

2026 Market Beef Nomination Information

Step 1 – Order Nomination Kit - March 15th – April 14th

Step 2 – Nominate Animal(s) AND Upload Photo - April 15th – May 14th

Step 3 – Enter Nominated Animal(s) in the NC State Fair - August 15th – September 15th

***ALL THREE STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW AT NC STATE FAIR.**

**Kits that have been ordered will be available for pick up the following dates and locations...

- March 28th - Clover Classic – Winston Salem Fairgrounds 421 W 27th St, Winston Salem, NC 27105
- April 10th - Spring Fling; WNC Ag Center – McGough Arena 1301 Fanning Bridge Rd, Fletcher, NC 28732
- April 7th (1pm to 2 pm) – Eastern Carolina 4H Livestock Show; East Carolina Agricultural & Education Center 1175 Kingsboro Rd, Rocky Mount, NC 27801

*If participating in Performance Steer Program – must submit a copy of official show program listing show weight from any of the kit pick up location shows. If not showing at any of those shows, can submit a weight by having a local county extension agent, show superintendent – Walter Earl or NCDA representative assist in weighting the calf and the agent then email the verified weight to summer.senter@ncagr.gov before May 14th

*Link for all 3 steps can be found on NC State Fair Livestock page along with user guides and other information.

*Each exhibitor can nominate up to 12 animals per species

*GTBNC tag kits do not include tags, those are the responsibility of the producer

*ALL DNA MUST BE TURNED IN TO LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 15TH.

*Photo requirements – animal headshot, tag must be legible, with the exhibitor in the photo

*Tag number needed for nomination entry is the NC State Fair or the GTBNC tag number