

## NDSF ONLY FFA/4-H Livestock ID Requirements

Registered animals MUST show registration papers at the time of livestock check-in. Registered animals without papers will be shown as commercial. **\*Weights listed below are for the NDSF.** Counties should adjust their weight suggestions and requirements to meet their dates of show(s).

### BEEF PROJECT

Type of Beef	Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Breeding Heifer Calves or Yearlings	None	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Individual Official USDA 840 ear tag <b>or</b></li> <li>→ Registration tattoo that matches the presented registration papers (If registered).</li> <li>→ Entered in 4-HOnline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ USDA 840 tag number</li> <li>→ Legible tattoo (for registered animals)</li> <li>→ Breed</li> <li>→ Birthdate</li> <li>→ Optional photos</li> </ul>
Cow/Calf (cow/calf pair)				
Spring Bull Calf				
Spring Steer Calf				
Market Steers & Heifers, or Dairy Steers	Recommended minimum weight of 1000 lbs. Recommended maximum of 1500 lbs for market beef and 1600 lbs for dairy steer			

### DAIRY CATTLE PROJECT

Type of Dairy Cattle	Show Weight Expectation	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
All Dairy	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Individual Official USDA 840 ear tag <b>or</b> USDA Silver tag <b>or</b></li> <li>→ Registration tattoo that matches the presented registration papers (If registered).</li> <li>→ Entered in 4-HOnline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ USDA 840 tag number</li> <li>→ Legible tattoo (for registered animals)</li> <li>→ Breed</li> <li>→ Birthdate</li> <li>→ Optional photos</li> </ul>

### GOAT PROJECT

Type of Goat	Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Dairy Doe, Yearling, Milker, or Dry	None	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Does &amp; bucks official scrapies ID tattoo <b>or</b> scrapies tag</li> <li>*Breeds approved by USDA-APHIS-VS may use their 'breed registration tattoo' in lieu of a scrapie tag.</li> <li>→ Wethers require either an official scrapies ID tattoo or tag or an official USDA 840 ear tag (not required to be scrapies)</li> <li>→ Entered in 4-HOnline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Scrapies tag/tattoo</li> <li>→ <b>or</b> USDA 840 tag number for wethers</li> <li>→ Legible tattoo (for registered animals)</li> <li>→ Breed</li> <li>→ Birthdate</li> <li>→ Optional photos</li> </ul>
Dairy Buck				
Market Wether	Required minimum weight of 40 lbs. Required maximum weight of 110 lbs.	Born after December 1, 2025		
Meat Doe, Yearling or Two-year-old	None	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Entered in 4-HOnline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Optional photos</li> </ul>
Meat Buck	None			

### HORSE PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
All Classes	Male foals may be shown, but yearling and older stallions are ineligible	→ Entered in 4-HOnline	→ Breed

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### POULTRY PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Suggestions	Hatch Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Poultry—All	Market Chicken maximum weight should not exceed 10 pounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Market poultry <b>except</b> market chickens - Suggested hatch of February 1 or later</li> <li>→ Market chickens recommended to be shown at 7-9 weeks of age</li> <li>→ Egg production chickens - Suggested hatch of February 1 or later</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Leg or wing band with ID number (likely will receive band at county fair)</li> <li>→ <b>ALL POULTRY MUST</b></li> <li>◆ 1) Originate directly from an NPIP certified flock <b>or</b></li> <li>◆ 2) Test negative to S. pullorum within 90 days prior to exhibitions <b>or</b></li> <li>◆ 3) Have been purchased from an NPIP source and be accompanied by a Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form (SRN 60329).</li> <li>→ Optional to enter in 4-HOnline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Optional breed</li> <li>→ Optional hatch date</li> </ul>

### RABBIT PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Suggestions	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Breeding Bucks & Does	None	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Tattoo, Left ear</li> <li>→ Optional to enter in 4-HOnline</li> <li>→ *Rabbit without tattoos that best fit the criteria of a pet should be shown in the Pet class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Optional breed</li> <li>→ Optional birthdate</li> </ul>
Fryer	Suggested minimum weight of 3.5 lbs. Suggested maximum weight of 5.5 lbs.	Suggested not over 70 days of age on show date		

### SHEEP PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Expectation Suggestions	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Ewes & Ewe Lambs	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Ewes and Rams official scrapies ID tattoo <b>or</b> scrapies tag (with animal # &amp; flock #)</li> <li>→ Wethers require either an official scrapies ID tattoo or tag or an official USDA 840 ear tag (not required to be scrapies)</li> <li>→ Entered in 4-H Online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Scrapies tag/tattoo</li> <li>→ <b>or</b> USDA 840 tag number for wethers</li> <li>→ Legible tattoo (for registered animals)</li> <li>→ Breed</li> <li>→ Birthdate</li> <li>→ Optional photos</li> </ul>
Rams & Ram Lambs			
Market Ewe & Wether Lamb	Suggested minimum weight of 105 lbs. Suggested maximum of 170 lbs.		

### SWINE PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirements	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Breeding Gilts	Crossbred gilts maximum weight of 385 lbs.	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Official USDA 840 ear tag</li> <li>→ Ear notches in both ears utilizing Universal Ear Notch System matching registration papers (if registered)</li> <li>→ Entered in 4-H Online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ USDA 840 tag number</li> <li>→ Ear notches</li> <li>→ Breed</li> <li>→ Birthdate</li> <li>→ Optional photos</li> </ul>
Market Gilts & Barrows	Required minimum weight of 220 lbs. Required maximum weight of 300 lbs.			