

PERFORMANCE LAMBS
Division 80

Special Performance Lamb Rules

1. Each 4-H'er exhibiting in the Market Lamb Division must show at least one performance lamb. 4-H'ers are allowed to exhibit up to five lambs, and one of those five must be a performance lamb. All performance lambs will be harvested at Iowa Lamb Corporation and full carcass data collected if they prove to have a 61 pound carcass weight and .15 inch of backfat. It is strongly recommended that animals weigh a minimum live weight of 120 pounds. Performance lambs must be designated at time of check-in.
2. Exhibitors may enter multiple animals in the Performance Division.
3. Wether lambs will be checked for late or incomplete castrations at weigh-in time. Late or incomplete castrations are not eligible to show.
4. All lambs must be weighed and tagged with an official Iowa 4-H tag by May 15 at an official verification site. Performance lambs must also have had retinal images collected. The ear tag number, weight and weigh date must be listed on the Livestock Verification Form (4-H-106).
5. All performance lambs will be weighed and checked for appropriate county identification during check-in. Any evidence of tampering with the official 4-H tag will be scrutinized. No reweighs will be allowed.
6. Rate of gain will be calculated for each performance lamb and printed in the show catalog.
7. Ribbons in the live show will be awarded as purple, blue, red and white.
8. Lambs will be evaluated and final ranking will be based on a formula that will incorporate live placing (10% of total score), rate of gain (45% of total score) and carcass merit (45% of total score).
9. Entries will be disqualified if they have less than .15 inch of back fat or have excess carcass trim.
10. Lambs will be shown by ending weight and divided into classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.
11. A number of retinal images will be taken randomly during check-in. In addition, a random sample of re-tagged animals will have images collected.
12. All first and second place animals in each class will be retinal imaged.
13. There will be three Performance Lamb Divisions: Light, Medium and Heavy. The top two lambs from each class will compete for the respective division winners. The division winners will compete in the Performance Division Championship drive. The top live performance winners will compete in the Overall Market Lamb Championship drive.

14. For the performance lamb division, should a first placed sheep be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second place animal is disqualified, the third place animal will move up. Should a division market lamb champion be disqualified after winning its division but before selection of Grand Champion Market Lamb, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.
15. All exhibitors must load their own lambs at the designated time. Please listen for announcements during the Exhibitor Meeting and throughout show day.
16. Exhibitors will have a small deduction from their sale checks to cover the cost of trucking and carcass data collection.
17. Awards will be presented to the overall champion and reserve champion performance division entries at the State Fair/Sale of Champions carcass viewing program, scheduled for Friday, August 28 at Iowa State University.