

July, 2009

Dear 4-H Sheep Exhibitor:

Fair time is just around the corner. Here are some reminders as you prepare for the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

**BE SURE TO READ YOUR 2009 STATE FAIR 4-H PREMIUM  
BOOK ONLINE at: <http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php>  
ESPECIALLY THE REQUIRED SECTIONS**

**REMINDERS:**

**NEW - Schedule Changes**

- Purebred and Comm. Ewe Check-in – Sun., Aug 16 from 9 AM – 2 PM
- Showmanship Sign-up Deadline – Sun., Aug. 16 @ Noon (Sheep Office)

**Only ORIGINAL registration papers will be accepted for purebred ewes; No faxes/copies will be allowed**

**Important Health Reminders!**

- Health papers must be written within 14 days of State Fair time for sheep. The most common problem with health certificates for sheep is that they are beyond the 14 day limit.
- **Health Certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner's expense**
- A non-washable marker may be used to identify 4-H sheep excused from exhibition
- 4-H sheep must be individually identified on the Health Certificate by their 4-H ear tag number
- Check all health certificates for accuracy of ear tag numbers and dates. It is very easy to transpose numbers, which doesn't allow that animal to be exhibited.
- **Remember to follow the Scrapie regulations - All sexually intact sheep must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag and this number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

**Arrival**

- The arrival of sheep is set to begin at 6:00 a.m., and all animals MUST be in the check-in area near Gate 9 (SW of the 4-H Exhibit Building) by 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you feel you have special arrangements to make, please contact Don Hummel, the Open class sheep superintendent, prior to that time. The state fair number is 515-262-3111 and the sheep barn extension is 350.
- **Again in 2009** – All 4-H sheep exhibitors' trucks and trailers will need to enter through Gate 9, in the SW area of the fairgrounds. The vet check will be conducted in this area. All lambs will be unloaded and inspected for club lamb fungus. Your health certificates will also be approved at this point. Remember that the health certificates must be written within 14 days of your arrival at the State Fair.
- **Reminder! All performance and market lambs, as well as commercial ewes must be slick shorn prior to entering the check-in line at Gate 9. THAT MEANS YOU MUST HAVE THE ANIMALS SHORN PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.**
- **Important!** Lambs showing evidence of club lamb fungus or ringworm or evidence of other contagious diseases will be ineligible to be shown. Lambs will be reviewed throughout their stay and may be removed if there is evidence of fungus. Disqualified lambs must be removed from the sheep barn and the fairgrounds immediately. Disqualified lambs will be marked with a scourable marker.
- **After the inspection is complete, 4-H'ers will receive their stall assignments and be moved through the line to the sheep barn.**
- Exhibitors will need to pay for their vehicle to come onto the grounds. This can be done at the gate, or if you ordered a parking hang tag ahead of time, that will get your vehicle on the grounds. Once on the grounds, additional parking can be purchased in the Administration Building for \$6.00 per day. These parking passes are good for Lot T only. Lot T is located on the north side of the Youth Inn all the way up the hill to Grandfather's farm.

**Check-In Procedures**

1. Bring to the check-in table
  - a. Your lambs
  - b. Signed and completed **Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement** (Drug Affidavit)

- c. Stamped Health Papers (stamped at the vet check as you enter Gate 9 with your trailer)
- 2. Market Lamb exhibitors will designate your performance lamb during check-in, prior to going to the scale.
- 3. Proceed to the next table to pick up your t-shirt and exhibitor number
- 4. Sign up for Premier Exhibitor Contest (optional for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H'ers; free to enter; see more below)
- 5. Proceed to the scales
- 6. Performance, market lambs and commercial ewe lambs will be evaluated for face color for classing in the black-faced or white-faced/cross divisions at the check-in line. For breeding ewes, it may be wise to bring **your carbon copy** of the 4-H sheep identification papers with you to the fair in case there are questions.
- Enclosed is the **Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement** for Market Lambs. **ALL** medications and treatments from May 15<sup>th</sup> to present **MUST** be listed on the disclosure statement for ALL MARKET SHEEP ANIMALS. The statement needs to be **completed and turned in** during sheep check-in process on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure both the exhibitor and the parent/guardian sign this statement.
- Stall cards may be picked up at the sheep office.

**You will want to attend the exhibitor's meeting at ~5:00 p.m. at the show ring on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss rule changes, show announcements, and other details for the show. This will occur between the Jr. & Int. Showmanship.**

### **Showmanship**

- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit in the showmanship class must sign up by Noon on Sunday afternoon. Entry in the showmanship contest requires signing the check-in sheet at the sheep office. The showmanship contest will be held Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the sheep show arena. Order will be: (Senior, Junior, (Exh. Mtg.), Intermediate)

### **Check Out**

If you don't already have a vehicle parking pass, a Livestock Load-out pass will be needed to get your pickup and trailer back in the fairgrounds to load out. These will be available from the 4-H sheep office.

Both breeding and market sheep will be released from the fair at the conclusion of the breeding lamb showmanship class on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Selling Your Lamb**

- All performance lambs will be loaded on the truck to be processed at Iowa Lamb Corporation on Tuesday morning, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please listen for announcements during the exhibitor meeting as well as over the barn PA for time and location of load out on Tuesday morning.
- A packer will be available to purchase additional lambs you wish to sell from the market lamb division. The sale bid will be announced late Monday. Watch the bulletin board outside the sheep office and listen for announcements. **Sale sign up must be completed by Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Market Lambs cannot be loaded until ALL performance lambs are loaded.**

### **Premier Sheep Exhibitor Contest**

Don't forget to sign-up (if you haven't pre-entered) for the Premier Exhibitor Contest during check-in. State Fair Sheep Exhibitors who have just completed 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to compete. Placing is determined by a written quiz, interview, skill stations, showmanship placing, and live placing. There is no entry cost!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500 cash**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$300 cash**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$200 cash**

For more information you can call Mike Anderson at 515-294-8617.

We look forward to working with you at this year's Iowa State Fair!

Sincerely,

Joe Sellers  
4-H Sheep Superintendent



Mike Anderson  
4-H Livestock Superintendent

Encl: Club Lamb Fungus Fact Sheet, Map, Producing Safe Food Includes No Residue in Show Animals, Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement, New Perf. Lamb Formulas

Cc: Jen Cannon, Dr. Leuschen