

Sheep – Division D

1. All exhibitors are to read and follow all livestock general rules, health requirements, Code of Ethics and herdsman's guidelines. **All sheep exhibitors must be Food Safety & Quality Assurance Certified by May 15.**
2. **Spring Weigh-In.** All market lambs and commercial ewes must be weighed and tagged with a 4-H tag at the spring weigh-in. A 4-H Sheep ID Form must be completed and on file in the EO by **May 15**. Ear tag must correspond with ID form. Sheep Committee will determine entry class by facial coloring. **Lambs will be classified as all black, all white, or speckled face/other.**
3. **Fair check-in – No sheep on grounds until weigh-in from 4-6:30 pm on Wednesday.** All market lambs and commercial ewes must be slick-shorn within one week before fair and re-sheared before fair check-in. Check-in person or persons may ask exhibitor to re-clip lambs prior to check-in.
4. **Health check and unloading – Enter South Main Gate A. Vet will inspect sheep on trailer.** All sheep will be inspected for club lamb fungus, ringworm, or sore mouth. Lambs showing evidence of any health problems will not unload or show and must be taken home. **Unload at South door of show ring. Weigh-in and proceed to pens. Exit East through gate C (south of swine barn).** Bring 4-H Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statement (available at Extension office or website) to weigh-in. Sexually intact sheep must have a scrapie tag.
5. **Shearing** - No butt wool will be allowed. Breeding sheep must have been closely sheared over the entire body with a regular comb. No shearing in the aisles. **There will be a designated shearing area at the north end of the show ring. Shearing in your pens is allowed at any time.**
Fleece length:
Market lambs – 1/4" maximum
Breeding Sheep – 1/4" with 3/4" maximum
Exception: Wool purebreds, no maximum length
6. **Herdsman'ship – Rules pertaining only to sheep:**
 - Tie or fasten water buckets in pen at all times.
 - If not on full feed, empty pans need to be removed from pen.
 - Keep bedding clean, evenly spread with manure removed.
 - Put tack boxes in front of stalls and keep closed. May also be neatly arranged in tack pen.
 - Keep alleys raked clean. Do not sweep.
 - Keep the pen boards clean. Chewed on board will not have points deducted.
 - Answer questions about sheep. Let public pet your animals if you think it's okay. Encourage them to wash their hands afterwards. Keep children out of pens or from crawling on pens. Read safety rules posted outside your building.
 - See General Herdsman'ship Guidelines for other duties.
7. **Ethics.** All animals will be shown with all four (4) feet on the show ring surface. Ethics violations in the show ring may result in expulsion from the class. Ethics violations out of the show ring may result in expulsion from the sheep show. It is recommended for the safety of the animals that the animals have water in front of them at all times.
No icing of lambs is allowed. Only tap water may be sprayed or applied to lambs. No ice allowed in spray buckets or blankets. No drenching will be allowed and no syringes.
8. **Auction** - Market lambs will be listed for sale at fair unless the Superintendent is notified otherwise by Saturday at 3:00 pm. 4-H'ers must help get their lambs out of the pens and to the scale. No pens may be cleaned or tack loaded during the auction. Sheep will sell at fair weigh-in weight.

Market Lambs – Division DA

1. **Limits.** A member may enter and show a maximum of five (5) individual market lambs. From the five (5) market lambs, a member may select one pen of three (3). Lambs shown in market classes cannot be shown in breeding classes. Entries are open to purebred, grade, or crossbred lambs born on or **after January 1** of current year and **weighing 100# or more.**
2. **Fair Weigh-in.** All market lambs must be weighed at time listed in schedule and rate of gain will be

calculated. Lambs will be divided into weight classes. All halters, blankets, and tubes must be removed from lambs prior to weighing. See Sheep Division Rules #3 and #4.

3. **Feeder Lambs.** Lambs weighing **80-99#** will be classed as feeder lambs. Feeder lambs will be judged on the basis of what they will potentially look like when at market weight. Feeder lambs will not compete for championship honors. Black, Speckle, and White-Face feeder lambs will be shown together for a ribbon. Feeder lambs will not be sold at the Boone County Fair Auction. Lambs weighing **less than 80# will be sent home.**
4. **Showing.** Purple ribbons may be given in each market class, if deserving. There must be a minimum of 6 entries for each class in DA1-DA6 in order to show separately. If minimum is not met, classes will show together. Classes will be determined by the superintendents and the committee.
5. **Rate of Gain.** A ribbon will be awarded to the top 10 Rate of Gain Market Lambs with the top rate of gain lamb receiving a plaque and reserve a rosette.
6. **Pen of 3.** Market lamb exhibitors may choose to exhibit three lambs (of same face color) selected from the lambs he/she brought to fair. The Pen of 3 will be shown by average of market weights of all market lambs, excluding feeder lambs. Pen of 3 will be shown in ring so each exhibitor needs other **4-H members** to help show.

