

# SHEEP

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**Check In:** Thursday, August 1 at 4-5PM

**Judging:** Friday, August 2, 9AM-3PM—Show Arena

Must be entered in <https://bremer.fairentry.com> on or before **July 1st of current year.**

**Entry fee:** \$2.00 per entry

Exhibitors **must** be YCQA certified by **June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current** year to exhibit at the Bremer County or Iowa State Fair.

## **Retinal imaging (State Fair) cost is \$10 per animal; payment needs to be paid at May weigh-in.**

1. Sheep identification forms must be filled out and on file (FFA) or entered in 4-H Online(4-H) in the Extension Office by May 15th of current year.
2. Each youth must show his/her own livestock except in case of sickness, injury, or military service. If more than one livestock entry is in the same class, he/she may substitute another 4-H or FFA member, holding membership in a Bremer County 4-H or FFA club, to show his/her animal. The substitute must be approved by the CYC/superintendent before the show.
3. All sheep (ewes, wether, and rams) exhibited must have Official Scrapie ear tags before they come to fair weigh in. Official Scrapie ID tag or an official tattoo registered with the USDA (866-USDA-TAG). Follow all health Requirements for Exhibition of Livestock found in the Fair Book.
4. Entries are limited to four head per division. An entry in the Bremer County Sheep Classic will count toward the total of four individual market lambs. (Classic Lamb can also go into Market Sheep Weight Class)
5. The official fair veterinarian may inspect animals when unloading on the grounds. If for any reason the veterinarian determines the animal may be a health risk to other animals, it will be disqualified and will need to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
6. Market lambs must have been born on or after January 1, 2024.
7. Breeding lambs must have been born on or after January 1, 2024. (Individual breeding ewe's can be shown in the flock classes also)
8. Ram lambs must have been born on or after September 30, 2023.
9. Yearling ewes must be born between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023
10. All market lambs must be weighed and tagged at the official weigh-in on May 6, 2024. This weight will be used to compute rate of gain. Each individual 4-H member can weigh in up to 8 market animals for county fair.

**There will be NO SHEARING/CLIPPING at fair. All clipping and shearing must be done at prior to entering fairgrounds for this species. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to show.**

11. **No coloring agent or paint is to be used on any animal. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to show.**
12. All lambs should weigh at least 90 lbs. on entry day. Lambs weighing less will be put in a feeder class and WILL NOT be eligible to go into overall market class. Exhibitors will be allowed to show the animal.
13. All Lambs will be weighed in at the fair (including breeding classes) for class assignments.
14. Market lambs may not be exhibited in breeding classes or vice-versa. **Switching from market to breeding is allowed but must be designated at the scale at the time of fair weigh in. Once weigh in is done, lambs will be placed in the designated classes.**
15. Superintendent will create breed classes as deemed necessary for purebred animals. All purebred animals will be required to show registration paperwork **at the time of weigh in or they will be placed in a crossbred class.**
16. All White faced and Speckled will have to be verified for class placement at fair weigh in. **This will be done by the committee and will be a final decision.**
17. The class Lists will be posted the night before the show, it is the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA member to bring forward any errors on the schedule prior to the show starting with the superintendent. Once the show begins no changes will be allowed without the council of the superintendent, youth committee representation, and extension representation.
18. Order of the show will be Bottle Lamb/Goat Kid Class, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, and

Showmanship. Showmanship will be seniors, intermediate, juniors, advanced respectively to allow juniors the opportunity to observe the experienced showman/women.

19. All animals will be brought into the arena by the north gate and leave through the centergate. Failure to follow this process will result in immediate removal from the ring and forfeit of that class by the exhibitor.
20. Showmanship is the only class not required to sign up by July 1st on fair entry. Exhibitors may join the showmanship classes day of show.
21. If any protests, with conduct, rules, or judging please refer to Bremer County Fair rules for process.

**Department:** Sheep

**Division:** 253: Bottle Bucket Lamb/Goat

**Class:**

25300: Bottle Lamb/Goat
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**Project requirements for Bottle Lamb/Goat Kid Class:**

1. Judging will be Friday, August 2nd after meat goat and before the sheep show in the show arena.
2. \$2.00 entry fee, no premium, ribbon only, conference judged.
3. Project open to 4-H members in kindergarten-3 grade.
4. Class is open to any newborn or orphan lamb/goat.
5. Lamb/goat must be born between January 1st and May 1st of the current year. The lamb/goat must be fed on a bottle/bucket before the lamb/goat is two weeks of age.
6. Members are responsible for the care. Care is to include feeding, training the lamb/goat to lead, and looking after the lamb's/goat's health.
7. Animal must be entered into Fair Entry by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
8. Lambs/goats will enter on Thursday at the Sheep/Goat check in and may leave after the show or during Livestock Release on Sunday.
9. Bottle lambs/goats do NOT need to be weighed May 6th but will be weighed at entry.
10. Arrangements for companion lambs must be made with the Extension by July 1st.

**Department:** Sheep

**Division:** 251: Breeding Sheep

**Class:**

25100: Purebred or Commercial Ram Lamb, any breed 2
25101: Purebred Ewe Lamb, any breed
25102: White & Speckled Faced Commercial Ewe Lamb, any breed
25103: Black Faced Commercial Ewe Lamb, any breed
25104: Purebred Breeding Ewe yearling, any breed
25105: White & Speckled Faced Commercial Ewe, Yearling, any breed
25106: Black Faced breeding ewe, Yearling, any breed.
25107: Purebred Breeding Flock, any breed. <i>* Individual animals shown in the breeding classes may be shown in the flock classes.</i>
25108: White & Speckled Faced commercial Flock, any breed
25109: Black Faced Commercial Flock, any breed <i>*Flock will consist of one ram lamb, one ewe lamb and one yearling ewe.</i>
25110: Breeding Progeny <i>*The progeny class includes a ewe and her lamb(s). The mother has been exhibited in a breeding or bottle/bucket class at our fair in the previous year. Lambs in this class may be shown in other sheep divisions.</i>

**Department:** Sheep

**Division:** 252: Market Sheep

**Class:**

25200: Individual Market Lamb, any breed white & speckled faced lambs
25201: Individual market Lamb, any breed black faced lambs <i>*An exhibitor is limited to show a total of 4 lambs in class 25200 and 25201. *Lambs from 25200 and 25201 can be used to make pairs for 25204.</i>
25203: Bremer County Sheep Classic <i>*This is a Market Lamb Class. For a lamb to qualify for this class, the lamb must be born in Bremer County. Any breed qualifies. An exhibitor can only show <u>one</u> lamb in this class. This class will NO be broken out by weight. The lambs must be registered as "Bremer County Born" at the time of weigh in.</i>
25204: Pair of Market Lambs-any breed <i>*This class will be divided by weight on entry day.</i>
25205: Show a Sheep - Special Class for 4-H/FFA members that received sheep through the Show a Sheep program that were weighed-in May 4, 2024. Exhibitors can show one show a sheep lamb in this class. The other Show A sheep will be entered in a market class. Judgingfor show a sheep will be 50% on the lamb and 50% on the knowledge of the exhibitor.

**Showmanship:**

\*\*\* Sign up for showmanship at check in of the show\*\*\*