



**2020 DNA COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS
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, 15 – 20 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 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, YELLOW for the FAIR envelope and BLUE for the LAB envelope.
4. SEAL AND SIGN the collection envelopes. Exhibitor and parent/leader must sign and date front portion of the envelopes and write the tag number which correlates to the sample.
5. Return COMPLETED DNA Kits and copy of Bill of Sale to the California Mid-State Fair Administration Office.



DNA Kit Fee: \$7.00 per kit

- NOTE: This Process (HAIR SAMPLE COLLECTION) does not enter your animal into the California Mid-State Fair; it is only a part of the necessary requirements each exhibitor must complete to enter heifers & market animal in the Fair. Exhibitor must complete and submit entries by entry deadlines to exhibit heifers and market animals at the Fair.
- REPLACEMENT HEIFER & MARKET STEERS - DNA Kits available for pick-up starting February 3, 2020 Deadline to Receive Heifer or Steer DNA Kit – March 26th, 2020. Completed Heifer or Steer DNA Kits must be physically received in the Fair's Administration Office by Noon March 30th, 2020.
- MARKET SHEEP, SWINE AND MEAT GOATS - DNA Kits available for pick-up starting FEBRUARY 3, 2020. Deadline to receive Market Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat DNA Kits – May 27th, 2020. Completed Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat DNA Kits must be physically received in the Fair's Administration Office by 4:00 P.M. May 28th, 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 Kits will be denied, and no appeal to the Livestock Committee and/or Board of Directors will be accepted.