



### **NEW THIS YEAR! Animal Drug Testing:**

**NEW** for 2023, the Wyoming State Fair will be drug testing Swine, Beef, Goats and Sheep. For these market species, drug testing will be mandatory for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion award winners and two randomly selected market animals from each species.

**Why:** At the Wyoming State Fair we value education, animal welfare, protecting the food chain, and fostering fair competition. Drug testing is a valuable tool to help exhibitors and families to understand the possible implications of using substances on their animal.

**How:** By 12 pm on opening day of the 2023 Wyoming State Fair, exhibitors **MUST** turn in their drug declaration forms to the Exhibitor Office drop box **ONE FORM IS REQUIRED PER MARKET ANIMAL**. Drug Declaration forms can be found at [wystatefair.com](http://wystatefair.com) or picked up at the Exhibitor Office.

**Grands & Reserves:** Sample collection will take place immediately following the judge's selection. Fair Management and/or Jordy Drug Testing, along with a parent, guardian, or witness over the age of eighteen for the exhibitor will remain with the animal until a sample has been successfully collected. The animal will be escorted to the photo backdrop and then placed in the secure area until a sample has been collected, sealed and signed off on by the exhibitor along with the parent, guardian, or witness over the age of eighteen. Chain of custody best practices shall be followed. Buckles will be presented ringside and used for photos, then held at the Wyoming State Fair office until the test results have come back negative. Exhibitors will receive a letter informing them of the results of the test and, if negative or excusable, their buckles and premiums.

**Random Tests:** Prior to animals entering the show ring, a class and placement will be announced that will be required to do a random drug test. Immediately after judging, the animal will be escorted by Jordy Drug Testing and/or a State Fair Representative, along with a parent, guardian, or witness over the age of eighteen for the exhibitor to the secured area by the photo backdrop and remain with the animal until a sample has been successfully collected, sealed and signed off on by the exhibitor along with the parent, guardian, or witness over the

age of eighteen. Chain of custody best practices shall be followed. Exhibitors will receive a letter informing them of the results of the test and, if negative or excusable, their premiums.

**Repercussions for Positive Tests:** Upon receiving a positive test result from Texas A&M, a review panel will determine the repercussion for the exhibitor. The determination made by the review panel is final and not eligible for protest.

In the event that a positive test is deemed inexcusable by the review panel, the exhibitor will forfeit premiums and awards for the exhibit that tested positive.

If a Grand or Reserve Champion animal is disqualified, places will not advance up, meaning that there will be not be a Grand or Reserve Champion awarded for that species, as applicable.

Based on the nature of the positive test, repercussions will vary from 1-3 year probation periods to 1-3 year suspensions. During a probation period, the exhibitor's market livestock exhibits must be drug tested during the Wyoming State Fair. The exhibitor will be responsible for drug testing fees during the probation period. During a suspension period, the exhibitor will not be permitted to show during the Wyoming State Fair.