2010 California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta
DNA Procedures

Thank you for your participation in the 102nd California Mid-Winter Fair & Fiesta. The procedures on our DNA Collection program have been incorporated into our Local Rules for the 2010 Fair.

Program Overview:

1) To confirm ownership requirements as outlined by State Rules (exhibitor must own a market beef 120 days, markets swine, sheep and feeder calves 60 days) prior to the Fair, a DNA sample will be required for each potential livestock entry.
2) 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors will sign out DNA kits for each potential livestock entry in the following divisions: Market Beef, Market Sheep, Market Swine, and Feeder Calves. Prior to distribution of DNA kits, 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors will need to submit a pre-registration log to order the correct number of DNA kits. DNA kits should be available at the Fair Office one day after receipt of your pre-registration log. Office hours are 8am - 5pm Monday-Thursday. Special arrangements can be made upon request.
3) Each exhibitor is responsible for submitting a completed DNA package by the Fair's deadlines as listed below. Although leaders and advisors may assist, it is the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to submit an acceptable DNA sample. A special day will be scheduled prior to the December 21 deadline, where those who need assistance in completing the DNA sample, can bring their animal to the Fairgrounds. (Date will be announced for sheep, hogs, and calves only and prior notice is required. If having problem with market beef contact your leader/advisor first, then the Fair).
4) The exhibitor must be the only person to seal the bag, regardless of who pulls the hair sample, making them responsible for the contents of their envelope and bag.
5) To meet the Fair's DNA requirement, exhibitors need to do the following for each animal:
   a) Provide two samples-referred as Bag Sample A-1, and Bag Sample A-2. Follow the tips for gathering DNA Sample. (See *Instructions for DNA Collection*)
   b) Seal the bags with at least 20-30 hairs (with roots attached) in each bag. Note: You only have one chance to seal the bags as the seal is very sticky. If an error is made or the seal is open, that bag is void and it must be exchanged for another bag. However, all bags are numbered and recorded, so you must return voided bag to the fair office. Please put the replacement bag number on the voided bag. <u>Remember, only one animal hair sample per bag.</u>
   c) Complete information on the outside of the envelope, including signatures. If you do not put your information on the outside of the envelope, we will not be able to confirm your sample, and it will be considered invalid and not accepted for entry.
   d) Put the two sealed bags (Sample A-1 and A-2) in the envelope and seal it. Be sure you complete and sign the label on the outside of the envelope. Exhibitor must maintain possession of their collection until it is dropped in the Lock Box in the Fair's office.
6) Purchase deadline date is October 30 for Market Beef animals. Due to the delay in researching DNA policy procedures, the Fair will accept DNA Collection kit from Market Beef animals up to Friday, November 13 at 5pm. DNA Collection kits from Market Sheep, Market Swine and Feeder Calves must be submitted by Monday, December 21 at 5pm to be accepted as a valid Fair entry. Call the Fair office with any questions. *Thank You!*

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