DA 1 White-Face Individual Market Lambs

Champion White-Face Individual – Trophy

Reserve Champion White-Face Individual – Trophy

DA 2 Speckle-Face Individual Market Lambs

Champion Speckle-Face Individual – Trophy

Reserve Champion Speckle-Face Individual – Trophy

DA 3 Black-Face Individual Lambs

Champion Black-Face Individual – Trophy

Reserve Champion Black-Face Individual – Trophy

Supreme Champion Market Lamb – Trophy

Reserve Supreme Champion Market Lamb – Trophy

(Selected from the Individual Champions)

DA 6 Pen of 3 Lambs

Champion Pen of 3 – Trophy

Reserve Champion Pen of 3 – Trophy

DA 7 Rate of Gain Champion – Trophy

Rate of Gain Reserve Champion – Rosette

Purebred Sheep – Division DB

1. **Eligibility.** Entries in purebred Ewe/Ram Lamb classes must be born on or after Jan. 1 this year. Yearling ewes must be born during previous calendar year. Birth date, registration number, and breed of purebred ram/ewes must correspond with information on Sheep ID Report and be on file in the Extension Office by May 15. Flock and scrapie tags must be in ears of sheep before arrival at the Fairgrounds. Certificate of Registry must correspond with flock tag in ear and be presented at check-in to be eligible to show. Lambs shown in purebred class cannot be shown in market or commercial ewe class.
2. **Limits.** Each exhibitor may show three (3) entries in any purebred ewe or ram class per breed except only one Pair of Ewes per breed. Entry in Pair of Ewes class may consist of two ewe lambs, two yearling ewes, or one of each.
3. All purebred breeds must compete in the same class unless there is more than one exhibitor in the purebred class. Champion trophy will be given to overall champion.
4. 4-H'ers and FFA members may have the assistance of a 4-H'er (or FFA member) in the pairs class and yearling ewe class. In the yearling ewe class the assistant's help will be limited to helping set hind legs. No more than one showman per lamb.

5. **Purebred sheep exhibitors must check in with Larry Seeman or Tom Kauffman at weigh-in station by 6:30 pm on Wednesday.**

Class:

- DB 1 Purebred Ewe Lamb – *Trophy*
- DB 2 Purebred Yearling Ewe – *Trophy*
- DB 3 Purebred Pair of Ewes – *Trophy*
- DB 4 Purebred Ram Lamb – *Trophy*

Commercial Ewes – Division DC

The purpose of this division is to encourage 4-H/FFA members to establish superior crossbred ewe flocks, taking advantage of the hybrid vigor inherent in crossbred ewes. Lambs should be fed for maximum growth (not fattening) to encourage early sexual maturity. These are not sold at fair.

1. **Eligibility.** Entries in ewe lamb classes must be born on or after January 1 this year. Ewes must not be eligible to be registered.
2. Commercial yearling ewes must have been tagged and identified the year before as a commercial ewe lamb by the same 4-H or FFA member to enter and must have a scrapie tag.
3. **Limits.** Each exhibitor may show two (2) commercial ewe lambs and two (2) yearling ewes. Ewes shown in commercial ewe classes may not be shown in market or purebred classes.
4. Black-Face commercial ewes will be shown separately. There must be a minimum of six (6) White-Face or Speckle-Face ewes for each class in DC1 and DC2 in order to show separately. Class winner will receive a small trophy. Champion trophy will be given to overall champion in each class.
5. See #4 in Purebred Sheep.
6. **Exhibitors must check in with Tom Kauffman or Larry Seeman at weigh-in station by 6:30 pm on Wednesday.**

DC 1 Commercial Ewe Lamb – *Trophy*

DC 2 Commercial Yearling Ewe – *Trophy*

Supreme Champion Breeding Ewe – *Trophy*

Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Ewe – *Trophy*

Sheep Showmanship – DD

All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Showmanship. After winning Junior or Intermediate Showmanship, a member will advance to the next age division. A member will be allowed to win Senior Showmanship only once. See General Livestock Rule #8 for Elite eligibility.

DD 1 Sheep Showmanship, Senior – *Plaque*

DD 2 Sheep Showmanship, Intermediate – *Plaque*

DD 3 Sheep Showmanship, Junior – *Plaque*

DD 4 Sheep Showmanship, Elite – *\$50.00 Savings Bond*

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