East Pottawattamie County
Sheep/Goat Help Sheet
The sheep and goat projects are open to 4-H members, Clover Kids, and FFA members.

Prior to County Fair:

- Enroll in East Pottawattamie County 4-H using 4-H Online.
- Attend your monthly club meetings (attending 4 meetings is required to be eligible to participate in the Pottawattamie County Fair) & read the monthly 4-H newsletters.
- All market lambs and meat goats must be weighed in and ear tagged at the spring sheep and goat weigh in on Saturday, May 1 from 7:30-9:30am at the Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds in Avoca.
- Market lambs and meat goats that wish to be nominated for the Iowa State Fair must be retinal imaged at the May 1 weigh in. Additional paperwork and fees must be complete & paid at weigh ins. Iowa State Fair FFA nominations must go through FFA advisors.
- ALL sheep and goat projects must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 BY FAMILIES. For market lambs and meat goats, you will receive a copy of your paperwork from weigh in—that info goes into 4-H Online. For ALL OTHER sheep and goat projects, you must pick up ear tags from the Extension Office, tag them, and identify them in 4-H Online—these are NOT weighed in (breeding, bottle, Clover Kids, etc.). THIS IS THE FAMILY’S RESPONSIBILITY-state rule.
- FFA sheep and goats must be identified in the Extension Office on paper by May 15.
- Entries for the 2021 Pottawattamie County Fair are due June 15 at FairEntry. Online registration and payments are due by 5:00pm on June 15.
- Pottawattamie County Fair exhibitors and their families are responsible for reading the Pottawattamie County Fair Book and agreeing to all rules & regulations prior to the online FairEntry registration and payment.
- Attend Pottawattamie County Fair Set Up to help prep the fairgrounds and barns for livestock, youth, and the public.

County Fair:

- ARRIVAL: ALL sheep and goats must be vet checked upon arrival and prior to entering any barns (unless health papers are present). Stalling assignments will be posted prior to arrival. Bottle and Clover Kids bottle lambs/goat may choose to arrive on show day but still are required to be vet checked upon arrival.
- CHECK IN: Sheep and goats must be brought to check in to be weighed and checked in. All market and breeding sheep and goats will be required to have a drug affidavit filled out and submitted to the vet as they enter. Bottle and Clover Kids bottle may check in during sheep and goat check in and stay the duration of the fair OR arrive and check in on show day.
- RELEASE: Bottle and Clover Kids bottle projects are released at the completion of the show. All other sheep and goats must stay on the grounds until at least 2PM on Sunday, July 18th.
- Show orders will be posted online and on the barns the night before the show.
- PREMIUM AUCTION: Youth must register within one hour of the completion of the show to participate in the Premium Auction. Breeding animals are not eligible.
- Attend Pottawattamie County Fair Clean Up to help clean up the fairgrounds from a long week of fair.
- Ribbon premiums will be distributed to exhibitors in September through the mail. Livestock premiums will be mailed to the youth from Rolling Hills Bank and Trust in September.
- Complete and submit a 4-H record book to your club leaders by the club deadline using the suggested record book guidelines.
- Attend 4-H Awards Night in November to receive your record book and awards.

Iowa State Fair:

- 4-H Online nomination deadline: May 15
- Entry deadline: July 1 at FairEntry