

SHEEP DEPARTMENT

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MARKET LAMBS

1. All market lamb projects will be individually weighed by the sheep committee on a date to be selected. It is recommended that market lambs be shorn before being weighed. Must be banded or castrated. All reproductively intact lambs (ewes and rams) must have a scrapies ear tag in place by the time of county fair weigh-in.
2. All market lambs must have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site, as well as had retinal images collected from nominated animals. All purebred and commercial breeding ewes must have been tagged with an official 4-H tag as well as had retinal images collected at an official verification site by May 15. All lambs must have complete identification information entered in 4hOnline by May 15.
3. All market lambs must be slick or fleece shorn within 10 days (or less) prior to first day of county fair. Suggested fleece length for market lambs is 1/4 inch or less. The sheep committee will work with market lamb exhibitors in providing instructions and assistance with fleece shearing.
4. All male market lambs must be castrated.
5. Market lambs must be born after January 1 of current year.
6. Market lambs will be divided into classes by weight.
7. An exhibitor may exhibit a total of seven market lambs in the market classes; one pen-of-three, three individuals and one performance lamb. Individual market lambs may come from the pen-of-three. Speckled Faced lambs are included in total of 7 possible lambs.
8. Breeding ewes cannot be shown in market lamb classes.
9. An exhibitor can show only two ewes in each breeding class.
10. There is no distinction between purebred and grade ewes.
11. Breeding ewes born in 2016 must have lambed in 2017.
12. Mature ewes have to have lambed in 2016 and 2017.
13. It is recommended that producer or regular ear tags be used in breeding animals except commercial ewes.
14. Maximum of 4 rams per exhibitor.
15. Breeding ewes and rams must be identified in 4-HOnline by May 15 of current year.
16. All State Fair sheep must have a 4-H ear tag and retinal images.
17. Breeding animals will not be eligible to sell in the livestock sale.
18. **Rate of Gain Class** - An exhibitor may enter up to six lambs in the rate of gain class. Entry must come from the market classes. Official weighing date for the contest will be announced by the sheep committee.

19. After county fair weigh-in and before taking lambs to assigned pens, exhibitor must finalize show entries with a member of the sheep committee. This includes lamb number for each class and lambs plan to sell.

20. Pen of Three exhibitor may secure the assistance of 2 other youth in holding lambs. This procedure is at the option of the owner, however, youth assisting must be of 4-H age.

21. All market lambs weighed in at the County Fair are considered to be officially entered and must be exhibited.

22. No icing or artificial fitting practices, or drenching as per State Fair rules.

23. Market Classes will have both a Purchased division and a Home Raised division. A grand and reserve grand champion will be selected from the champions and reserve champions of the Purchased and Home Raised divisions. A grand and reserve breeding ewe champion will be selected. A grand and reserve champion ram will be selected.

24. Rams will stay on the fairgrounds throughout fair. Final discretion will be determined by the sheep and goat committee Tuesday, following fair prep clean up.

25. Speckled Face Class

Class will be determined at April Weigh-in by committee.

Exhibitor must commit to Speckled –Face class at spring weigh-in.

The speckled face division for market 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 below). Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed. Judgement will be made by the committee at the scale.

Must be a minimum of 3 speckled faces to make a class and will not be divided into home raised or purchased. Speckled faces can be shown in Pen of Three. Committee will combine speckled face and white face classes if lack of numbers. Speckled Face lamb included in total of 7 possible lambs that can be exhibited.

26. Performance Lamb Class.

- Lambs will be evaluated and final ranking will be based on a formula that will incorporate live placing (20% of total score), rate of gain (40% of total score), and carcass merit/ultrasound (40% of total score).
- Live score is based on ribbon placing (purple (20), blue (15), red (10), white (5)).
- The Performance lamb class will be the first class of the day, results of the Performance Class will be given at the end of the lamb show.
- Performance lambs cannot be shown in any other class.
- Performance lambs do not count as rate of gain.
- Performance lambs cannot be exhibited in pen of 3.

27. Sheep exhibits should line up at North end of show ring and enter show ring in order listed in show program.

60301: Performance Lamb

60302: Crossbred Market Lamb - Home Raised

60303: Speckled-Face Market Lamb - Home Raised

60304: Purebred Market Lamb - Home Raised

60305: Crossbred Market Lamb - Purchased

60306: Speckled-Face Market Lamb - Purchased

60307: Purebred Market Lamb - Purchased

60308: Pen of Three Market Lamb

BREEDING CLASSES

60201 — Purebred Yearling Ewe (have lambled in 2018)

60202 — Commercial Yearling Ewe (have lambled in 2018)

60203 — Purebred Ewe Lamb

60204- Commercial Ewe Lamb

60205 - Speckled Face Ewe Lamb

60206 - Hair Ewe Lamb

60207 — Mature Ewe – have lambled 2017 and 2018

60208 — Ram – (class to be determined by entries)

Bottle Lamb

1. All general livestock rules, regulations, and health requirements apply to this project area.
2. Project open to 3rd grade Clover Kids and all junior, intermediate and senior 4-H members.
3. Lambs need to be separated from the mother within 7 days of birth and in the member's possession. No nursing is permitted after 7 days of age.
4. Class is open to orphaned female and male lambs born on or after January 1 of the current year through May 15 of the current year. Lambs that will be sold at the livestock sale must be weighed in at the April market lamb weigh in. All lambs must have tails docked; ram lambs must be castrated/banded at the time of weigh in. All lambs are required to have an official 4-H ear tag and the originating farm scrapies tag if reproductively intact. **Clover Kid bottle lambs CANNOT be sold at the fair sale NOR can they go on the truck afterwards.**
5. Exhibitor may identify up to 4 bottle lambs; 1 may be shown at the county fair.
6. Identification forms for bottle lambs must be animal listed on the 4-H Breeding Beef Identification Report if you are a Clover Kid, or in 4-H Online if you are a 4-12 grade member by May 15 of the current year.

7. Lambs must be identified by May 15 as a bottle lamb. Bottle lambs may not be shown in the Market Lamb Class and market lambs may not be shown in the Bottle Lamb Class.

8. Lambs must be shorn 2 weeks prior to county fair.

9. Lambs must be broke to halter lead; lambs will be shown on halter.

10. There will not be a special showmanship class for Bottle Lambs because this is already included in the class judging.

11. Class will be judged by the following criteria:

Bottle Lamb project write up (records of what you have learned; forms provided by the extension office).

Knowledge of bottle lamb (answer questions of the judge in the show ring the day of the show).

Showmanship (lead the lamb on halter, move the lamb around the ring as asked by the judge, and keep the lamb between themselves and the judge).

General cleanliness of the animal and overall health of the animal.

60101 - 3rd grade Clover Kids - (Clover kids will not be evaluated with ribbon placing)

60102 - Juniors

60103 - Intermediates and Seniors

SHOWMANSHIP

60401 — JUNIOR

60402 — INTERMEDIATE

60403 — SENIOR

60404 — ELITE