrapie tag number on the DNA envelope must include the entire ID number as listed above and must **EXACTLY** match the number on the scrapie tag at check-in.*

5. Any discrepancies at check-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. After testing is completed, any exhibitor showing an animal without a matching DNA sample will be subject to consequences determined by the Executive Committee, including, but not limited to, disqualification of animal, forfeiture of all monies, and suspension from showing at the American Royal.
6. Siblings (two or more individuals having one common parent) may submit DNA samples on the same animal if all siblings are involved in the care and management of the animal. **Names AND signatures of each sibling must appear on the DNA Validation Envelope when it is submitted. Siblings may submit DNA samples on**

the same animal but may not enter the same animal in the show. All DNA Validation Envelopes from the same family should be sent in the same envelope.

7. DNA provides proof of ownership. With the exception of the sibling rule above, market animals can only have DNA submitted by one exhibitor. If multiple DNA samples are received for the same animal by multiple exhibitors, the animal and the exhibitors may be disqualified from the 2020 show.
8. **DNA validation does not constitute an entry in the 2020 American Royal Livestock Show.** Regular entry procedures must be followed; entry deadline is **September 15th, 2020**. An exhibitor may show three market barrows, three market lambs, three market goats, three market steers and/or three gilts. Only market animals and crossbred gilts, which have an individual 2020 DNA Validation Envelope on file with the American Royal, may be entered.
9. Should it be necessary to return your 2020 DNA Validation Envelopes for any reason (lack of signatures, etc.) there will be a \$10.00 re-processing fee.

Note: DNA Validation Envelopes / hair samples submitted to the American Royal on all junior market animals become the property of the American Royal. Exhibitors relinquish any claim to said envelopes and samples when submitted as proof of ownership. Validation envelopes/samples are stored in a secure environment and are destroyed in due time following the show.

2020 AMERICAN ROYAL JUNIOR MARKET AND CROSSBRED GILT ENTRY CHECKLIST

- Order DNA Validation Envelopes from American Royal.
- Read DNA Validation Rules and Guidelines.
- Collect hair sample(s) following detailed instructions enclosed with DNA Validation Envelopes.
- Review each DNA Validation Envelope to ensure all information is completed:
 - Date
 - Animal ID
 - Exhibitor(s) Name
 - Complete Address
 - Telephone (with area code)
 - Exhibitor(s) Signature – **all** siblings named **must** sign
 - Parent/Guardian Signature – required for **all** junior exhibitors
- Include **ALL** DNA Validation Envelopes from the same family in one envelope and mail to:
 - American Royal Livestock Show
 - Attn: DNA Test
 - 1701 American Royal Court
 - Kansas City, MO 64102
- Postmarked no later than **August 15th, 2020**.
- If postmarked between August 16th and August 25th, include a \$50.00 late processing fee per exhibitor.
- Obtain Official Entry Form / Premium Book at www.americanroyal.com. Show entry deadline is **September 15th, 2020**.
- Submit 2020 Official American Royal Livestock Show Entry Form **no later than September 15th, 2020**.

Note: DNA sample submission **does not** constitute entry into the 2020 American Royal Livestock Show. Regular entry procedures must be followed.