

# SHEEP

**PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED!* Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS** because they have changed from last year.**

The educational 4-H sheep program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both sheep subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Sheep</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN St Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>

***“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Sheep Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.***

## Exhibit Requirement Options:

- One or more animals fed and cared for by member
- Read and complete county determined number of activities
- Sheep enrollment and animals tagged before the designated deadlines.

## RULES:

1. The order of the show will be as follows:
  - a. Showmanship
  - b. Breeding Ewes
  - c. Market Lambs
2. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules. The Indiana State Fair Board is requiring all Indiana Exhibitors to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for sheep. To obtain a Premise ID #, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2381. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.html>.
3. All 4-H sheep must be in the possession and care of the exhibitor and be enrolled by May 15th. A maximum of 30 market lambs and ewes may be entered on the 4-HOnline system. Additionally, after entering animals on the 4-HOnline system, 4-H members must identify which animals and which classes they will be exhibiting in on the FairEntry Online System. All market lambs and commercial ewes, including commercial yearlings, must be officially enrolled and tagged under the supervision of the Hendricks County 4-H Committee by the designated tag-in date. Hendricks County Born & Raised Lambs must be declared at tagging.
4. Animals are automatically co-enrolled with siblings of the same 4-H family as long as they are entered on at least one child's 4-HOnline profile by specified date (unless animals are being leased). 4-H family must be under the same 4-HOnline family profile. Animals being exhibited will need to be declared by 4-H member by designated date. Example: Sister enters Goat 1 and Goat 2 on 4-HOnline. Goat 2 may be shown by Brother as long as declared by designated date.
5. Enrolled sheep must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by the designated 4-H tag-in and must remain under that 4-H member's continuous care and responsibility through the date of the 4-H sheep show at the county and/or the Indiana State Fair.
6. 4-H member shall own his or her own exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county enrollment deadline and continue through the State Fair 4-H Sheep show. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (April 1 for steers and May 15 for all other animals) at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the county or Indiana State Fair. The term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing

state fair eligibility.

7. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. An original certificate or registration or transfer, or a FAX directly from the national breed association to the Cooperative Extension Office for 4-H purebred breeding animals must be presented to the 4-H Sheep Superintendent during the designated time prior to the show. This document must show that the 4-H exhibitor owns the animal(s) being exhibited, either entirely or in part with family or a legal guardian, before the county 4-H project enrollment date and continuously after until the county fair. For 4-H breeding animals, acceptable registrations include family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or a legal guardian. Acceptable registrations are (1) in the 4-H member's name, (2) John Smith & Sons, (3) John Smith, Sons and Daughters, (4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only), (5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister), (6) family corporations, where the 4-H member's name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of the same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, (7) family partnerships, where the 4-H member's father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form when it is submitted.
8. 4-H animals in breeding classes will NOT be accepted at the Fair if they are registered in a father's and/or mother's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as 'Smith View', or 'Smith Oak', John Doe & William Smith," or "Long Oak & William Smith").
9. All lambs must be born after September 1 of the preceding year and show lamb teeth.
10. 4-H members may enroll ewe lambs on the 4-H Sheep Enrollment website without designating whether they intend to show them as market lambs or breeding ewes. However, a 4-H member may only show their ewe lamb(s) as a market lamb(s) or as a breeding ewe(s) at the Fair. 4-H members may not show the same ewe lamb as both a market lamb and a breeding ewe in the 4-H sheep show at the Fair in any given year.
11. A 4-H market lamb or breeding ewe enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to the commercial division at the check-in table at the 4-H Fair. A sheep enrolled as a commercial or cross-bred animal will not be allowed to switch to a purebred classification after May 15.
12. All commercial ewes and market lambs, including commercial yearlings, must be ear tagged at the specified date by the 4-H Fair Board) at the 4-H Fairgrounds.
13. All purebred ewes must show registration papers for registered classes at the Fair.
14. Ewes exhibited in the commercial classes are not eligible for exhibition in any other classes.
15. Yearling ewes may be shown in the ring by two exhibitors. If two exhibitors are used, the 4-H exhibitor who owns the ewe being shown must hold the ewe's head. Pairs may have three exhibitors.
16. 4-H'ers may show no more than three (3) different breeds in the breeding classes (excluding commercial classes).
17. All ewes exhibited in a pair class must be owned by one exhibitor or exhibitor family (brother/sister).
18. All breeding sheep may be exhibited either shorn or with full fleece except for Shropshire, Southdown and Commercial ewes. All Shropshire, Southdown and Commercial ewes must be slick shorn for exhibition.
19. Any lamb showing evidence of testicular tissue is ineligible.
20. All market lambs must be slick sheared at a uniform length (1/8 inch maximum) with no wool above the hock and knee (including head) for inspection upon arrival at the 4-H Fair.
21. The use of ice, ice water, alcohol, ice packs, Freon, etc. in the preparation of sheep for the 4-H Show is by definition a deceptive, fraudulent, misrepresentative and unacceptable practice for the 4-H Show. Icing is determined to be an improper practice and if documented would result in strict disciplinary action and/or disqualification.
22. Use of cooling products or sprays that contain alcohol is NOT acceptable, i.e...." cool brace", "cool breeze", and etc.
23. All fans must fit in your assigned pen space. All fans are subject to Barn Director Approval.
24. Animals may not be painted or colored by any means above the knee and hock.
25. 4-H exhibitors having an entry in animal classes at Fair are expected to show their own animals unless they have multiple animals in a class. In cases where this cannot be done, the 4-H'er may request another Hendricks County Sheep exhibitor to serve as a substitute showman. Substitute showmen must be approved by the Barn Director. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances unavoidable by the Barn Director. Failure to be excused from a job or participation in a sporting event will NOT result in a substitute showman being granted.
26. 4-H'ers must show their own sheep in showmanship.
27. 4-H'ers who win Junior or Intermediate Sheep Showmanship move up the next level the following year. Winners of the Supreme Showmanship Contest are not eligible to continue to Sheep Showmanship.
28. 4-Hers are responsible for keeping their pens and aisle areas clean at all times.
29. Breeds are required to have a minimum of two (2) market animals and/or one (1) breeding animals in order to offer breed classes. Breeds that do not meet this standard will show in an AOB class or have the option of

