

2020 MASS DNA/RFID ID Process

Market Animal Show & Sale of Marathon County, Inc.



Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep, or swine at the 2020 WI Valley Fair are required to have their animal projects DNA/RFID identified through Animal ID by the respective M.A.S.S. species eligibility deadlines. Requests will be submitted through the M.A.S.S. committee. Please see the process below.

How do I get my animals identified?

Step #1: Participants must purchase their sample envelopes and ear tags from the M.A.S.S. committee. Envelopes and tags will be \$10 per kit and can be purchased at the mandatory participant meeting in January. Cash or check will be accepted.

Each participant may sample and tag up to four (4) animals total. Please see the M.A.S.S. program rules for further details.

Step #2: Participants will collect hair follicles as directed in the enclosed instruction sheets and place the hair samples in the envelopes provided. Animals then must be properly tagged with corresponding ear tag.

Step #3: Collection meetings will be held to collect DNA envelopes during the dates and times listed below. Collection meetings will be held at the UW-Extension office. If participants are unable to submit their envelopes themselves at this time, they may send their envelope(s) along with someone else in their club, but envelopes will not be accepted after these dates:

- **ALL SPECIES: Monday, May 4, 2020, 5pm-7pm at the UW-Extension Office**

Step #4: M.A.S.S. Committee will submit all DNA samples to Animal ID for processing and verification.

***NOTE: Participants are eligible to DNA test up to four (4) animals, but may bring only two (2) animals per species to the final weigh in at the fair. Only first two (2) animals to weigh in of any species are eligible for Market Animal Show & Sale.

Replacement ear tags can be requested from M.A.S.S. committee.
Contact weigh-in-chair Matthew Schmidt @ 715-207-7819 (call or text)
If you have any questions, please contact a M.A.S.S. committee member.