Sheep Division Rules
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Official Iowa 4-H Regulations Pertaining to County, State and Interstate Shows for Sheep (4-H106D) Ownership

1. All animals must be owned by and identified to the individual 4-H’er. When registration papers are involved, the papers must be either in the 4-H member’s name or show a logical family relationship.
2. Animals changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for that 4-H year.
3. Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even though bought back by the original owner or if the owner refused a bid or says “No Sale.”

Identification
1. All sheep must be tagged with the official state 4-H ear tag (retinal images required for Iowa State Fair) by June 1.
2. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project.
3. All sheep must be in the possession of the 4-H’er by June 1.
4. All sheep must be identified on 4-H Online by June 1.
5. All sheep must be entered in FairEntry at https://sioux.fairentry.com by June 15 to be eligible to show at the Sioux County Youth Fair. NO LATE ENTRIES PERMITTED.

General Sheep Division Rules
1. Every animal will be checked by designated veterinarian before entering the Sheep Barn on day of check-in.
2. No muzzles are allowed.
3. All sheep must be penned in assigned pens.
4. No icing of lambs allowed. Only tap water may be sprayed or applied to the lambs. No ice allowed in buckets or blankets.
5. No abusive handling including slapping or excessive modification of lambs will be allowed.
6. No drenching allowed. Some of these products are not labeled for animal use.
7. Health concerns regarding dehydration of lambs should be referred to the fair vet.
8. No coloring agents or paint on any sheep.

Sheep exhibitors in violation of any of these rules will be barred from the current or following year’s show depending on which is appropriate. Information regarding preparing and showing lambs is available at the extension office.

Sheep Showmanship:
Showmanship classes will be mandatory for all sheep exhibitors. It is recommended that sheep being used for showmanship be less than a year old.

Classes for Sheep Showmanship
Class 25003 Junior Showman 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons
Class 25002 Intermediate Showman 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons
Class 25001 Senior Showman 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons

Purebred/Commercial Breeding Sheep.
1. An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of three (3) breeding sheep. Exception TWO ONLY if participating in the Ewe Lease Lamb Project.
2. Commercial ewes can be of any breed or mix.
3. Commercial ewe lambs are not eligible to show in a market lamb class.
4. Ewes will be classed the day of check-in at the superintendents’ discretion.
5. All Breeding Sheep, Purebred and Commercial ewes must be identified using 4-H tags.

Ewe Classes
Class 25100 Commercial Ewe – White Face – born after January 1 of the current year.
Class 25101 Commercial Ewe – Black Face
Class 25102 Commercial Ewe – White-breed influence/Speckled Face
Class 25103 Commercial Ewe - Southdown
Class 25104 Yearling Ewe – White Face – born between September 1 (2 years prior) and December 31 of the previous year (Ex: For 2015 Fair, September 1, 2013 and December 31, 2014.
Class 25105 Yearling Ewe – Black Face
Class 25106 Yearling Ewe – Speckle Face
Sioux County Ewe Lamb Lease Program
1. This Ewe Lamb Lease project would be open to any 4-H member.
2. 4-H’ers may lease a limit of two lambs and are eligible to participate for two years.
   a) First year 4-H’er may lease two ewe lambs.
   b) Second year 4-H’er may lease one ewe lamb. If leasing a second lamb it MUST be one of the first year ewe lambs and entered as a Yearling Ewe lamb.
3. Only lambs bred and born in SIOUX COUNTY would be eligible for the leasing program.
4. Members can contact any breeder in SIOUX COUNTY and make arrangements with that breeder.
5. A Sioux County Ewe Lamb Lease Agreement will be required for identification in addition to the 4-H Online identification and is due June 1 of the current 4-H year.
6. Since this is a lease project, these lambs are ONLY eligible to compete at the Sioux County Youth Fair and NO other 4-H exhibitions.
7. Leased lambs (ewe and/or yearling ewes) will compete in their own class and 1st and 2nd place in their class may compete for the Grand and Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe.
8. Leased lambs will be shown by weight.
9. The Ewe Lamb Lease Agreement lists animals FLOCK ID and the OFFICIAL SCRAPIE ID TAG and REGISTRATION number if applicable.
10. Ewe lambs must also be tagged with an official 4-H tag.
11. Lease Agreements must be signed by the member, the parent or guardian and the OWNER/Breeder of the lamb.

