

Livestock Update - March 2022

North Carolina State Fair

Showing a steer at the 2022 NC State Fair?

All steers must be tagged and weighed at one of the locations below.

2022 Junior Market Steer Validation

*Complete online nomination prior to going to a validation site preferably no less than 48hrs. ahead of time:

<https://apps.ncagr.gov/EventRegistration/Pages/Statefair/Livestock/NominationForm.aspx>

*Calves that have not been nominated may not be validated. There will be no steer packets this year to print off and bring to tag-in. All information will be on the nomination website linked above.

*Calves will be processed in order of arrival, so please be patient

Locations:

April 8th

(will occur same time as steer weigh-in at Spring Fling)

WNC AG Center
1301 Fanning Bridge Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732

April 23rd 9am - 2pm

East Carolina Agricultural and Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Rd
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

May 7th 9am - 2pm

South Stokes High School
1100 S Stokes High Dr
Walnut Cove, NC 27052

*****Completing a nomination form does not enter your animal into the State Fair.*****

Online entry begins August 1st

Entries close September 15th.

For questions about tag-ins contact Ben Carpenter (919) 270-8917

For questions about nominations contact Amanda Wachs at (919) 441-1038
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Performance Market Steer

This year all steers will be weighed when validated for the State Fair.

The Performance Market Steer and Carcass Steer shows will again be combined, and again will be an optional show. The weight at validation will be the start weight for the Performance Steer Contest. There will be an online Performance Steer Record that each exhibitor wishing to participate must fill out and submit online prior to the State Fair Market steer check-in. Final weight will be added the record after check-in.

Only those steers participating in the Performance Steer Contest will be carcass ultra-sounded (following the show).

The Performance Steer Record may be accessed at:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/performancesteer>

Amendment to the Got to Be NC Livestock Tag Program

Below is an update to try to clarify livestock that qualify for the Got to Be NC Livestock Tag program. This is to enable NC producers to take advantage of opportunities to advance their genetics, and continue to enhance the Got to Be NC livestock program.

1. Producer of the livestock must be a NC resident and owner of the dam at the time she is bred, when the offspring are born, and at time those offspring are sold
2. The livestock must be born in NC and produced by NC owned livestock, this includes both natural and embryo births. In other words, if offspring result from embryo transfer the recipient females must be owned by a NC resident, located and born in NC in order to qualify
3. ****If the dam of the livestock in question is owned by a NC resident, and that ownership is maintained throughout the breeding, gestation, and birthing process – so long as the offspring are born in NC - the dam may be artificially bred at the reproductive facility of their choice even if out of state – so long as the dam returns once bred and remains in NC through the gestation process and offspring are born here****
4. ****If the dam in question is owned by a NC resident, and that ownership is maintained throughout the embryo collection process – embryos may be collected at the reproductive facility of their choice even if out of state. If collected out of state, embryos must be transplanted into recipients located in NC. Recipients may be owned by the donor's owner or another NC resident cooperating with the owner of the donor female****
5. ****In the case of embryo collection at an out of state facility, the donor must return to the NC producer once bred and stay there through the gestation process and offspring must be born at the NC producer's location for the natural offspring to qualify in the program****
6. The producer is responsible for maintaining accurate records that verify the eligibility of the animals tagged into the program, and should a challenge arise and the producer cannot produce adequate records to verify such qualification the animal in question will be disqualified. Other actions regarding producer eligibility may also be taken
7. As has always been the case, if a NC producer purchases bred females or embryos from an out of state producer, even if those offspring are born in NC, they do not qualify for Got to Be NC tags, as the NC producer was not the owner of the female at the time she was bred or embryos collected

Changes in Nomination Process

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Changes to Nomination Program for Junior Sheep, Meat Goats, and Hogs for 2022 NC State Fair

In an effort to eliminate the need for families to have to travel to validation sites, as well as enhance the livestock projects they are involved with, the following changes have been implemented for the 2022 junior sheep, meat goat, and hogs. The nomination process for market steers in 2022 will remain the same as in past years. However, the nomination process for Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts, market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats will change this year.

- It is the producer/breeder's responsibility to have Got to Be NC tags in qualified animals; they will need to be in the animal's ear when that animal is nominated (by July 15).
- Exhibitors must request DNA/Tag kits by June 1st using the online request form that will be posted by April 15.
- DNA kits need to be requested for both Got to Be NC and non-Got to Be NC animals; kits will be sent out accordingly; you will need to specify how many of each you need when ordering the kits.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for validating through electronic nomination form, photo submission, AND DNA submission by July 15th. There will **NOT** be validation sites to take animals to.
- Exhibitors will use the kits to collect a DNA sample from each animal being nominated (following the guidelines, videos, and instructional media that will be posted in the near future).
- Once collected, DNA kits are to be turned into any local N.C. Cooperative Extension Center by July 15th.
- Animals whose DNA samples and electronic nomination forms, and picture have not been submitted by July 15 may not be shown at the NC State Fair.
- Completing the nomination process does not enter you in the State Fair, you must enter the State Fair online entry by Sept. 15th.
- Exhibitors that are in the same household may share nominations on animals, not to exceed the maximum number allowed (i.e. 2 siblings nominating market lambs can nominate a maximum of 12)
- FFA and 4-H program animals – will be allowed to be nominated under the FFA Chapter or Program/Club name
- Each exhibitor is allowed to nominate up to 6 animals per species per gender (i.e., 6 market barrows and 6 gilts)
- Please only request the actual number of DNA/Tag Kits that you will need
- NCDA staff, as well as local N.C. Cooperative Extension agents, are resources to call on should you have questions or need assistance in this process.

