



April 12, 2024

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

This year's event will be on May 4, 2024. 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. FFA state fair, talk to your advisor.

Derby Lamb Weigh In

Note: Derby lambs must be weighed to be eligible for the Clinton County Club Show.

1. Notify the office you plan to attend by email or phone.
2. 4-H and FFA members bring derby lambs to **Swine Barn on the fairgrounds**, on May 4 from 8-10 AM.
1. Information for each **derby** lamb (tag #, sex, breed) gets written down on ID form (one form per youth)
 - a. Scrapies tags can be used if the animal is county-fair only.
3. Exhibitor leaves with a copy of their weigh in form.

4-H State Fair Goats and 4-H State Fair Sheep

Note: County-Fair only meat goats do not need to be weighed in on May 4th to exhibit.

1. Notify the office you plan to attend by email or phone.
2. **4-H members bring state fair goats/sheep to Swine Barn on the fairgrounds on May 4 from 8-10 AM.**
3. **4-H members will bring state fair goats to be retinal imaged and tagged with an EID tag if the goat does not already have one.**
4. **4-H members will bring state fair sheep to be retinal imaged, weighed, and tagged with an EID tag if the sheep does not already have one.**
5. Information for each animal (tag #, sex, breed) gets written down on ID form (one form per youth).
6. Staff collects tag fees from 4-H'er (\$2/ EID tag, \$5/ retinal image)
7. Exhibitor leaves with a copy of their identification form.

Fees

Retinal Image- \$5 (eventually goes to state 4-H office)
EID Tag- \$2 (goes to county office to pay for tags)

Sheep Department Rule Updates

The Extension Council has approved the rules included in this packet. The full fair book is posted online: www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/county-fair Changes include:

Sheep and Goat Department General Rules

**Added #13 - Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, air, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drenching, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.

Commercial Sheep Division

#2 – updated weigh in date and retinal scan date “...May 4, 2024”

**Change class 11 to class 10

**Add new class 11, Speckle Face Ewe Lamb

**Add new class 12, Speckle Face Yearling Ewe

Market Sheep Division

#1 – updated weigh in date “...May 4, 2024...”

Meat Goat Division

#1 – +1 to years

+1 year to class dates

**Update rule 2 to “...official tag (4-H or scrapies) or tattoo... from “...4-H ear tag OR tattoo...”

Important Deadlines!

Before May 15:

1. Attend derby weigh in if you plan to exhibit in that class.
2. 4-H members, must enroll in 4hOnline (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
3. 4-H members, must pay enrollment fees
4. 4-H AND FFA should review 4H 202 (Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibiting Requirements) found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>
 - a. **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.
5. Identify your animals.
 - a. If you want to exhibit as a **4-H member**,
 - i. Log into 4hOnline (<https://v2.4honline.com>)
 - ii. Identify your swine under the member’s animal tab on the left side.
 - iii. Make sure you hit submit! You’ll receive an email confirmation.
 - b. If you want to exhibit as a **FFA member**,
 - i. Log into FairEntry with a previously created account. If this is your first year AND you are not a 4-H member, create an account. If this is your first year and you ARE a 4-H member, use your 4hOnline login information.
 - ii. Website: <https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com> You’ll see a Spy Your Potential logo.
 - iii. You’ll register as an exhibitor and then be able to identify animals.
 - iv. Please note, you won’t select your FFA chapter yet. That will happen in June. FairEntry does not send you a confirmation email. If you’d like to confirm your animal is identified, ask your advisor or contact me.

Between June 1 – July 1:

Both 4-H and FFA members must **create the entries** to exhibit. Creating an entry tells staff which class you plan to exhibit your animal in. Please note that the State Fair “Fair Entry” and County Fair “Fair Entry” are different websites!

1. Log into FairEntry at: <https://clintoniowa.fairentry.com> You'll see a Spy Your Potential logo.
2. Your animal information will be there. Sign up for which class each specific animal will be entered in. (FFA, this is when you'll select your chapter if you are also a 4-H member!)

Additional Notes for Sheep/Goat Exhibitors

YQCA Training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

All 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for swine. Youth have two options to complete this:

- 1) Instructor-Led Certification (\$3): none left
- 2) Online Certification (\$12): Members complete the certification online. A help sheet is posted at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>.

Requirements/Limits

SHEEP

- Maximum of 30 head can be identified in 4-H Online.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
 - ALL State Fair sheep (market, commercial, and purebred breeding) must have an approved Iowa 4-H or Official USDA 840 tag, weighed and retinal images collected at a county weigh-in by May 15.
- Commercial and purebred ewe lambs should be born on or after January 1.
- Intact sheep (ewes and rams) must have a scrapies tag.
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.

MEAT GOAT

- Maximum of 20 head can be identified in 4-H Online.
- 4-H Online ID required by May 15.
 - ALL State Fair meat goats (market animals and breeding does) must have an approved Iowa 4-H or Official USDA 840 tag, or official tattoo for does, and retinal images collected by May 15.
- Birth date required for breeding does in 4-H Online by May 15.
- Intact meat goats (does and bucks) must have a scrapies tag.
- Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member, and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.

Record Book Entries

The record book process starts today! For Clinton 4-H record book overview, please visit www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/record-keeping.

Continue Learning

More resources to develop your projects are available online at

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

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

Find tips to expand your knowledge and start working on an indoor exhibit with Project Guides also on the websites above!

Loose a Tag?

If your animal loses a tag after weigh-in, please contact Amanda immediately.

As always, please reach out with questions,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Rau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amanda Rau
County Youth Coordinator