

General Sheep Rules

4-H/FFA Sheep Show is Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM

General Livestock Rules and General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.

1. Each exhibitor will show his or her own lambs unless the 4-H/FFA'er has more than one lamb in that class. Exceptions will be made for illness or other reasonable conflict.
2. We ask that exhibitors follow this procedure on showing lambs: You may lift your lamb to set it, then all four feet should return to the ground for evaluation by the judge. You cannot set lambs on exhibitor's feet.
3. **Health papers will be required and must be completed within 14 days of the first day of the Central Iowa Fair**
4. All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag, with number recorded on ID form.
5. Incomplete castration will disqualify a wether from showing.
6. All market sheep must have been weighed and tagged on the date set by the sheep committee to be eligible to show at the county and state fairs and Ak-Sar-Ben. Commercial ewes and purebred lambs must be ear tagged with a 4-H tag. All lambs nominated for the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben entries must have retinal images taken.
7. The speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs requires speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. If not two or more entries in division, the two divisions will show together.
8. Sheep exhibitors must have completed a YQCA Training in person or online by May 15th, 2021 to be eligible to show. If training is not completed by the exhibitor will not be allowed to show at the 2021 Central Iowa Fair
9. Breaking of classes is subject to change by committee discretion depending on numbers.
10. Fair entries must be filled out on FairEntry.com by June 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM.
11. Dress: Exhibitors may wear any colored 4H/FFA t-shirt in the show ring. No hats are allowed.
12. State Fair sheep (market, commercial, purebred breeding) must be ear tagged, weighed and have retinal image taken.

Division 251 – Breeding Sheep

1. Each exhibitor may show **2 ewe lambs or 2 yearling ewes or two rams** per/or in each class.
2. **Age:** Purebred and Commercial Ewe and Ram lambs must be born on or after January 1, 2021, except Purebred and Commercial yearling lambs which must be born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020. Original or copies of registration papers must be provided and registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name. Applications for registration will not be accepted. Animals whose registration papers are not approved by the Superintendent will not be allowed to enter the show ring.
3. **Crossbred Commercial Ewe Lambs:** This class is to encourage exhibitors to establish superior crossbred ewe flocks, taking advantage of the hybrid vigor inherent in crossbred ewes. **This lamb may not be shown in the market lamb classes.** The ewe lambs must be born on or after January 1, 2021. This class may be split by weight, depending on the number of entries.
4. **Identification:** All breeding sheep must be identified on 4hOnline by May 15th, 2021.
5. **Purebred Ewe Classes:** Will be divided by birth date. The Superintendent will determine class size after all entries are completed.
6. State Fair commercial and purebred breeding lambs must be ear tagged and have retinal image taken.
7. **Shearing:** All market lambs should be slick shorn. All Lambs head and body must be shorn to 1/8 inch before animals are on the fairgrounds. Purebred lambs are exempt from this rule.
8. **Check in:** at the time of check in all tubes and blankets must be removed from all lambs for inspection by the fair veterinarian.

Pair of Lambs – Special Rules

1. **Entries:** Any combination of breeding and/or market sheep that have been ID'd, can be shown in a pair of lambs.
2. Exhibitor may enter one pair in this class.
3. 4-H/FFA exhibitors may wear any color 4-H or FFA t-shirt in the show ring. No hats allowed.
4. This is a no entry fee, no premium class.

CLASS

25110 Hampshire Ewe Lamb

25111 Hampshire Yearling Ewe

25112 Suffolk Ewe Lamb

25113 Suffolk Yearling Ewe

25114 Dorset Ewe Lamb

25115 Dorset Yearling Ewe

25116 Other Meat Breeds Ewe Lamb

25117 Other Meat Breeds Yearling Ewe

25118 Other Wool Breeds Ewe Lamb

25119 Other Wool Breeds Yearling Ewe

25130 Purebred Slick Sheared Ewe Lamb

25140 White Face and Speckled Face Commercial Ewes

25142 Black Face Commercial Ewes

25150 Purebred Ram Lambs

25170 Pair of Lambs

All Division Champion Ewes will go in for Supreme Champion Ewe Lamb. If the Supreme Champion is a fitted Ewe Lamb, it is not eligible for the district show

Division 252 – Market Sheep

1. **Entries:** Each exhibitor may show a maximum of 5 market lambs. These lambs may not be shown in the breeding classes. The exhibitor may also show one or two in the pair of lambs class. [See General Sheep Rules]
2. **Age:** All market lambs must have been born on or after January 1, 2021.
3. **Identification:** All market lambs must be ear-tagged with tags from the Marshall County Extension office. Market lambs nominated for state fair must also be retinal imaged at weigh-in. All Market sheep must be identified on 4hOnline by May 15th, 2021
4. **Shearing:** All market lambs should be slick shorn. All Lambs head and body, excluding the legs, must be shorn to 1/8 inch before animals are on the fairgrounds. Purebred lambs are exempt from this rule.
5. **Classes:** Will be divided based on weight.
6. **Check in:** at the time of check in all tubes and blankets must be removed from all lambs for inspection by the fair veterinarian.
7. The speckled face division for market lambs requires speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. If not two or more entries in division, the two divisions will show together.
8. Market lambs will be divided into divisions by face color: black face or white face speckle face. The superintendent and sheep committee have the authority to break classes according to face color. This judgment will be made at the scale at weigh-in. If a protest of the decision is made, the sheep committee will review the decision. Within face color categories, if sufficient numbers allow, market lambs will be divided into weight divisions.
9. First and second place in each weight class are eligible to show for the division weight championship and reserve division weight championship. Division weight champions from all divisions will compete for the Grand Champion animal. The remaining division champions, plus the reserve division champion standing below the animal selected for Grand Champion will compete for Reserve Grand Champion. No division reserve champion will be eligible to rank higher than a Reserve Grand Champion. Awards will be given for champion and reserve champion in each weight division.
10. Champion market lamb and reserve champion market lamb will each receive a trophy.
11. We ask that exhibitors follow this procedure in showing lambs. You may lift your lamb to set it, with all four feet returning to the ground for evaluation by the judge.
12. Recognition will be given to sheep exhibitors. Awards will be provided by various donors to the sheep department. The list of donors will be posted in the Sheep/Swine barn throughout the fair and in the show ring on the day of the Sheep Show.

CLASS

25201 White Face/Cross and Speckled/Cross Market Lambs

25202 Black Face Market Lamb

Division 259 – Sheep Showmanship

1. **Showmanship Classes will be broken into three divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The senior showman will represent the sheep department in the Supreme Showmanship Contest on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 2:30 PM**
2. **All exhibitors must show their own animals during showmanship classes and much show in their respective grade level. No showing in a different division will be allowed.**

CLASS

25901 Junior Showmanship (grades 4-6)
25902 Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7-8)
25903 Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12 or older FFA members)