



## 2017 Ohio State Fair Market Steer & Market Heifer Identification Guidelines



### ~ Hartford Fair Steer & Heifer Exhibitors ~

- WHO:** Those exhibitors planning to enter Market Steers / Heifers to the 2016 Ohio State Fair.
- WHAT:** DNA Sample must be submitted to Ohio State Fair(OSF) as form of animal identification. This replaces the nose prints that had previously been taken during steer weigh-in processing.
- WHEN:** Identification must be received by the Ohio State Fair by no later than JANUARY 15, 2017.
- WHY:** Submitting identification by deadline makes those animals eligible for official entry to the Ohio State Fair, entry forms must be submitted prior to June 20, 2017 deadline.  
([www.ohiostatefair.com](http://www.ohiostatefair.com) > Competitions > Jr. Livestock > Junior Beef)
- HOW:** Follow directions noted below! (detailed instructions will be included in DNA Sample packet)
- Pick up one DNA Packet for each animal from OSF or local OSUE Office. NOTE: If participating in OCA BEST Shows, you may also obtain a packet through BEST program.
  - Read complete list of instructions. Review materials included in packet (hair collection sample envelope / protocol / instruction sheet / envelope seal and EID ear tag)
  - Fill out pertinent information on envelope.
  - Tag steer or heifer with appropriate EID tag provided in DNA packet. If your animal already has an EID tag in place, record that tag number as requested on DNA packet. (Note: if animal already has EID tag, return unused OSF EID tag to OSF / OSUE Office)
  - Collect hair sample. This must be done by exhibitor and / or their immediate family. Be careful to follow instructions as to how sample must be collected.
  - Securely close envelope and attach provided seal.
  - Obtain signature of county 4-H Educator (Licking County: Lisa McCutcheon) or FFA Advisor prior to mailing (purpose is to verify project enrollment).
  - Submit sealed packet, with 4-H / FFA signature, directly to the Ohio State Fair. Please note that the sealed sample envelopes must be placed in a larger envelope in order to be mailed. Be sure to allow time for mailing, as the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline is when it must be received by the Ohio State Fair – it is not a postmark date!

PLEASE NOTE: DNA SAMPLING OF OSF MARKET STEERS / HEIFERS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE  
AT THE HARTFORD FAIR'S MARKET STEER WEIGH-IN!