Lease Agreement available at the ISU Extension and Outreach Office or online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/sioux/page/all-4-h-forms-including-enrollment-forms-fair-and-record-keeping

Class 25500 Exhibitor’s Flock Class – Exhibitors will choose one market lamb/one commercial breeding ewe/one yearling ewe lamb from their 4-H flock to exhibit in an Exhibitor Flock Class. The three lambs will be judged on uniformity and conformation. One Exhibitor Flock entry per exhibitor. This class will be a lead class. The three lambs MUST have been exhibited at the current fair to be eligible for this class. No additional lambs may be brought and exhibited for this class only.

Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe
Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Ewe
Overall Champion & Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe

Market Lambs
1. An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of eight (8) market lambs, in any combination.
2. An exhibitor may exhibit a maximum of two (2) pens of two and/or a maximum of four (4) individual market lambs. Individuals may be taken from a pen of TWO.
3. All market lambs must be weighed on the first Saturday of May at the fairgrounds from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lambs need to be tagged before this date ($1.50 per tag if purchased at the extension office) or the exhibitor will be charged an additional fee for tags and the application of the tag. Fee for ear tag if purchased at weigh-in will be $2.00 per tag per lamb, paid at the scale. No tag, no weight, no entry for the Sioux County Youth Fair. A suggested beginning weight would be 55 to 80 pounds. The recommended birthdate for market lambs is after January 1 of the current year.
4. Lambs shown in market classes may not be shown in breeding classes.
5. Market lambs should have been sheared over the entire body with a regular comb. No fleece length required but a #1 pelt is desired for resale.
6. Buck or wether lambs with incomplete castrations or pushups will not be allowed to show.
7. Market sheep will be weighed on Monday of fair week for classes. All lambs will be weighed without blankets or covers.
8. Lambs will be classed the day of check-in at the discretion of the superintendents. If there are speckled or white face lambs, there will be a class for them. Speckled face lambs will require a pronounced amount of speckling with the judgment made by the superintendents as follows:
The speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on two of the three areas: face, ears and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. The face will include the top of the poll down to the nose (see picture). Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed. Judgment will be made at the scale. If a protest of the decision is made, a committee of three will review the decision.

9. Average daily rate of gain (ROG) will be calculated on individual market lambs. The exhibitors of the top ten rate of gain lambs will be announced and recognized at the show (between the individual classes and the pens) as the “Rate of Gain Class”

10. The top two rate of gain lambs will be considered Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of Gain Lambs. “ROG Champions” are placed in the regular sheep classes. They will only be eligible to compete for champion if they win their respective class.

Market Sheep Classes
Class 25305  Pair of Lambs (maximum of two entries
Champion and Reserve Champion Pair of Market Lambs

Class 25301  Market Individuals – White Face (maximum of four entries)
Class 25302  Market Individuals – White-breed influence/Speckle Face
Class 25303  Market Individuals - Southdown
Class 25304  Market Individuals – Black Face

Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb
(Black Faced, White Faced, White-breed/Speckled Face/Southdowns Champions
if numbers merit – as determined by superintendents)

Champion Rate of Gain Lamb
Champion Senior, Intermediate and Junior Sheep Showman

Class 25300  Advanced Feeder Lambs
Advanced Feeder Lamb Project
1. Each 4-H’er may tag and weigh 3 lambs for an advanced lamb feeder pen. Tags are available at the extension office. The weigh-in date will be considered the starting point for the project and that weight will be considered the beginning weight. The lambs must be weighed on a certified scale and weight tickets with ear tag numbers must be signed by the scale technician or whoever is running the scale. Generally the project will begin on the county market lamb weigh-in date in the spring which is the first Saturday in May. The date could be earlier but no later.

