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**State Guidelines for Validating 4-H and FFA Market Steers for the 2010
Georgia Junior National Livestock Show**

All 4-H/FFA Market Steers that will participate in the 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Show must be tagged with an official Georgia Junior National Livestock Show State Ear Tag. In addition, to be eligible for participation in the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show, market steers must have samples collected for DNA testing at one of the designated sites listed below. To ensure that all market steers meet the required provisions, the following validation guidelines and procedures must be followed.

GUIDELINES:

1. All market steers that will be exhibited at the 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Market Steer Show will be required to have samples taken for DNA testing.
2. Sampling sites for the 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Market Steer Show are listed below:

Friday, June 19

Georgia Jr. Beef Futurity, Perry, GA
DNA Samples will be collected during Showmanship.
No reservations necessary.

Friday, August 14

Georgia Young Farmer Cattle Show, Perry, GA
DNA Samples will be collected during Check In
3 pm to 5 pm.
No reservations necessary.

Thursday, October 8

Georgia National Livestock Show, Perry, GA
DNA samples will be collected at steer check in. No
reservations necessary. **(All steers must have a
state ear tag in the calf's ear at this site.)**

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****Reservations or appointments must be made for the following dates:**

Friday, September 11 Screven County Ag Center, Sylvania, GA
Reservations will be available from 3 pm to 5:30 pm by contacting Heather Shultz (hkalino@uga.edu) by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 9th.

Location Contacts: Ricky Wheeler 678-699-3728
Ray Hicks 912-564-2064

Monday, September 14 North West Georgia Fair, Calhoun, GA
Reservations will be available from 5 pm to 7:30 pm by contacting Heather Shultz (hkalino@uga.edu) by noon on Friday, September 11th.

Location contacts: Ms. Heather Shultz 706-542-8892
or Mr. Kurt Sutherland 706-629-8685.

Saturday, September 19 Colquitt County Ag Center, Moultrie, GA
Reservations will be available from 8 am to 12 pm by contacting Heather K. Shultz (hkalino@uga.edu) by 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 17th.

Location contacts: Mr. Shawn Collins 229-891-4330
or Tommy Waldrop 229-326-3053.

Thursday, September 24 Gwinnett County Fair, Lawrenceville, GA
Reservations will be available from 4 pm to 7pm by contacting Heather K. Shultz (hkalino@uga.edu) by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 22nd.

Location contacts: Ms. Heather Shultz 706-542-8892.

Saturday, September 26 Heart of Georgia Cattle Show, Dublin, GA
Reservations will be available from 7 am – 10 am by contacting Heather K. Shultz (hkalino@uga.edu) by 5 pm on Thursday, September 24th.

Location contacts: Mr. Ricky Wheeler 678-699-3728.

****No additional sites will be available for the 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Show. Any student who plans to show a steer in the 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Steer Show must participate in one of the DNA sample collection sites listed above.**

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3. The following activities are required for the validation process at each validation site:
 - A. Market Steers must have a 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Show Tag properly placed in one of the steers ears. In addition, the Market Steer must have a tattoo located in one of the ears (state rules recommend tattoo in both ears.)
 - i. ***Ear tags will be available to purchase at each DNA site, except the GNF site on October 8, 2009.***
 - B. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's supervising County Extension Agent or FFA Agriculture Teacher or parent/legal guardian must be present at the time of ear tag/tattoo and DNA sampling. If the exhibitor and/or the exhibitor's supervising County Extension Agent or FFA Agriculture Teacher or parent/legal guardian are not present at the time of verification or DNA sampling, the steer will not be processed and will have to complete the entire process at another predetermined Verification Site.
 - C. Hair will be taken from all market steers for DNA testing by a representative from Georgia 4-H, Georgia FFA or the University of Georgia Animal and Dairy Science Department. The DNA sample will be taken and placed in a hair sample envelope, and the 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Steer Show official tag number will be placed on the sample envelope in front of, and evident to, the exhibitor and his/her parent/legal guardian and/or County Extension Agent or FFA Agriculture Teacher. The following individuals must sign the sample envelope after the hair sample has been placed inside the sample envelope:
 - i. A representative from the Georgia 4-H, Georgia FFA or the University of Georgia Animal Dairy Science Department.
 - ii. The exhibitor's supervising County Extension Agent or FFA Agriculture Teacher or parent/legal guardian.
 - iii. The exhibitor.
 - D. At the conclusion of the validation process, the validation site coordinator will be responsible for delivering the hair samples to Heather K. Shultz where the samples will be housed at the State 4-H Office.
 - E. At the 2010 Georgia Junior National Livestock Show, all Breed and Reserve Champion market steers will have a second sample collected. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's supervising County Extension Agent or FFA Agriculture Teacher or parent/legal guardian must be present at the second sample collection. Show management will match the Champion Market Steer, Reserve Champion Market Steer, Top Three, Four and Five Market Steers.