

**SHEEP – YQCA Required**  
**Superintendent: Megan Bierschenk (641-228-0634)**

**RULES: (Be familiar with the General Livestock Rules)**

- 1) Sheep must be owned, fed, and cared for by an exhibitor. Exhibitor must own animal at the time of spring weigh-in of current year.
- 2) Clover Kids can show a lamb (born in the current year) in their respective class for a participation ribbon only. Clover Kids are required to show with an Intermediate or Senior 4-H or FFA member as a team.
- 3) 4-H'ers must identify ALL sheep in 4-H Online by May 15<sup>th</sup> and FFA Members must turn paper ID forms into the office by May 15.
- 4) **All sheep exhibitors need to have Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15.**
- 5) **All Market Sheep will have to be weighed-in before the Chickasaw County Fair, on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Big 4 Fairground 499 Greenwood Ave, Nashua, IA 50658 from 8:00 AM to 10 AM.**
- 6) All sheep must be slick shorn no more than 5 days prior to arriving at the fairgrounds.
- 7) All sheep must have an individual **Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag** before the fair weigh-in or they will not be weighed/allowed to show. This includes feeder animals, market animals, or breeding animals. Exhibitors who purchase ewe lambs should be sure they are tagged by the original owner, and an Owners' Statement with flock information is provided. To acquire your Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag contact IDALS at 1-866-873-2824.
- 8) No clipping in barns.
- 9) All lambs not docked, and ram lambs entered in the market class will be disqualified.
- 10) All lambs must have all four feet on the ground during judging inspection. One warning and then disqualified.
- 11) All sheep will be placed in purple, blue, red, and white ribbon groups.
- 12) (See Auction Rules) Animals that are shown by 4-12<sup>th</sup> grade exhibitors in any of the market classes are eligible to be sold in the auction. If an animal is not exhibited in a market class, they will not be allowed to sell in the auction. Sheep not sold through the auction can be trucked to the Waverly Sale Barn and sold under the exhibitor's name. Clover Kids market animals are **NOT** eligible to be sold at auction.
- 13) **Check-out for sheep will be Monday afternoon beginning at noon. Livestock that will not be sold in the auction may leave the fairgrounds Sunday at 4:30 pm, but exhibitors MUST return on Monday before noon to help with clean-up. See General Livestock Rules for more on the check-out process.**

**Bucket/Bottle Lamb**

- 1) Lamb ownership & identification:
  - a) Lamb must be born between March 15 and May 15 of the current year.
  - b) Lamb must be owned, fed, and cared for by the exhibitor.
  - c) Lamb must be identified on 4-H Online by May 15 and entered in Fair Entry by June 15.
  - d) Two lambs may be identified, but only 1 lamb may be exhibited.
- 2) Complete Bucket Bottle Lamb Record Forms and return by **June 15** to the Extension Office. Late reports may receive a point reduction.
- 3) Class is open to newborn or orphaned lambs. Lamb must be bucket or bottle-fed, NO nursing.
- 4) All exhibitors must attend the exhibitor meeting prior to show time in the barn.
- 5) An interview session with the judge will be held during the judging. Examples of questions:
  - a) What the member has learned about raising and caring for the lamb.
  - b) The grooming and cleanliness of the lamb. (Use of soap, water, brush, rags, etc.)
  - c) General health, management and condition of the lamb and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
  - d) Confirmation or quality of the lamb is **NOT** to be considered.
- 7) Classes will be divided by age of youth (and experience) if necessary.
- 8) All Bucket/Bottle Lamb exhibitors completing grades 4-12 must have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15.
- 9) **BUCKET/BOTTLE LAMBS WILL BE SHOWN AS THE FIRST CLASS OF THE SHEEP SHOW**
  - 25010: Bucket/Bottle Lamb, Clover Kid – non-competitive**
  - 25011: Bucket/Bottle Lamb, Exhibitors (Grades 4-12)**

**Breeding Sheep** - Animals shown in this division may not be shown in market lamb classes. Yearling ewes must be born between September 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022. Ewes born prior to Sept. 1, 2021, are considered aged breeding sheep and are ineligible to show. Members must own breeding lambs on or before May 15 of the current year.

