

Washington County Sheep Exhibitors,

It is almost here! We are excited to see your projects in the barn and in the show ring next week. Please review this letter closely for procedures, fair tips, and important information regarding the sheep barn to help make for a smooth fair. Please note this will not include every detail of the department but serve as a preparation tool and guide to answer some questions ahead of time!

Without a doubt and like all departments, you need to read the fair book regarding the sheep department, general livestock rules and herdsmanship. ALL of those areas apply to you as a sheep exhibitor. You all should have a copy from your June club meetings or it is available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair> with all other fair forms.

Fair tickets will be collected at all gates Sunday afternoon – Friday. Please make sure exhibitors wear their wrist bands. All other fair goers should have a season pass, daily ticket, or wristband. Those without tickets will be asked to pay gate admission.

Please be in touch with questions. We all want you to have a good fair week!

COMMUNICATION during county fair

- Posted notes: There is a board in the northeast corner of the sheep barn where announcements will be posted specific to your department. Parents and exhibitors should check that multiple times a day. Other important notes for all livestock exhibitors are posted next to the herdsmanship board on the north side of the hog barn.
- Remind 101: We will be coordinating a few text reminder groups for each species. This is optional if families wish to receive announcements regarding their department. We cannot confirm at this time how often announcements will be sent, nor will they be the only form of communication, but just an additional way to be in contact with our exhibitors if needed. We anticipate being able to announce when the show order is posted to be checked, when certain classes are being called to the ring, etc. All family members can join the Remind group or none. It is optional and you can unjoin at any time. To join: Enter this number: 81010
Enter this text message: @4hsheep23
- Emergency Notifications from the fairboard can also come from a group text. Enter this number: 69310 Enter this text message: washcofair

GUIDELINES FOR SHEEP CHECK-IN from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday

1. Starting at 4 p.m., the fair vet will inspect lambs ON TRAILERS at the south end of the sheep barn. There is a traffic pattern map attached. Trucks/trailers should come in the Northwest Entrance and you will turn south of the cattle wash rack to get to the sheep barn. This is a popular time for all people on the grounds getting unloaded, so please be patient and also smart about where you are unloading. Do NOT block the flow of traffic. During sheep check-in time, the Queen contest traffic/parking will be taking over the Community Center lot, please be safe and respectful of that.

2. Livestock trailers can be left on the fairgrounds during the week but must be parked on the south most fence beyond the grandstand and pit areas. Those can be moved then on Friday morning
3. All lambs must have scrapie tags.
4. Remember all market lambs and commercial ewe lambs must be slick shorn (with exception to hair sheep and feeder pens to ensure #1 pelt by county fair).
5. Do NOT unload any sheep until given permission by the fair vet. ***Please do not put any animals in the barn before this time or before vet inspection, failure to follow this rule will disqualify you from showing, no exceptions!*** Any lambs not following this process risk bringing disease and exposing the entire barn and risk being sent home without participating in the show. Upon vet approval, sheep will exit the trailer and move down the west alleyway of the barn to the scale. 4-Hers should be with their lambs at all times to answer questions as needed during check-in.
6. Lambs go to the scales where the fair weight will be recorded on that lamb's card with the lamb ear tag #, weight and exhibitor name.
7. Each lamb will be Classified by Roger Olsen. That class will be added to the card. Classifier will be on site and will have final say in what class your lamb will be showing in.
8. Cards will end at the table to calculate rate of gain and make decisions about the final class selections of market animals, commercial ewes and production lambs. Often times families will want to view rate of gain before making those final class selections. All classes will be set and/or CHANGES MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE SUPERINTENDENT BY 8 p.m. Sunday evening.
9. Lambs will quickly leave the scale and be assigned to their pens.

STALLING:

- Stall cards will be posted by Saturday afternoon if families wish to find those ahead of time. You will stall with your club all in the same area, so you can work on herdsmanship (taking care of the barn space) together. Stalls are assigned by the superintendents based on club numbers and how those best fit in the barn. Tack spaces will also be assigned.

EQUIPMENT AND TACK:

- Please be respectful about the amount of bedding, feed, etc you bring as there is not space for all youth to store for the entire week with giant tack boxes. You may need to bring some supplies half way through the week to restock. Be respectful in how you share the space with ALL exhibitors in the barn ALL week.
- Tack and bedding will be stored in the assigned club tack pens. The north end is newly cemented and will be used on show day as a lamb prep area if needed.
- It is recommended to bring the tack and bedding on Saturday or Sunday morning which will cut down on congestion at check-in time.
- You must bring your own wood shavings as bedding. No straw is allowed.

- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and alleyway each day. Bring the appropriate tools to do that.
- Suggested check list of items to bring:
 - Bedding (sawdust pine or cedar, or rubber mats)
 - Boards to put at bottom of pen to help keep sawdust in - not required
 - Fan / extension cord
 - Water bucket (s)
 - Feeder(s) = If your feeders don't fit on the fence, bring a piece of panel that you can wire to gate to hang feeders on
 - Feed
 - Halter(s)
 - Shampoo
 - Hose
 - Dryer
 - Blankets for sheep (not required)
 - Any show prep stuff
 - Broom / shovel for herdsmanship and also to clean your pens out when lambs are dismissed

HERDSMANSHIP:

- Read the herdsmanship rules in the fair book to better understand how to care for your barn space and be rewarded for it! We have an amazing herdsmanship board to record results twice every day after community judges evaluate barn space. Take pride in your space, care for your animals, and create a welcoming and clean space for all fair goers visiting your livestock. Extra points are earned by clubs with welcoming, friendly, and courteous 4-Hers in the barn. The barn is not evaluated during show times.
- Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning their pens and alleyway each day. Bring the appropriate tools to do that such as rakes, shovels, brooms. Talk with your club members who also have lambs to share this equipment in the barn. Try to do your best to keep stalls manure and urine free.
- Check them often, if you are showing another species have someone you trust check your lambs while you are away.
- Make sure you have enough clean bedding for the week of fair. This may need to be stored in your vehicle/trailer if tack space does not allow.
- See the sheep grading criteria included at the end of this letter.

CLASS DETAILS:

- New Pair of Lambs class can be added to your list of classes at check-in. This gives you an additional opportunity in the ring to showcase a pair that is similar. This class does not count towards the maximum number of sheep classes. We hope you are able to participate and have more time in the ring with your lambs. Be thinking who could assist in showing that other animal too.
- Congrats to all who participated in the Premier Sheep Exhibitor interviews/tests on July 8. We know those activities take extra time and attention to detail and we are proud of you for making that a priority. Winners will be announced at the show after showmanship points have been figured.

- Feeder Pen - make sure you bring your completed binder to the Extension Office by 10:00 AM Monday morning for review before putting numbers on your display board. (Feeder pen calculations should use the prices given by the Extension Office even if you did not have to purchase any grain or hay. Contact amygreen@iastate.edu if you need those set prices again)
- Production Lambs will be scanned Monday morning. Participants will be notified by REMIND text and communication when sheep scanning will start at the main show ring.

SHOW DETAILS: Sheep Show Tuesday 8:00 A.M. in this order

- Feeder Pen = be at your pens in the barn at 8 am to review records with the judge
- Breeding Show
- Market Show
- Clover Kids
- Exhibitor numbers are required. Pick yours up at the extension office front counter the week of fair. This number is unique to you and will be used in showing all livestock during fair week. One number is prepared for each exhibitor for all species. Keep this safe if you are showing in another species. The Extension Office is open 7am-8pm during the county fair.

LIVESTREAM: Livestream/recorded Livestock shows are sponsored and hosted by KCTC. What a unique and powerful local service! Share this link with family and friends who cannot join us on the fairgrounds for show days. They can still tune in and cheer you on. These live stream shows will also then be available as recorded videos as well. You can go back and watch yourself! Here is the link to view those: www.kctc.net/washcofair-livestream/ NOTE: Multiple shows cannot be livestreamed at once so some shows will be posted as a recorded video for viewing later.

AFTER THE SHOW:

- The area media sources have been invited to take pictures at the backdrop on the south side of the sheep barn of exhibitors and any champions approximately 1 p.m. Tuesday after the show. Watch for them and bring your lamb for a chance to be in the fair results newspaper. You can also take your own picture and email amygreen@iastate.edu with this information (youth name, parent name, club name, class name, award title)
- Champion Signs: In the Extension meeting room lining the north wall floor are milk crates labeled for each species. Inside are metal champion and reserve champion signs that can be posted above those calves selected. If you were to win one of those, please stop in the office meeting room after the show, find your sign, sign it out on the clipboard, and post it for the rest of week above your sheep. These must be returned to the same place and noted on clipboard by Friday afternoon when the barns are cleared. You are welcome to neatly sign and date (in a small space) the back as part of our #washco4h family tradition to record champion history.
- We are looking for 4-Hers to be Barn Hosts on Wednesday morning of Kids Day to share information with families going through the barns and with kids excited to learn more. Contact amygreen@iastate.edu if you would be willing to represent the sheep department and be in the barns Wednesday morning for fair visitors. We will provide you with more information then.

