



April 19, 2022

TO: All Clinton County Youth with Sheep and Goat Project
RE: 4-H/FFA Derby Lamb Weigh-In/ State Fair 4-H Nomination Information

This year the sheep and goat weigh in will be on May 7, 2022. A designated member of the sheep/goat committee will come to your farm to weigh, scan and tag all appropriate animals. Please call the office before April 29th to request a farm visit. The process for county and state fair are similar but not identical. Underlined items are State Fair only. If May 7 does not work, please reach out as soon as possible.

Weigh-In Process

1. Before April 29 – **4-H member** calls the Extension Office or emails clinton4h@iastate.edu (**FFA members** contact advisors.)
 - a. Name and how many animals need weighed, tagged or *scanned*
 - b. NOTE: Meat goats AND sheep only for county fair can be identified with a scrapies tag. Be sure the entire scrapies tag, including flock id and the animal number, are entered in 4hOnline.
2. May 7 – Derby lamb weigh in/ State Fair retinal images at your farm
 - a. Information for each animal (tag #, sex, breed) gets written down on ID form
 - b. Animals will get a USDA tag and retinal image (\$7/head)
3. Before May 15—
 - a. **4-H member** logs into 4hOnline to identify animals. Help sheet posted at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>
 - b. **FFA member** will enter information onto the Google Spreadsheet.
4. May 16- July 1 – **4-H & FFA members** then must make actual fair entry. The retinal imaging process only nominates the animals for State Fair eligibility. The 4-H/FFA member must still make fair entry by July 1 if they wish to show at the county fair. More details to come after May 15. Please note that the State Fair "Fair Entry" and County Fair "Fair Entry" are different websites!

County Fair Only

Derby lambs must be weighed in on May 7 to be eligible in the show. No meat goats need to be weighed in to exhibit at county fair.

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Iowa State Fair 4-H Requirements

Meat Goats

- Max 20 head identified on 4hOnline
- 4hOnline ID required by May 15
- Market and Breeding must have 4-H tag (or official tattoo for does)
- Retinal images required for all, breeding and market.
- Birth date required for breeding does in 4hOnline before May 15

Sheep

- Max 30 head can be identified
- 4hOnline ID required by May 15
- All State Fair sheep (market, commercial and purebred breeding) must have 4-H tag, weighed and retinal images collected by May 15
- Commercial and purebred ewe lambs must be born on or after Jan 1

Fees

Retinal Image- \$5 (goes to state 4-H office)

USDA/4-H Tag- \$2 (goes to county office to pay for tags)

Continue Learning

More resources to develop your sheep or goat project are available online at

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/sheep>

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/meat-goat>

YQCA Training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

All 4-H livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for sheep/goats. Options to complete this include:

- 1) Instructor-Led Certification (\$0 with coupon!): Clinton County will be holding one more training on May 3rd at 6 pm in DeWitt. Register at www.yqcaprogram.org Help sheet at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>
- 2) Web-Based Certification (\$12): Members complete the certification online. A help sheet is posted at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>.

If your animal loses a tag after weigh-in, please contact Amanda immediately. Each 4-H family will receive a printed fair book. If you have not already, contact your club leader or the Extension Office. You can also find it posted online at:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>.

As always, please reach out with questions,



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Updates as stated in the "Summary of Changes" document available at:
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>

Sheep and Goat Department General Rules

#3 – removed “castrated males are not required to be tagged” because that is false. Replaced with “Wethers require identification and can use a Scrapie tag but it is not required. A 4-H tag may be used.”

#5 – added “Fitting will be allowed. Only the 4-H/FFA exhibitor, an immediate family member, or current Iowa 4-H/FFA member are allowed to assist in fitting animals. Painting, powdering, dyeing and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted to show.” To match up with 4-H state fair rules.

Commercial Sheep Division

#2 – updated weigh in date and retinal scan date “...May 7, 2022...” and “...May 2-7, 2022...”

Market Sheep Division

#1 – updated weigh in date “...May 7, 2022...”

Meat Goat Division

#11 “Classes 700:01 and 700:02 will be broken by animal weight a county fair check-in” added

Class 700:01 – Meat Goat Does Under 1 year (born 5/16/2021-5/15/2022) added

Class 700:02 – Meat Goat Does Over 1 year (born before 5/15/2021) added

Market Meat Goat Division

Class 702:07 – updated to Market Meat Goat - Wether

Class 702:08 – updated to Market Meat Goat - Doe

Class 702:09 – updated to Pygmy Goat/Fainting Goat