April 16, 2015

TO: All 4-H & FFA Youth with Lamb and Meat Goat Projects

FR: Monica Gray, County Youth Program Coordinator
    Holly Hall, County Extension Director

RE: Weigh-in: County Fair Derby AND MARKET Lambs
    Iowa State Fair Market & Performance Lambs
    County Fair Meat Goats
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All lamb and meat goat weigh-in information will be available through our website:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/jones

Jones County Weigh-in
Saturday, May 2\textsuperscript{nd}
Great Jones County Fairgrounds
Small Animal Barn
Starting at 9:00 AM. Please arrive before 10:30 AM.

THIS WEIGH-IN IS FOR:

- 4-H/FFA DERBY LAMBS BEING NOMINATED FOR COUNTY FAIR
- 4-H/FFA MARKET LAMBS BEING NOMINATED FOR COUNTY FAIR
- 4-H/FFA MEAT GOATS BEING NOMINATED FOR COUNTY FAIR
- FFA MARKET LAMBS AND MEAT GOATS BEING NOMINATED FOR IOWA STATE FAIR

****REMEMBER****

Besides weighing in the Derby lambs, ALL Market Individual Lambs \textbf{MUST} be ear tagged at this Spring weigh-in site. Market lambs \textbf{WILL NOT} be weighed.

****IOWA STATE FAIR****

Due to the shared use of the retinal imaging equipment for State Fair ID verification,

- 4-H MARKET/PERFORMANCE LAMBS BEING NOMINATED FOR IOWA STATE FAIR/AK-SAR-BEN
- 4-H MEAT GOATS BEING NOMINATED FOR IOWA STATE FAIR/AK-SAR-BEN \textbf{MUST} weigh in at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Central City on Sunday, April 26\textsuperscript{th}.

Jones County members planning to weigh-in at Central City \textbf{MUST} confirm/commit the number of animals that they are planning to weigh by Thursday, April 24. We need to know how many animals are going to Central City! You can confirm/commit by phone or e-mail to Monica Gray, mongray@iastate.edu.

Please see page 2 for more information.

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Scrapie Era

dication Rules still in effect
See the posted summary, for full details on the scrapie program requirements. Be sure to place your tag order in plenty of time prior to the fair. These tags will be required for exhibition at the Great Jones County Fair.

Paperwork
1. All Identification forms **MUST** be completed at the site.
2. Signatures and waivers **will not** be necessary this year.
3. We will input all of the official data into 4hOnline, and then it will be up to the 4-H member/parent/guardian to verify the information in 4hOnline to be complete and accurate. If the information in 4hOnline is NOT correct – **DO NOT VERIFY THE INFORMATION.** Contact Monica Gray at the Extension Office IMMEDIATELY. FFA members will still use paper copies. All verification **MUST** be completed by **May 15.**

County Fair Derby Lambs and Meat Goats:
All major rules, guidelines, and information regarding identification and weigh-in for your county 4-H/FFA lamb and meat goat projects are included in the current “Livestock Project Requirements” booklet (L-2/2015). **Please read** appropriate sections carefully (including the GENERAL RULES).

- the number of **derby individual lambs** per exhibitor:
  - nominate/weigh-in up to 4 wethers in Spring (no ewes)
  - exhibit up to 2 derby lambs at fair

- the number of **market individual lambs** per exhibitor:
  - nominate up to 30 market lambs (total of Derby and Market Individuals) in Spring
  - exhibit up to 4 market individuals and 1 pen of three at fair

- the number of **market meat goats** per exhibitor:
  - nominate/weigh-in up to 10 wethers in Spring (no does)
  - exhibit up to 6 market meat goats at fair

- breeding sheep, breeding meat goats, dairy goats and specialty goats for the county fair **DO NOT** have to come to this weigh-in, but MUST be identified through 4hOnline (4-H) or on paper ID forms (FFA) by **May 15.**

**There is a charge of $1.00 per ear tag for all market animals weighed-in/nominated for the county and/or state fair as well as AK-SAR-BEN.**

The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Programs.

State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Market/Performance Lambs and Meat Goats:

- At the spring weigh-in, **ALL** market lambs and meat goats that are to be eligible to exhibit at the State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben **MUST** be identified/verified. Each 4-H'er is allowed to nominate up to 30 lambs and 10 meat goats for State Fair and an unlimited number of lambs and meat goats for Ak-Sar-Ben.

- The cost for nominating each animal for the State Fair will be $7.00. If the same animal is to be verified for AK-SAR-BEN, there will be an additional cost of $5.00 per head. (This is in addition to the “ear tag fee” mentioned above.)

Additional lambs and meat goats can be nominated for Ak-Sar-Ben **ONLY,** from May 15th to June 15th, if arrangements are made with the Extension Office before May 15th.