AUCTION:

- Any market lambs or feeder pen lambs may be sold in the livestock auction on Friday morning IF they are signed up by the deadline. Sheep must be recorded on the auction clipboard located in the Extension Office by Wednesday at noon or can be listed with volunteers at sheep check-in.
- Exhibitors selling in the auction may enter the ring twice to sell lambs with a total of 5 head being sold. If selling multiples you must designate when signing up for the auction what ear tag you want to sell together.
- Animals to be sold in the auction must have the "Iowa 4-H Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statement" on file at the Extension Office completed by noon Wednesday. It is attached at the pack of this letter.
- The auction begins at 8:30 a.m. This year lambs sell first in the auction order. There will be volunteers assisting that day to get kids to the ring. Lambs can be led on halter. Youth should have their 4-H shirts on.

LEAVE TIME/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Animals and tack may be loaded Friday between 6 am – 8 a.m. and then start again after the auction is over approximately at noon. No animals can leave the fairgrounds before Friday morning 6 a.m. That is a rule set by the Washington County Fair Association as the host of this fair. Anyone who does not abide by this rule will lose fair premium.
- Stalls should be scooped and swept before leaving. No shavings or trash should be in your pens or tack stall. Be respectful not to broom your shavings into the alleyways or other stalls as you are cleaning.
- Make sure all wires, ribbons, fans, signs are removed and returned as needed.

FAIR CLEAN UP:

- It takes a village of volunteers putting in time to make a county fair happen well and be a place we are proud to belong. It is important that all families take care of this space together.
- It is expected that exhibitors assist with fair clean up on Friday afternoon and/or Saturday, July 22, 8:30am-noon. Lunch is provided to clean up volunteers on Saturday thanks to a generous sponsor.
- Please play your part as a thank you and respect to our fair board to be a part of clean up too. Thank you.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

- Extension Office 319-653-4811
- Ted Greiner - superintendent 641-660-6839
- Todd Schmitz - superintendent 319-217-1277
- Bridget Litwiller - project leader 319-461-6980

We strongly recommended families practice strict and safe biosecurity measures as you come and go from the fairgrounds and barns at home. We encourage animals returning home are put in isolation/close watch until you know they are free from any sickness. Use hand washing stations
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frequently while on the fairgrounds when coming and going from food stands and also using personal coolers. We want all exhibitors and animals healthy!

Remember to get to know, encourage and help your sheep neighbors to have a good fair week too. Enjoy getting to know each other.

HAVE FUN! You have worked hard and deserve to enjoy this week!



TRAILER TRAFFIC

ALL enter the grounds using the North West Livestock Entrance.

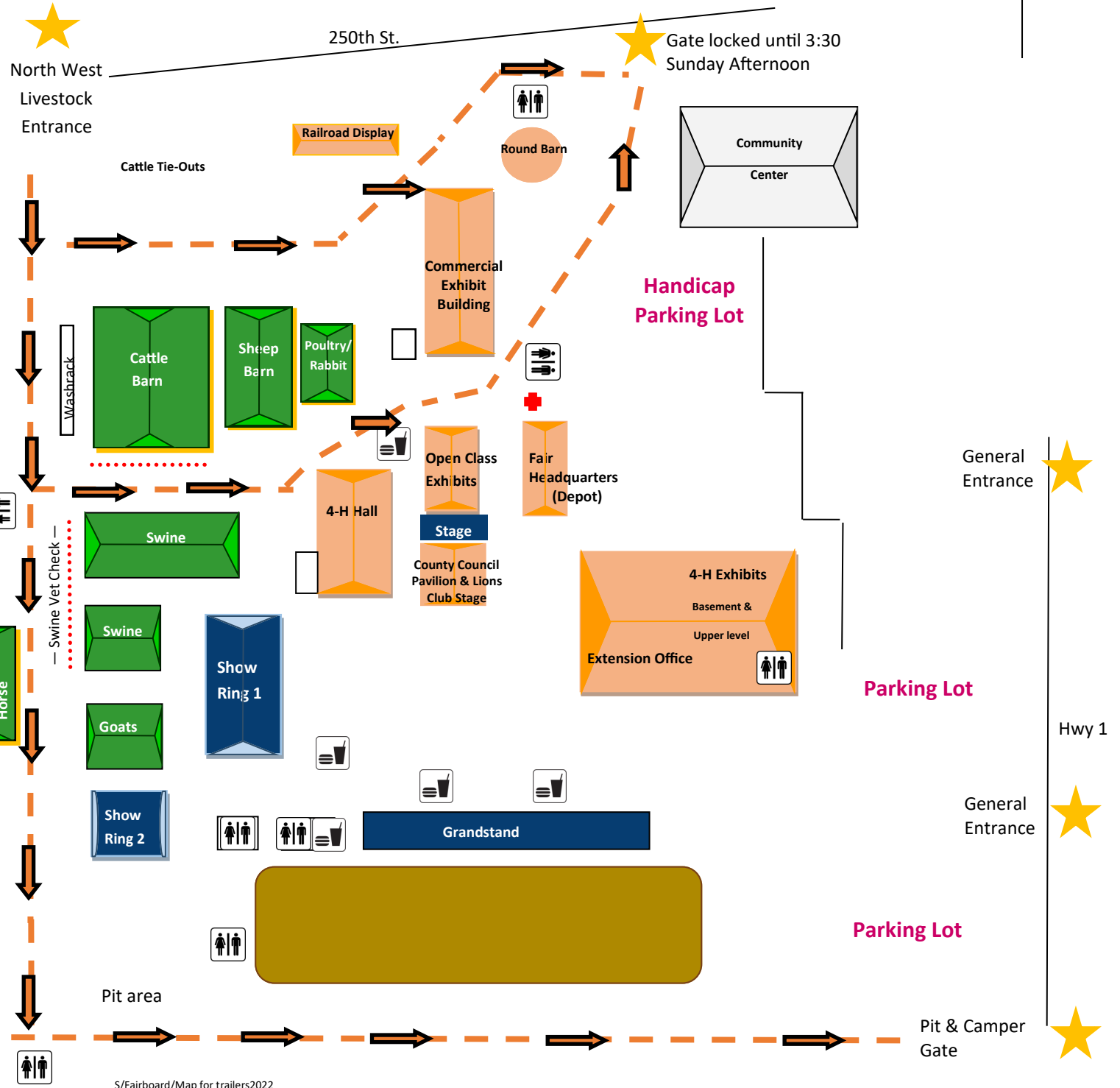
Community Center Gate is for exit only.