showing the animals in crossbred/commercial classes.

30. Violation of the rules may result in the removal of one or all the 4-H's lambs from the show or other penalties as determined by the Barn Director and Extension Educator or 4-H Youth Council Representative.
31. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family who are no more than 2 generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from approved 4-H Adult Volunteers that participated in the 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference who are from the 4-H member's county of enrollment. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and the relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. Thus, we have worked on an adaptation to the grooming rule. This is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family differ greatly depending on the situation. Obviously, the intent is to include step, half and in-law relatives. Approved Hendricks County 4-H Livestock Species Leaders are also eligible to assist 4-Hers with grooming of that species. Example: Approved Sheep Leaders may help groom sheep on day of show. Any person that does not meet the requirements listed above may assist with grooming if they have completed and pass the Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program paperwork and application by June 15th of the current year. Those who are a part of the Grooming Assistance Program agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed in the handbook and program paperwork.
32. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. See General Livestock Guidelines for more information.

## **CLASSES**

### **Showmanship:**

- Senior Champion Sheep Showmanship
- Intermediate Champion Sheep Showmanship
- Junior Champion Sheep Showmanship
- Each participant must show the same animal throughout the entire showmanship competition.

### **Breeding Ewe:**

Classes may be offered for Border Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, **Dorper**, Dorset, Dorset Advantage, **Horned Dorset**, Hampshire, Katahdin, Lincoln, Montadale, Natural Colored, North County Cheviot, Oxford, Polypay, Rambouillet, Shetland, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Texel, Tunis, All Other Breeds, Whiteface Commercial Ewes and Blackface Commercial Ewes as follows:

- Single Ewe Lamb (by class and county born and raised)
- Pair of Ewe Lambs
- Single Yearling Ewes (by class and county born and raised)
- Pair of Yearling Ewes
- Champion & Reserve Champion Ewe (by class and county born and raised)
- Champion & Reserve Champion Pair of Ewes

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe will be selected at the conclusion of the breeding show. All Champions and Reserve Champions will be brought into the ring.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pair of Ewes will be selected after the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewes have been selected.

The Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Hendricks County Born & Raised Ewe will be selected after the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pair of Ewes have been selected. All Champions and Reserve Champions will be brought into the ring.

### **Market Lamb Classes:**

Classes may be offered for Border Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, **Dorper**, Dorset, **Horned Dorset**, Hampshire, Montadale, Natural Colored, North County Cheviot, Oxford, Polypay, Rambouillet, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Texel, Tunis, All Other Breeds, White Faced Crossbred Market Lambs and Black Faced Market Lambs as follows:

- Single Market Lamb (by class and county born and raised)
- Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb (by class and county born and raised)

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs will be selected at the conclusion the market lamb show. All Champions and Reserve Champions will be brought into the ring

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Hendricks County Born & Raised Market Lamb will be selected after the Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs have been selected. All Champions and Reserve Champions will be brought into the ring.

#### **4-H SHEEP POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT:**

A poster may be exhibited for this project in addition to or in place of an animal exhibit. Please see page 110 for the guidelines for a Livestock Educational Exhibit.

### MARKET LAMB BREED GUIDELINES:

#### BORDER CHEVIOT:

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Solid pink nose,
2. White hooves,
3. Long ears and/or extremely long neck,
4. Excessive brown or black hair (more than 25%),
5. A wool cap,
6. Wool below the knees.

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns or solid scurs,
2. Absence of white hair (frosting) on the face and legs of black lambs,
3. A steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double muscled.

#### COLUMBIA:

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Scurs,
2. Pigmented ears,
3. More than 10% black or brown hair,
4. Short thin ears,
5. Absence of wool below the hock or knee.

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns,
2. A steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double muscled,
3. Black or brown spots in the wool that are larger than the size of a dime,
4. Solid black nose,
5. Open face or absence of a full wool cap. Must have wool between the ears and eyes.

