

SHEEP

General Livestock Information: See page 13 for more information

Manual Information: See page 11 for more information.

Mini 4-H: Refer to Mini 4-H rules on page 14.

Born and Raised: See page 15 for more information

Animal Enrollment Deadline: ALL animals MUST be identified in FairEntry by May 15th. See page 13 for more information.

Quality Livestock Assurance: In order to show an animal, 4-H members must be certified through Quality Assurance Training. Please See page 15 for more information.

Animal Education Posters: See Animal Education page 45. **ALL POSTERS** need to be turned in on check-in day for the exhibit buildings. **DO NOT** turn any posters in at animal check ins.

Sheep Classes:

There are two separate divisions: Hair sheep and Wool Sheep. All five classes are judged in each division.

Class I - Ewe Lambs, breeding class

Must be under one year of age. Ewe lambs shown in the class are not eligible for show in the market class.

Class II - Yearling Ewes, breeding class.

Ewes in this class must be older than one year old but less than two years old.

If there is only one entry in ewe lamb and one in yearling lamb for that breed, they will be combined initially to select a champion breed.

Note: Champions and Reserve Champions from each Breed will compete for overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe.

Class III - Market Class – Ewes and Wethers ONLY. NO RAMS.

Must be under one year of age. Market Classes will be decided by breed.

Showmanship - Members compete by grade. The show will be a “blow and show” type exhibit with no fitting of the animal. **Showmanship will be after Mini 4-H Showmanship and with the show immediately following.**

Junior - 3rd-4th graders

Intermediate - 5th-6th graders

Senior - 7th-9th graders

Master - 10th grade & up

Rate of Gain – ONLY Market animals may participate (ewes and wethers)

Sheep General Rules

1. Wethers MUST BE banded or cut prior to animal tag-in in May.
2. Tagging - All 4-H sheep must be ear tagged and entered into 4Honline by May 15th. Members must bring sheep to the Fairgrounds Sheep Barn in early May on date to be announced for tagging. All animals must have a scrapies tag or tattoo. Members must declare breed of each animal at tagging.

Breed declared can be changed from breed to crossbred, but not the other way at check-in. 2. State Fair Sheep animals will need an 840-RFID Tag, 5 Digit County Tag **and** DNA Hair Sample to be eligible for Indiana State Fair. DNA Hair sample must be submitted to the Purdue Extension-Dubois County office by May 15.

3. All *Market animals* will be weighed at tagging in early May.
4. Sheep check in, show, and check out dates and times will be in the 4-H newsletter and on the fair schedule.
5. Show number will be assigned and given at check in.
6. No person may hire or engage the services of another person(s) to groom the animal except a parent, siblings, or person approved by the 4-H Council Livestock Committee with consideration from 4-H Sheep Species Committee. Violations may result in disqualification.
7. Each 4-H member is responsible to tear down and clean their pen to leave the grounds at checkout.
8. Yearling ewes may be shown in the ring by exhibitor and **ONE** other 4-H member to set legs.
9. **For the public fairgoers' safety, sheep must remain in pens and watering, supply moving, and animal walking must be done by 5:30 p.m. each night except the night of show. No animals or supplies will be permitted to move no earlier than 9:00 p.m. OR the conclusion of that evening animal show. Whichever is later.**
10. **Show Bill Make-Up:** the Purdue Extension and 4-H Council Livestock Committee reserves the right to combine classes or to divide classes whenever deemed advisable. Final decisions on classes will be made following check-in at the fair. These classes will be posted prior to the show. Single entry breed classes will be the breed champions and combine to showcase animals and then compete in the grand champion drive.
11. **4-H Sheep Species Committee:** this group has the responsibility of bringing needs of species to the 4-H Council Livestock Committee, oversee check in at fair, oversee ID days, provide barn chaperones as needed, provide volunteers to run the show, and livestock barn set up.
12. **4-H Council Livestock Committee:** this group is the decision makers, review suggestions from species committees, review concerns and grievances from livestock individuals, set livestock dates, oversee, and enforce rules, and procedures of the livestock program. **4-H Council Livestock Committee also has the right to remove any animal during the week of the fair for the animal's health or for the safety of anyone(s).**