

2019 State Fair of Virginia Swine Nomination Requirements

In 2019, the State Fair of Virginia nomination process for all swine will be conducted as it has been for the past several years. There will not be any official nominations sites for hogs; please see below for the **REQUIRED** method of nominating hogs to be eligible for show at the State Fair of Virginia. **It is the 4-H member's RESPONSIBILITY to complete all necessary steps by August 1, 2019. We will not accept any late nominations.**

1. **TO OBTAIN EAR TAGS and a NOMINATION FORM:** **Email** the closest site coordinator listed in the Nomination Site listings (<https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock.html>) to arrange pick-up of tags and nomination form. Include in your email the number of tags required and the date planned for tagging the hogs. If youth/parents need assistance tagging the hogs, we will facilitate you working with your local Extension agent or closest site coordinator to make arrangements to tag swine.
 - a. **TAGGING REQUESTS MUST BE MADE BY JULY 15, 2019! Requests made after July 15th are not guaranteed to be fulfilled.**
2. **Members/parents must apply one tag to one ear of each hog.**
 - a. **ONLY** Allflex ear tag applicators will work. The local Extension office has a limited supply of taggers that may be checked out for a period of 24 hours. Please **disinfect** taggers and return them to the Extension office in a timely manner so that another family may use them.
3. **A minimum of TWO photos of each hog nominated will need to be taken.**
 - a. **The first picture** needs to show that the ear tag was properly applied. Make sure that the picture clearly indicates the ear tag number and the ear of the hog.
 - b. **The second picture** needs to show a profile of the hog, so that all markings are clearly identified. This picture will be used in the event the hog loses its tag. **IF THE HOG CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED (either by ear notch or picture), THEY WILL BECOME INELIGIBLE TO SHOW AT THE STATE FAIR OF VIRGINIA.**
 - c. If the hog has ear notches, and a picture can easily be taken, please include a picture of the notches, along with the other two pictures.
 - d. **PLEASE REMEMBER** – Only one hog should be in each picture. Each hog needs to be individually identified (i.e. if you have 3 hogs you will upload 6 pictures).
4. **The nomination form will need to be filled out in its entirety**, including ear notches, home tag, color, and any visible markings. **ONLY ONE EXHIBITOR PER NOMINATION FORM.**
5. **USE THIS LINK TO UPLOAD PHOTOS, NOMINATION FORM, AND COMPLETE EXHIBITOR INFORMATION** <https://tinyurl.com/2019-Swine-Nomination> *****INFORMATION MUST BE UPLOADED AND NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 1, 2019**
 - a. Failure to submit nomination information by AUGUST 1ST, 2019 will result in ineligibility to exhibit swine at the State Fair of Virginia.

If you have any questions or concerns about the swine nomination method, please contact:

- Your Local Extension Agent
- Katherine Carter (540-231-2257) or carterke@vt.edu

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Information about PEDv and biosecurity measures is available from the National Pork Board. Web link: <http://bit.ly/1dNeOr3>.

A special fact sheet for exhibitors and/or sale animals is available <http://bit.ly/1dRtk5L>

An Extension fact sheet on how to properly apply an ear tag is available at <http://bit.ly/1ibNSTD>.

A YouTube video on how to properly apply an ear tag is also available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XMFdFUG2N0>.

Acceptable hog nomination pictures: examples available at https://ext.vt.edu/content/dam/ext_vt_edu/topics/4h-youth/youth-livestock/shows/state-fair/2017/swine-example-pictures.pdf