Horse/Swine/Goats EXIT with pit/camper gate

Unload Zones: Park closest to the barn, so trailers can continue to go around. Do not block the Orange arrow paths.

Long-term Trailer Parking: ***Trailers can stay on the grounds all week and park by the bean and hay field on the south side of the grounds next to the fence, past the grandstands and past the pits. These can not come and go during the week, but can be moved again Friday 6 a.m. for livestock release

Please remember: Please be patient as we all work together to get traffic in and out quickly and safely.



Campgrounds





Sheep

Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement

Please print

County _____

Premise ID # (optional) _____

Last Name _____

First Name _____

As a youth livestock producer, I understand that I have an obligation to be a responsible producer and that all market animals will enter the food chain and become edible food products for the consuming public. This subjects every exhibit animal to all state and federal regulations involving proper drug usage and all Food & Drug Administration, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Food Safety Inspection Service, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

- We, the undersigned, certify that we have **read, understand and will abide by** all rules and regulations of the local county 4-H & FFA fair, or the 4-H division of the Iowa State Fair. We agree to the condition that these exhibit animals (identified on this form) may be screened for violative residues and foreign substances. Also, as a condition of entry, exhibitor agrees to a background check for any past disqualification from other livestock shows.
- We have completed the Treatment Records information on the back of this form for any injectable, water, or feed medication, pesticide, topical or other substance that has been administered to exhibit animals. Use of these products may require additional time to meet legal withdrawal limits before harvest.
- We certify that our exhibit animals have completed any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any legal drug, vaccine or other substance, and are in compliance with applicable FDA and USDA regulations (and similar state regulations) concerning drug residues and withdrawal periods.
- We certify that these exhibit animals have not received drugs that are not in compliance with label indications or, if applicable, the requirements of the regulations codifying the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act amendment to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic act (under the direction of a valid Veterinary/Client/Patient relationship).
- If violations are detected, appropriate state and federal authorities will be notified, and regulatory action can be expected. Also exhibitors will be subjected to penalties as determined by show management.
- We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, none of the livestock described herein are adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (none of the cattle or sheep have been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissues, such as meat and bone meal from ruminants), not in compliance with 21 CFR 589.2000. We have purchase invoices and labeling for all feeds containing animal protein products. Copies of these records are to be made available to FDA upon request.
- We have followed the regulations of the Iowa Scrapie Eradication program by using official scrapie program ear tags on all reproductively intact animals being exhibited.
- We further certify the information provided is correct and accurate, and that we have read and understand these regulations and may be relied upon by any person or entity accepting my (our) animal(s) for harvest.
- We certify the exhibitor has an active/current FSQA or YQCA certification.

Owner's/Exhibitor's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date _____

Market Lamb County ear tag number (s)

Individual or Pen Animal Treatment Records

Animal ID or Pen Location	Treatment Date	Product Name	Amount of Drug Given (cc, water or feed concentration)	Route (feed, water injectable by IM or SQ, topical)	Remarks/Initials or Who Administered	Withdrawal Time Needed Before Harvest	Date Withdrawal Completed

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