

## SHEEP

*Superintendents: Daniel Whitehead, Jed Whitehead*

1. A 4-H or FFA member may show two (2) pens-of-three, four (4) individual market lambs (one of which must be identified as home-raised), two (2) commercial ewes, two (2) purebred ewes, two (2) rams, one (1) feeder lamb, and one (1) lamb feeder class group entry.
3. Individual market lambs will be weighed and assigned to weight class by the superintendent(s).
4. Lambs must be at least 90 days old the day of fair weigh-in. Exhibitors should know the lamb's date of birth when weighing in at fair.
5. Lambs that have shown negative or zero rate-of-gain will be examined by a veterinarian at the request of the superintendent to determine eligibility for exhibition.
6. Lambs weighing 95 pounds or less at fair weigh-in will be entered into the feeder lamb class by the superintendent(s). There will only be one class of feeder lambs.
7. Either wethers or ewes may be shown in the market lamb class. Ewes shown in the breeding division may not be shown in the market lamb class.
  - a. For example, if you have two (2) wethers & one (1) ewe you can show all 3 in market class and pen of three, but not show the ewe in the breeding class. Alternately, you can show two (2) in market lamb class, the ewe in the breeding class, but still show all in pen of 3.
8. Home Raised – Noted when animal is identified as an exhibit. To be eligible for home-raised class, the birth mother of the animal must be owned by the exhibitor or an immediate family member at the time of birth and the exhibitor must provide primary care for the animal from birth through county fair.
9. Separate breeding classes for purebred sheep will be established as needed.
10. All sexually intact sheep must have a scrapie tag provided by the breeder.
11. An identifying tag will be provided at weigh-in for market lambs.
12. Breeding sheep must have an identifying tag used to register the animal on 4Honline.
13. All market animals must include a Premise ID upon identification.
14. Halters shall be used for moving sheep to show ring.
15. Lambs weighing under 95 pounds will not be marketed.
16. Sheep must make a minimum weight of 110 pounds to be entered as a carcass lamb.
17. Generators are encouraged near the barns and in the designated grooming areas for use with grooming equipment.

#### MARKET LAMB CLASSES

- *Individual Feeder Lamb*
- *Individual Market Lamb*
- *Pen of Three Market Lambs*
- *Home Raised Market Lambs*
- *Carcass Lamb*

#### BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

- *Purebred Ram – Lamb*
- *Commercial Ewe – Lamb*
- *Commercial Ewe – Yearling*

#### **NEW THIS YEAR!!**

All swine, sheep, and goats will be checked on the trailer before unloading at the County Fair.

**No early arrivals for any species.**

Families bringing in livestock will be asked to come through the North gate of the fairgrounds and line up between the show ring and McElroy building to allow for easy pull up and back in at the unloading shoot when it is your turn.

#### LAMB FEEDER

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1. Lambs within this program can be at a minimum of three head to a maximum of ten head.
2. The pen should be separate from other livestock so accurate feed records, etc. can be maintained.
3. The lambs can be weighed and started as a project by the date of sheep weigh-in.
4. Animals must be tagged throughout the project.
5. Records for this project will include a monthly record sheet and a final completion record to be included as supporting materials with the final poster project at Fair.
6. Other material you might want to use include description of feeding program and health maintenance, scale tickets and pictures.
7. All records, including average daily gain, will use the date of the weigh-in.

#### LAMB FEEDER CLASS

- *Group 3-10 head*