2. There will be a limit of one pen entered per exhibitor but this will not affect the number of purebred or other market lamb projects entered. The pen will be kept separate from other livestock for accurate feed records.

3. The beginning value of the project will be based on the purchase price of the lambs for the week the project begins, NOT the purchase price of the lambs.

4. Superintendents will determine points, points will be awarded on cost, rate of gain, profitability and management.

5. The Market Animal Worksheet (for Juniors) will be the input sheet for the project (available online or from the extension office). Feed and treatment records will be recorded for each two week period of the project. The 4-H’er will record the applicable data and will mail the forms to the superintendents once a month. The records will be evaluated by the superintendents and then returned to the member. All inputs are kept on this sheet. This requires prompt mailing of the form. Members should send the forms the 2nd Wednesday in June and the check-in at the fair. In each case the forms will be returned to the member for further record keeping. The feed records will be turned in at the weigh-in at the fair to the sheep superintendents.

6. Grain costs for feed will be based on the local market price for the reporting period.

7. Superintendents will make management checks during the feeding period. One check will be announced and one unannounced. Superintendents will be evaluating cleanliness of water, feed bunk management and the feeding system (how feed is measured and weighed). During the announced visit, the superintendent will visit with the 4-H’er and discuss the project with him/her.

8. At fair time the pens will be appraised for market acceptability and market price. An order buyer will be retained to evaluate the projects for a live carcass evaluation to determine market acceptability.
The evaluation of the project will include:

- Management  30 points
- Market Acceptability  30 points
- Return per $1.00 invested  30 points
- Records  30 points

**Total possible points**  120 Points

Champion and Reserve Champion Advanced Feeder Lamb Project

**Class 25200   Bottle Lamb Class**

**Bottle Lamb Class**

1. Any 4-H exhibitor in Sioux County may enter.
2. Any orphan or newborn lamb, ewe or wether, lambed between January 1 and May 1 of current project year, and in possession of the showing participant within 2 weeks of birth. **Bottle lambs do NOT need to be at weigh-ins.**
3. **An exhibitor may identify up to three animals**, but is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair. It is recommended for the welfare of the lambs that ideally they be raised in groups of 2-3 head. This allows lambs the opportunity to interact with each other in a more natural production environment.
4. A project record is to be kept throughout the project showing the exhibitor feeding, caring for and working with the animal. **The project records will be shown at the participant interviews held during the Sioux County Youth Fair. Records are due at Project check-in and weigh-in on Monday.**
5. All exhibitor must wear a 4-H Club t-Shirt while showing in the ring.
6. All lambs re to be halter broke and shown at halter. All junior exhibitors may have an adult or senior 4-H'er in the show ring with them.
7. **The Bottle Lamb class is to be fun for the exhibitor and also a learning experience. The exhibitor will be asked to attempt the following:**
   a. **Showmanship**
      i. Will be asked to set the lamb
      ii. Will be asked to move the lamb about the ring
      iii. Keep the lamb between themselves and the judge
   b. **Project Book and interview – Record keeping outline provided by the extension office.**
      i. Basic questions on the exhibitor's lamb project
      ii. How they cared for the lamb.
8. All exhibitors will receive a blue, red or white ribbon for their efforts and participation. No class champions will be named.
9. Lambs will be released at the same time as all other livestock on Thursday.
10. Following the fair, the lamb can be kept by the exhibitor or sold as a market lamb

The same rules required of “Sheep” exhibited at the Sioux County Youth Fair will be required to be followed for exhibitors of bottle/newborn lambs which include:

1. The lambs will be checked by a veterinarian, just like all livestock to be shown at the county fair. All lambs must be free of any contagious or infectious conditions.
2. All ewes to be exhibited must have official Scrapie Flock ID tags from the state. (1-866-873-2724) Wethers do not need the official Flock ID tag.