**Individual Breeding Sheep**

- 25110: Purebred Ewe Lamb (Must have registration papers)**
- 25111: Purebred Yearling Ewe (Must have registration papers)**
- 25112: Purebred Ram Lamb (Must have registration papers)**
- 25113: Purebred Yearling Ram (Must have registration papers)**
- 25140: Commercial Breeding Ewe Lamb - grade or crossbred (black face)**

- 25141: Commercial Breeding Ewe Lamb- grade or crossbred (white face/ speckled)**
- 25142: Commercial Breeding Yearling Ewe - grade or crossbred**
- 25143: Commercial Ram Lamb - grade or crossbred**
- 25144: Commercial Yearling Ram - grade or crossbred**

**Foundation Flock** – Yearling ewe and one female offspring are shown and judged as a unit. Yearling ewes must have been exhibited at the previous 4-H & FFA Achievement Show. Ewe Lambs must be dropped after September 1 of the previous year.

- **25171: Foundation Flock - Purebred (must have registration papers)**
- **25172: Foundation Flock - grade or crossbred**

**Clover Kids Meat Lambs Class (Non-Competitive Class) – Limit 1 head**

- 1) These lambs must be born between **Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**, through **Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>** of this year.
- 2) The Exhibitor must have completed their K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade years.
- 3) A halter must be worn by the animal in the show ring and a second show person (Chickasaw Co. 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade 4-H or FFA member) to be able to assist the exhibitor. Iowa 4-H Clover Kids protocols required.
- 4) **These animals will not be eligible for the auction, premiums or ribbon placing beyond a participation ribbon.**
- 5) Market Lambs weights, fitting/grooming will follow general market lamb requirements below.

- **25230: Clover Kids Market Lambs (Non-Competitive Class)**

**Market Lamb** - Entries are open to purebred, grade, or crossbred wether or ewe lambs that still have lambs' teeth, weighing 90 pounds or more. Lambs lighter than 90 pounds are put into the feeder lamb class. Lambs exhibited in the breeding sheep class are not eligible.

- 1) All market lambs must be weighed and tagged at the official spring weigh-in. Lambs are required to have tags. If a tag is lost between weigh-in and fair, exhibitors should contact the Extension Office to have a superintendent or staff replace it.
- 2) Market Lambs will be divided into classes by face, ear, and leg color: black and white/speckled. Depending upon entry numbers, divisions may also be determined at weigh-in. The white/speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears, and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. The face will include the top of the poll down to the nose (see picture). Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed. This judgment will be made at the final weigh-in by the superintendent and Extension staff.
- 3) A maximum of 4 head can be shown in 25200 & 25210. A maximum of 8 head can be shown *IF* they are in both 4-H & FFA.
- 4) All market lambs must weigh at least 90 lbs. Lambs under 90 lbs. will show as feeder lambs and are not eligible to be scanned or sold at auction.
  - **25200: Individual Market Lamb, Blackface Lamb**
  - **25210: Individual Market Lamb, Whiteface/Speckle Face Lamb**
  - **25220: Feeder Lamb** – Open to all market sheep under 90 pounds. Any market lambs under this weight are automatically entered in this class if they don't make weight.



**Rate of Gain Contest** – All market lambs are automatically entered in this class. All market lambs must be weighed and tagged at the official spring weigh-in. This weight will be used to compute rate of gain. End weights will be obtained on an official scale at the fair.

**Carcass Lamb Contest** - Each exhibitor can choose two officially weighed and tagged lambs to enter the carcass competition. Animals must weigh 90 lbs. or more in order to be scanned. Rankings and premiums earned will be determined by an index score which includes carcass quality and rate of gain. The scanning fee will be billed after fair and must be paid before receiving premiums.

