

## SHEEP

### General Requirements:

1. All sheep must be in possession of the 4-H member by May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of exhibition.
2. Market animals must be identified and weighed at the county ID day that is usually held the first Saturday in May. Spring and Yearling ewes should be brought only if they do not have a flock tag. Yearling ewes must have a scrapie tag in accordance with Indiana State BOAH guidelines.
3. All animals must be identified on 4HOnline at in.4honline.com by the state designated deadlines each year.
4. Breeding ewes and market lambs may be placed on the same enrollment form.
5. Exhibitors must follow the allowed state enrollment guidelines for the number of market lambs, yearling ewe lambs eligible for show.
6. Ewes may be shown in market or breed classes, but 4-H members must make designation at ID day.
7. Blankets must be removed from all sheep at the time of arrival.
8. Sheep cannot be exhibited that are showing signs of being infected with ringworm.
9. To be eligible to exhibit all market & breeding lambs must be show ready at time of arrival. This means slick shorn at a uniform length (1/8 inch or less) with no wool between hock/knees and ears. **No mechanical clippers allowed in the barn DURING the market/breeding lamb show.**
10. Market lambs will be shown by weight class as determined at weigh-in.
  - Only market lambs not making the designated sale weight will be re-weighed. This re-weigh period will only be for ½ hour after the regular weigh-in time has expired.
  - All market lambs must be under one year of age on show day and still have their lamb teeth intact.
11. Ewe lambs are shown by weight.
12. Yearlings will be shown by age. Classes will be determined at check-in. Members are strongly encouraged to bring spring ewes shown the previous year; however it is not required.
13. Sheep Classes:
  - 1 to 3 market lambs as singles
  - Any 2 of the singles as a market lamb pair.
  - 1 to 3 ewe lambs as singles
  - Any 2 of the singles as ewe lambs as a pair.
  - 1 to 3 yearling ewes which are born in the spring as singles
  - Any 2 of the yearling ewes as a pair.
14. Identification will be 5 digit ear tags for market lambs and flock tags for breeding ewes. Scrapies tags are not available from the county. You must get

- them from the owner who sold you the animal. Scrapies tags are for breeding animals. Market animals under 18 months do not require scrapies tags.
15. State fair entries identified at county ID day. All State fair lambs will be retinal scanned at ID day unless otherwise approved by the Superintendents and the Extension Educator.
  16. All animals shown as pairs must be enrolled and exhibited in the same member's name.
  17. Any exhibitor demonstrating excessive abuse to their lambs—not limited to, but including, the areas of the show ring, barns, or fairgrounds—such as slapping lambs on the rump, burning, gouging, punching, or using an electric shocker or any treatment that would be considered cruel and inhumane treatment may be disqualified from showing and selling.
  18. Direct application of ice, ice water, alcohol, Freon, or any other refrigerant to the hide of a lamb is not allowed.
  19. Yearling ewes may be shown in the ring by two present 4-H exhibitors. If two exhibitors are used the 4-H exhibitor who owns the ewes being shown must hold the ewe's head. Pair may have three exhibitors.
  20. All Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market lambs must be displayed without blankets from 8:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily once they have been selected and until they are released. All Champion Breeding Ewes must be displayed in the same manner.

*County Natural Bred and Born Class*

*To be eligible a lamb will need to have been Naturally Bred & Born in Starke County. Proof of eligibility will be required and submitted at ID day. Proof will include the breeder's name and contact information, date of sale, breeder's Premise ID Number and signature of seller. If lamb is a yearling the scrapie number will need to be provided as well.*

*One overall award will be given to the winner of the Market Lamb classes and one overall award will be given to the winner of the Breeding Lamb classes.*

**Exhibit Requirements:**

**Level 1 (Grades 3—5), Level 2 (Grades 6—8), Level 3 (Grades 9—12)**

- All levels must follow the rules and regulations.
- All levels must submit completed manuals at the time designated.

**Exhibit:** One or more animals fed, cared for, and owned by 4-H member exhibiting them.