

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2020 DNA COLLECTION
BOTH EXHIBITOR AND PARENT/LEADER MUST BE
PRESENT AT COLLECTION
To obtain a proper DNA Sample



1. Thoroughly wash and dry your hands.
2. **TAG YOUR ANIMAL** with the enclosed assigned identification tag (ear tag).
3. **PULL**, do not cut, 20-30 hairs **PER ENVELOPE** from the tagged animal. It may be necessary to use hemostats or pliers to assist you in the pulling process. Grasp hair close to the animal's body to ensure roots are included. Visually check that root bulbs are attached to the hair. Do not pull wool on sheep; pull hair from below the knee. For steers, pull hair from clean, dry switch (tail). For hogs and goats, hair may be pulled from any part which is clean and free of debris. Place samples in two envelopes provided (no substitutions!). Remember you must collect two samples per animal, one for the Ventura County Fair envelope and one for the Lab envelope.

Remember to cleanse hand and pliers between animal samples to ensure that hairs from different animals are not mixed.

4. **SEAL AND SIGN** the collection envelopes. **Exhibitor and parent/leader must sign and date** front portion of the envelope and write the tag number which correlates to the sample.
5. Return **COMPLETED** DNA Kit, DNA registration form signed by both the exhibitor and parent/leader, copy of the Bill of Sale, Summary Form, Exhibit Code of Practice, Adult Code of Conduct and pictures in enclosed Ziploc bag to the Ventura County Fairgrounds Administration Office by deadline – April 10, 2020 – Market Steers/Heifer; June 5, 2020 – Market Goat, Lambs and Swine.

▪ **NOTE: This process (HAIR SAMPLE COLLECTION) does not enter your animal into the Ventura County Fair; it is only a part of the necessary requirements each exhibitor must complete to enter market animals in the Fair. Exhibitor must complete and submit entries by entry deadlines to exhibit market animals at the Fair.**

▪ **MARKET STEERS & MARKET HEIFERS – DNA Kits available for purchase starting March 2, 2020. Deadline to purchase a Market Steer/Heifer DNA Kit is – April 10, 2020. Completed Steer/Heifer DNA Kits must be physically received in the Fair's Administration Office by 5:00 PM – April 10, 2020.**

▪ **MARKET GOATS, LAMBS AND SWINE – DNA Kits available for purchase starting April 20, 2020. Deadline to purchase a Market Goat, Lamb and Swine DNA Kit is June 5, 2020. Completed goat/lamb/swine DNA Kits must be physically received in the Fair's Administration Office by 5:00 PM – June 5, 2020.**

▪ **No late DNA Kits Will Be Accepted. Submission of DNA Kits is ultimately the responsibility of the exhibitor. Failure of leader, advisor or parent to submit DNA Kit by deadline does not constitute a request for variance. Any and all variances submitted regarding late submittal of DNA Kit will be denied, and no appeal to Livestock Committee and/or Board of Directors will be accepted.**