2024 Youth Livestock Nominations
Beef Cattle, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine

EASY STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE NOMINATION PROCESS
AND
ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which animals require Nomination (DNA Sample Collection, Online Nomination Submission)?
- **ALL Market Beef (Steers, including Registered Steers, and Heifers)**
- **Commercial/Crossbred Heifers**
- **ALL Commercial Does and Market Goats**
- **ALL Commercial Ewes and Market Lambs**
- **ALL Commercial Gilts and Market Hogs (including Registered Market Hogs)**

Which animals do NOT require Nomination?
- **Registered Breeding Females (shown as such) for all Species**
- **Prospect Steers and Heifers (must weigh less than 1000 pounds at SFVA check-in)**

What happens if registration papers, tattoo, ear notch or other issues occur with my Registered Animal that I didn't nominate?
- **Non-nominated animals cannot be moved to a division that requires nomination if there are issues with registration papers, tattoos, etc. Be certain that all paperwork, tattoos, ear notches, etc. are problem free before deciding not to nominate your animals.**

What happens if my prospect steer/heifer weighs more than 1000 pounds when I arrive at the State Fair in October?
- **If there is any doubt that a prospect steer or heifer will weigh less than the 1000 pound maximum weight for prospect cattle, you should complete the nomination process so that animal can be moved to the Market Beef or Commercial/Crossbred Heifer Division. Non-nominated prospect cattle that weigh more than 1000 pounds will not be eligible to show.**

Where should hair samples be collected from?

- **Cattle – take the hairs from the tail/switch making sure that you have included the follicle bulb at the base of the hair.**
- **Sheep/Goats – take hairs from the pasterns or tail (goats) making sure that you have included the follicle bulb at the base of the hairs**
- **Swine – take hairs from the tail making sure that you have included the follicle bulb at the base of the hairs.**
- **Please make sure you have collected 30-40 individual hairs from each animal.**

What are the tag requirements for each species?

- **Beef Cattle – ALL beef cattle, nominated and un-nominated, must have an RFID/EID "840" tag. This is the official Identification used for the State Fair. One per animal.**
- **Sheep/Goats – ALL sheep and goats must have a federally approved/issued Scrapie Tag. When entering the number during the nomination process and the entry system, please be sure to enter BOTH the flock/herd ID AND the individual ID number. We require both!**
- **Swine – ALL swine, nominated and un-nominated require an "840" EID tag in place.**
- *****No animal should have more than one EID Tag "840" tag. If your animal already has an "840" tag (visual or button), you do not need to order or add another one.**

What are the picture requirements for Nominated Animals?

- **Each nominated animal is required to have two pictures submitted –**
- **A head shot that shows ALL tags present and clearly readable, including the Scrapie tag or EID Tag.**
- **A full side profile that clearly shows the exhibitor in the picture.**
- **A third picture may be needed for button-style EID tags to allow for clear confirmation of those tag numbers.**

Steps for completing the Nomination Process:

1) Order your DNA Envelopes and Tags (only if needed) using this link: https://tinyurl.com/2024-SFVA-DNA-Tag-Order

2) Follow the instructions received in your Nomination Packet for collecting samples, completing the Online Submission, and returning your DNA Samples and Paperwork

3) After completing the Nomination Process, but prior to August 15th, be sure to ENTER ALL of your animals through the FairEntry System (link to be released on 7/15 when the system opens)