- Exhibitors must be present for scanning. **25400: Carcass Lamb Contest**

**Livestock Lending Program**

- This is for exhibitors who have entered into an animal sharing agreement with a local producer. These agreements can be requested from the Extension Office and must be returned by April 15.
- Exhibitors may only enter one animal in each eligible specie in the Livestock Lending program.
- All exhibitors completing grades 4-12 must have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certification by June 15.
- Animals must be identified on 4-H Online by May 15 and entered in Fair Entry by June 15.
- All breeds and ages of the animal are entered into their respective species will exhibit in the class the animal is required to be entered under. There will be **NO Livestock Lending class this year**. Exhibitors that participate in the Livestock Lending Program will show in the class that their animal is supposed to be in.
- Exhibitors may also exhibit their animals in their respective showmanship class.

**Showmanship** (see General Showmanship Contest rules) Exhibitors will automatically be entered into the appropriate Showmanship class and should notify the Superintendent or Fair Staff if they choose not to participate on the day of the show. **Sheep shown in showmanship must be shown in an exhibition class by the exhibitor.**

- **Senior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Junior Showmanship**

Division	Class	Awards	
<b>250: Bucket/Bottle Lamb</b>	25010	Clover Kids	Clover Kids Ribbon
	25011	Exhibitors Grade 4 <sup>th</sup> -12	Ribbon
	25230	Clover Kids Market Lamb – (Non-Competitive)	Clover Kids Ribbon
<b>251: Breeding Sheep</b>	25110	Purebred Ewe Lamb	Ribbon
	25111	Purebred Yearling Ewe	Ribbon
	<b>25110-25111</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Purebred Ewe</b>	<b>G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette</b>
	25112	Purebred Ram Lamb	Ribbon
	25112	Purebred Ram Lamb	Ribbon
	25113	Purebred Yearling Ram	Ribbon
	<b>25112-25113</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Purebred Ram</b>	<b>G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette</b>
	25140	Commercial Breeding Ewe Lamb (Black Face)	Ribbon
	25141	Commercial Breeding Ewe Lamb (White Face/ Speckled)	Ribbon
	25142	Commercial Breeding Yearling Ewe	Ribbon
	<b>25140-25142</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Commercial Ewe</b>	<b>G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette</b>
	25143	Commercial Ram Lamb	Ribbon
	25144	Commercial Yearling Ram	Ribbon
	<b>25143-25144</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Commercial Ram</b>	<b>G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette</b>
<b>251: Breeding Sheep</b>	25171	Foundation Flock - Purebred	Ribbon
	25172	Foundation Flock - Grade or Crossbred	Ribbon
	<b>25110, 25111, 25140, 25141, and 25142</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Breeding Ewe</b>	<b>G: Purple Rosette R: Pink Rosette</b>
	<b>25112, 25113, 25143, &amp; 25144</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Breeding Ram</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
<b>252: Market Sheep</b>	25200	Individual Market Lamb (Blackface Lightweight)	Ribbon
	25201	Individual Market Lamb (Blackface Middleweight)	Ribbon
	25202	Individual Market Lamb (Blackface Heavyweight)	Ribbon
	<b>25200 - 25202</b>	<b>Grand Champion Blackface Market Lamb</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
	25210	Individual Market Lamb (Whiteface/Speckled Lightweight)	Ribbon
	25211	Individual Market Lamb (Whiteface/Speckled Middleweight)	Ribbon
	25212	Individual Market Lamb (Whiteface/Speckled Heavyweight)	Ribbon
	<b>25210- 25212</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Champion Whiteface/ Speckleface Market Lamb</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
	<b>25200-25212</b>	<b>Grand and Reserve Market Lamb</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
<b>253: Rate of Gain</b>	25300	<b>Rate of Gain Contest *Top 5 Winners will Walks Through Ring During Show*</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner</b>
<b>254: Carcass Lamb Contest</b>	25400	<b>Carcass Lamb Contest *Top 5 Winners will Walks Through Ring During Show*</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Banner</b>
<b>259: Sheep Showmanship</b>	<b>21901</b>	<b>Senior Showmanship</b>	<b>G: Choice Awards R: Pink Rosette</b>
	<b>21902</b>	<b>Intermediate Showmanship</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</b>
	<b>21903</b>	<b>Junior Showmanship</b>	<b>G: Purple Banner R: Pink Rosette</b>