New Lamb Classifications for 2022

Junior Ewe Classes

Southdown, Purebred

Class: Yearling Ewe

Class: Ewe Lamb

Dorset, Purebred

Class: Yearling Ewe

Class: Ewe Lamb

Hampshire, Purebred

Class: Yearling Ewe

Class: Ewe Lamb

All Other Registered Sheep Breeds

Class: Yearling Ewe

Class: Ewe Lamb

Division 1: All Other Breeds (non-registered)

Class: Southdown Influenced Yearling Ewe

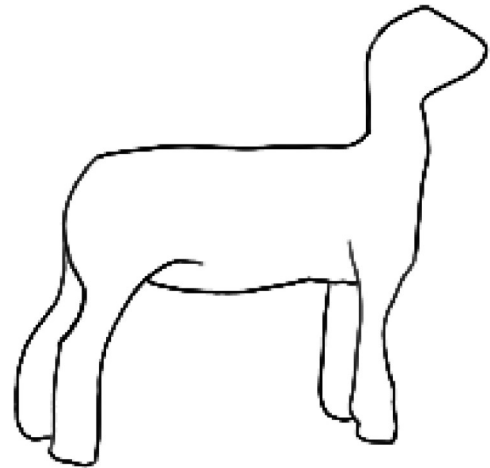
Class: Southdown Influenced Ewe Lamb

Class: White-Face Yearling Ewe

Class: White-Face Ewe Lamb

Class: Speckle-Face (white-face influence) Yearling Ewe

Class: Speckle-Face (white-face influence) Ewe Lamb



Division 2: Hair Sheep Influence

Class: Katahdin Influenced Yearling Ewe

Class: Katahdin Influenced Ewe Lamb

Class: Dorper Influenced Yearling Ewe

Class: Dorper Influenced Ewe Lamb

Division 3: Natural Color

Class: Natural Color Yearling Ewe

Class: Natural Color Ewe Lamb

Division 4: Black Face Cross

Class: Blackface Cross Yearling Ewe

Class: Blackface Cross Ewe Lamb

Junior Market Lambs

Division 1: All Other Breeds

Class: Southdown

Class: White-Face (Dorset, Columbia, Cheviot, etc.)

Class: Speckle-Face (White-face influence)

Division 2: Hair Influence

Class: Katahdin, St. Croix, Blackbelly (breeds with Caribbean Origin)

Class: Dorper

Division 3: Natural Color

Division 4: Lightweight Blackface Cross

Division 5: Middle Weight Blackface Cross

Division 6: Heavy Weight Blackface Cross

NEW FOR 2022

SHEEP, SWINE, and MARKET STEERS

Each Exhibitor may show up to a total of three animals,
but no more than 2 per division.

2022 NC State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Calendar

- March 1st** - Steer nomination opens: <https://apps.ncagr.gov/EventRegistration/Pages/Statefair/Livestock/NominationForm.aspx>
- April 8th** - Steer validation at WNC Ag Center (same time as Spring Fling Steer Weigh-In)
- April 15th** - Request form opens to request DNA/Tag kits online for Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts, market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats
- April 23rd** - Steer validation at East Carolina Agricultural and Education Center 9am to 2 pm
- May 7th** - Steer validation at South Stokes High School 9 am to 2 pm
- June 1st** - Deadline to Request DNA/Tag kits via online request form (form closes) for Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts, market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats
- July 15th** – Deadline to input individual animal information and upload photo to online nomination site before **5 pm** for Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts, market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats
- July 15th** – Turn in DNA envelopes for Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats to County Extension Office before 5pm
- August 1st**- Online entries for all NC State Fair Livestock Shows open- **completing the nomination process does not enter you in the State Fair**, you must enter all entries between August 1st and September 15th
- September 15th** – NC State Fair Livestock Show Entries close

2022 Livestock Schedule –tentative

Wednesday, Oct 12th

Open Beef Cattle Check-In

Thursday, Oct 13th

Goat Check-In

Open Beef Cattle Show – Graham 2 rings

Goat Showmanship – Expo

Friday, Oct 14th

Jr Comm Does Show – Expo

Open Beef Cattle Show – Graham 2 rings

Open Wether Dams Show – Expo

Jr Meat Goats Show – Expo

Saturday, Oct 15th

12 pm Jr Beef Cattle Check-In

12 pm Hog Check-In – Kelley

5 pm Hog Showmanship

Sunday, Oct 16th

Jr Breeding Gilts Show – Expo

Beef Showmanship – Graham 2 rings

Open Breeding Gilts Show - Expo

Feeder Calves Show – Graham Ring 1

Jr Beef Heifers Show – Graham Ring 2

Jr Market Barrows Show – Expo

Monday, Oct 17th

Jr Market Steers Show – Graham Ring 1

Jr Beef Heifers Show – Graham 2 rings

Tuesday, Oct 18th

Sheep Check-In – Kelley

Sheep Showmanship – Expo

Wednesday, Oct 19th

Dairy Cattle Check-In

Jr Ewe Show – Expo

Open Commercial Ewe – Expo

Jr Market Lamb Show – Expo

Thursday, Oct 20th

Wool Breeds Check-In

Dairy Cattle Show – Graham

Friday, Oct 21st

Dairy Cattle Show – Graham

Wool Breeds Showmanship – Expo

Jr Wool Breeds Show – Expo

Open Wool Breeds Show – Expo

Saturday, Oct 22nd

Dairy Goat Check-In

Dairy Cattle Show – Graham

Dairy Goat Showmanship – Expo

Sunday, Oct 23rd

Dairy Goat Show – Expo

Sale of Champions (2pm)- Graham