



March 2, 2023

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 April 29, 2023. **NEW PROCESS:** Youth must bring their animals to the designated weigh in location. (Committee members will NOT be traveling to visit your farm.) The process for county and state fair are similar but not identical. Underlined items are State Fair only.

### Weigh-In Process

1. On April 29 – at Central DeWitt Bus Barn parking lot, 8-10 AM.
  - a. **4-H and FFA members** bring derby lambs to be weighed in
  - b. 4-H members will bring state fair goats to be retinal imaged and tagged with a 4-H tag
  - c. 4-H members will bring state fair sheep to be retinal imaged, weighed, and tagged with a 4-H tag
  - d. Information for each animal (tag #, sex, breed) gets written down on ID form (one form per youth)
2. 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.
  - c. **Note:** Meat goats AND sheep for county fair only can be identified with a scrapies tag. Be sure the entire scrapies tag, including flock id and the animal number, are used in the identification.
3. 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. 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 April 29 to be eligible for the Clinton County Club Show. No meat goats need to be weighed in at this time to exhibit. Additional county fair rules and classes are included with this letter.

### Iowa State Fair 4-H Requirements

#### Meat Goats

- Max 20 head identified on 4hOnline

- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.
- 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
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.
- 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 and FFA 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!): Members learn at an in-person event lead by an instructor. Register at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) Help sheet at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>
  - a. Clinton County will hold two trainings. One March 26 at 3 pm in DeWitt and one on April 29 at 3 pm in Maquoketa.
- 2) Web-Based Certification (\$12): Members complete the certification online. A help sheet is posted at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>.

### Notes:

- If you animal loses a tag after weigh-in, please contact Amanda immediately.
- Each 4-H family will receive a printed fair book. You can also find it posted online at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair>.

As always, please reach out with questions,

 , County Youth Coordinator