

## **SHEEP DEPARTMENT**

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### **SHEEP GENERAL RULES**

1. All market lambs, purebred and commercial breeding sheep must have been tagged with an official 4-H ear tag.
2. All sheep must have complete identification information entered in 4hOnline by May 15.
3. All animals must be entered on Fair Entry for classes by July 1 up to the limit. If the animal entered dies, another animal of the same species can be substituted for the same class(es) as long as that animal has been properly identified on 4-H online by May 15.
4. All reproductively intact lambs (ewes and rams) must have a scrapies ear tag in place by the time of county fair weigh-in.
5. No icing, artificial fitting practices, or drenching as per State Fair rules.
6. 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..
7. All State Fair sheep must have a 4-H ear tag and retinal images.
8. Sheep exhibits should line up at North end of show ring and enter show ring in order listed in show program.

### **MARKET LAMBS**

1. All market lamb projects will be individually weighed and tagged at an official verification site 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.
2. All market lambs must have 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.
3. All male market lambs must be castrated.
4. Market lambs must be born after January 1 of current year.
5. Market lambs will be divided into classes by weight.
6. 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, or any other market sheep class except for Performance.
7. 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 per class and lambs plan to sell.
8. All market lambs weighed in at the County Fair are considered to be officially entered and must be exhibited.

### **Rate of Gain Class Special Rules-**

- 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.

### **Speckled Face Class Special Rules**

- 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. Committee will combine speckled face and white face classes if lack of numbers.
- Speckled faces can be shown in Pen of Three.

### **Pen of Three Market Class Special Rules**

- 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.

### **Performance Lamb Class Special Rules**

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.

#### **60301: Performance Lamb**

#### **60302: Crossbred Market Lamb - Home Raised**

#### **60303: Speckled-Face Market Lamb - Home Raised**

#### **60305: Crossbred Market Lamb - Purchased**

#### **60306: Speckled-Face Market Lamb - Purchased**

#### **60308: Pen of Three Market Lamb**

## **BREEDING SHEEP**

1. Breeding ewes cannot be shown in market lamb classes.
2. An exhibitor can show up to 4 ewe lambs
3. An exhibitor can show up to 2 mature ewes and 2 yearling ewes.
4. There is no distinction between purebred and grade ewes.
5. Breeding ewes born in 2018 must have lambed in 2019.
6. Mature ewes have to have lambed in 2018 and 2019 (or previous years)
7. It is recommended that producer or regular ear tags be used in breeding animals except commercial ewes.
8. 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.
9. Maximum of 4 rams per exhibitor.
10. Breeding animals will not be eligible to sell in the livestock sale.

## **BREEDING CLASSES**

**60201 — Purebred Yearling Ewe** (have lambed in 2019)

**60202 — Commercial Yearling Ewe** (have lambed in 2019)

**60203 — Purebred Ewe Lamb**

**60204- Commercial Ewe Lamb**

**60205 - Speckled Face Ewe Lamb**

**60206 - Hair Ewe Lamb**

**60207 — Mature Ewe** – have lambed 2018 and 2019

**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.
5. Lambs that will be sold at the livestock sale must be weighed in at the April market lamb weigh in. **Clover Kid bottle lambs CANNOT be sold at the fair sale NOR can they go on the truck afterwards.**
6. 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.
7. Exhibitor may identify up to 4 bottle lambs; 1 may be shown at the county fair.

8. 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.

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**

### **DAIRY DEPARTMENT**

#### **DAIRY COWS**

Classes to be determined by number of entries. There must be at least 2 entries to have a class.

1. All cows must be entered on 4-H online by May 15th.

2. All animals must be entered on Fair Entry for classes by July 1 up to the limit. If an animal entered dies, another animal of the same species can be substituted for the same classes as long as that animal has been properly identified on 4-H online by May 15.

**40501 — Heifer**

**40502 — Cows**

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

**40601 — Junior**

**40602 — Intermediate**

**40603 — Senior**