



## **SHEEP**

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**STATE FAIR ENTRIES:** All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to [indianastatefair.com](http://indianastatefair.com) for entry information.

### **Project Description:**

The 4-H Sheep educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both sheep subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

### **Levels:**

**Junior Grades 3-5**

**Intermediate Grades 6-8**

**Senior Grades 9-12**

### **Project Guidelines:**

- To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine, must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more pre-pared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.

- To participate in the auction youth must exhibit at least one indoor project and participate in the auctioned animal's showmanship competition.
- It is recommended to complete a record sheet.

### **4-H SHEEP:**

#### **Identification deadline - May 15**

- All 4-H sheep must attend Sheep ID Day to be RFID tagged and have a completed 4-H Sheep ID Enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**.
- Additionally, all market lambs must be ear tagged with a county tag at 4-H Sheep ID.
- For commercial ewes, the 4-H member may choose to use a farm tag for 4-H Sheep ID. The farm tag must be in the ear and remain so through the Indiana State Fair 4-H show. Absent a farm tag or if the 4-H member chooses, commercial ewes will be ear tagged with a county tag at 4-H Sheep ID.
- Purebred/registered ewes must have a farm tag/registration ear tag and RFID tagged at 4-H Sheep ID. The farm tag/registration tag must match the registration paperwork presented at entry to the 4-H Fair, and the online entry information for both ear tag number and date of birth.

### **4-H Fair:**



- All 4-H sheep will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at any time during the fair.

### **Exhibit Requirements:**

Animal exhibitors also have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Posters must follow poster rules, page 30, #14. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author. A Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.) A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.

### **GENERAL RULES**

- All market lambs (including ewes to be shown as market lambs) that the exhibitor may wish to show will be identified with a county tag number and RFID tag.
- Commercial (non-registered) breeding ewes that the exhibitor may wish to show will be identified with a county tag number or a farm tag and RFID tag.
- All registered breeding ewes that the exhibitor may wish to show will be identified by flock registration tag and RFID tag.
- Sheep must be property of the exhibitor as of **May 15** or sheep identification day, whichever is earlier. Sheep may be enrolled in the name of more than one (1) 4-H family member.

Approval is required from the barn superintendent for any deviation to the tack or bedding schedule.

- Registration papers must be approved by the barn superintendents prior to unloading any animals. **All purebred females must be registered in the 4-H'ers name\* by the breed registry. A breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in.** (\*Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificate information located on page All 4-H sheep will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at any time during the fair.
- All Commercial ewes and Market lambs will be weighed at weigh-in.
- An exhibitor may show four (2) market lambs. Market lambs need not be of the same breed. All market lambs must be shown slick shorn.
- A 4-H exhibitor may show a maximum of two (2) ewes. From these two (2) ewes, a 4-H exhibitor may show a maximum of two (2) ewes per age division per breed (i.e. spring ewe lambs, fall ewe lambs, and yearling ewes.) A separate class in each breed will be established for ewe lambs born from September 1 - December 31 of the prior year.
- All sheep shown in the purebred breeding ewe classes must be registered in the breed's registry in accordance with the 4-H Ownership Rules. Note Rule above.
- All exhibitors must show their own animals unless they have permission from the Barn Superintendent to have another Floyd County 4-H'er to show the animal due to the exhibitor having more than one (1) animal in the class or a physical handicap.



- Any 4-H Sheep may be shown in the ring by two (2) Floyd County 4-H members, one (1) being the 4-H Sheep exhibitor. The 4-H exhibitor who owns the sheep being shown **MUST** hold the sheep's head.
- Exhibitor must furnish his/her own feed and water and be responsible for the care of the sheep.
- The direct application of ice, ice water, alcohol, Freon, or any other refrigerant to the hide of a lamb is strictly prohibited. This deceptive, fraudulent practice will cause the exhibitor and their animal(s) to be disqualified immediately.
- Each breed of registered breeding sheep will be shown separately. A breeding class champion will be selected if there are entries in more than one (1) class. However, the first-place lamb or yearling in a breed in which no champion is selected may compete for grand champion ewe.
- At the time of check-in, the exhibitor must declare the breed class for each sheep. That decision cannot be changed unless the barn superintendents determine that the sheep does not have appropriate breed characteristics and place the sheep into a different class.
- Any medications given during the fair, including drenching, needs to be logged with the barn superintendent.
- All 4-H Sheep members shall be assigned a showmanship number that will be worn throughout the Sheep Show.
- All exhibitors must comply with the check-out procedures and are responsible for removing their animals and cleaning out their pens by designated time.
- No pairs will be shown.
- Pens are assigned for use to pen/house sheep as comfortable as possible first; a limited number of pens may be available for tack and feed. Please share where possible and be considerate of others.
- There will be an opportunity to sell your lamb either through the auction or direct. If an exhibitor wishes to sell his/her lamb in the auction, all auction rules and deadlines must be met in accordance to the rules stated in the Fair book. It is a privilege to sell in the auction. To sell in the auction, a lamb must weigh at least 80 pounds. There is no minimum weight for a lamb to sell direct, however the price per pound may be documented lower for low weight animals. Yearlings may not be sold through the auction.

## **SHOWMANSHIP RULES**

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS: Grade in school on January 1 of the current year.

Rookie—All first-year showmen must participate as a Rookie Showman regardless of age and grade.

Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in grades 4-7 are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall junior showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the intermediate showmanship classes in future years.

Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 8th grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners).

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