





# Iowa 4-H Sheep Project Regulations Pertaining to State and Interstate Shows

## Age of Exhibitors

1. To be eligible for a state or interstate show including Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben, a 4-H'er must have completed fifth grade prior to the event.
2. A 4-H'er becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level upon completion of the **calendar** year of high school graduation. **Note:** In the event that a 4-H'er has dropped out of high school, the 4-H'er is eligible to exhibit livestock only through the calendar year that his/her class graduated.

## Maximum

Exhibitors may validate a maximum of 15 market sheep, a maximum of 10 purebred breeding ewes, and/or a maximum of 10 commercial breeding ewes for exhibit purposes at the Iowa State Fair.

## Ownership

All animals must be owned by and identified to the individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved, the papers must be either in the 4-H'er member's name or show a logical family relationship.

Animals changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for that 4-H year.

Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even though bought back by the original owner or if the owner refused a bid or says, "No Sale."

## Identification

All market sheep must be tagged with the official state 4-H ear tag and EITHER be noseprinted as well as have a hair DNA sample taken OR have a retinal image collected at a verification site by May 15. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project.

## Deadline

All market sheep animals must be in the possession of the 4-H'er and weighed at state established verification sites by May 15. Verification forms must be completed at the verification site.

## Signing and Filing the Verification Form

Your signature on the front of this form indicates that you have reviewed it and the information is correct. Keep the pink copy for your reference, and return the other two copies to the verification site coordinator.

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