#### CORRIEDALE:

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Scurs,
2. Brown spots on ears,
3. Brown or black spots (in the hair) on the face or legs (smaller than the size of a U.S. dime),
4. Minor deviation from the ideal conformation, or breed characteristics.

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns,
2. Black and/or brown spots in the wool,
3. Black and/or brown spots on the face or legs that are larger than the size of a U.S. dime,
4. Brown hairs in the leggings below the knees and hocks,
5. Speckled faces or ears,
6. Absence of black spot(s) on the nose and/or hooves,
7. Solid black nose,
8. All white hooves,
9. Solid pink noses,
10. A steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double-muscled.

## DORPER

### DORSET:

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Any dark colored spots in the hair or wool,
2. Large drooping ears,
3. Fine textured, silky hair covering,
4. Absence of hair covering in typical areas,
5. Dark colored septum - dividing the tissue between the nostrils,
6. Dark colored lining of the nose or mouth.

Absolute disqualification:

1. All-black, colored or spotted (Holstein type) lambs.

### DORSET ADVANTAGE

1. Only Dorset Advantage ewes that are officially registered with the Continental Dorset Club, Inc. and registered in the 4-H exhibitors name qualify to show in this breed.
2. A Dorset Advantage sheep may be 50% Dorset or higher.
3. To be eligible to show the animal must carry a CDC Dorset Advantage paper showing ½ blood or higher Dorset percentage.
4. Dorset Advantage sheep are shown slick shorn, to carry a uniform length of wool growth that was shorn within 7 days prior to show, with the only exceptions being on the poll, front legs below the knee and rear legs below the hock.

### HORNED DORSET:

Characteristics must include the Polled Dorset information listed under "Dorset," plus: Horned Dorsets must exhibit horns (not scurs) with no evidence of Rambouillet or other breed influence. Both parents of Horned Dorsets must be of pure horned ancestry.

### HAMPSHIRE:

Description:

1. Head - face of good length, dark, free of wool from eyes down, unbroken wool cap extend from neck over forehead.
2. Ears must be moderate in length, thick, covered with coarse dark brown or black hair, free from wool.
3. Legs - some wool below knee.
4. Nose - broad muzzle, coarse dark brown or black hair, wool feathering desirable, open around eye, "frostiness" on nose.
5. Body wool may be white, black or any combination thereof including blue fiber.
6. Off color - free of white spots on jaws, legs and ears.

### MONTADALE:

Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Solid pink nose,
2. Completely white hooves,
3. Excessive wool cap,
4. Heavy wool covering below the hock and knee,
5. Excessive brown or black hair (more than 25%) on the face or legs.

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns (scurs that are loose are okay),
2. Excessive dark coloration of the face and legs such that the lamb appears to be a "brockle",
3. Absence of white hair frosting on the face and legs of a black lamb,
4. A steep hip and genetic tendency to be double muscled.

### NATURAL COLORED:

Description:

1. At least 50% of the lamb's fleece must be made up of fibers that are a color other than white, excluding the hair on the lamb's face and legs.

## NORTH COUNTRY CHEVIOT:

### Description:

1. The preferred color is chalk-white wool, but recessives such as black, reverse badger and badger are tolerated.
2. The head should be covered with short glossy white hair. The wool line should not come beyond the line in front of the ears on top, nor beyond the line of the eye on the cheeks.
3. Nostrils and hooves are preferably black, but pink or mottled noses and striped hooves are tolerated.
4. Animals must show a slightly Roman, to Roman nose.
5. Ear set should be erect at 45-degree angle to the head and of moderate to long length.
6. Animals should be free from wool above the knee and hock. These same animals should be covered with a short white hair below the wool line.

## OXFORD:

### Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Long droopy black ears,
2. Bare face,
3. Black spots in wool or hair,
4. Inverted eyelids.

### Absolute disqualifications:

1. Speckled face and/or hair,
2. Horns or solid scurs,
3. Lack of top-knot,
4. Long, slick, droopy black ears,
5. A steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double-muscled,
6. White spots on the ear.

## SHROPSHIRE:

### Three of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Coarse or long, droopy ears,
2. Coarse or Roman nose,
3. Any white on the face, ears or legs,
4. Legs completely bare of wool below the knees and hocks,
5. Black arm-pits or black spots in the skin or wool.

### Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns,
2. Lack of a wool cap,
3. A steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double-muscled,
4. Excessive white on the face, ears, or legs.

## SOUTHDOWN:

### Description:

1. The hair on the muzzle should be gray to brown in color, not white and not approaching black.

### Absolute disqualifications:

1. Solid black in color,
2. Speckled faces or legs,
3. Total white hooves,
4. A pronounced Roman nose,
5. Horns,
6. Inverted eyelids.

## SUFFOLK:

### Description:

1. Black hair should cover the legs and head.
2. Little to no wool should be on the head.
3. No wool should be on the legs.
4. Ears should be long, "bell-shaped" and covered with black hair.
5. Body wool may be white, black or any combination thereof.

### TEXEL:

#### Description:

1. The Texel breed is a medium sized sheep, standing on medium length of leg.
2. The body is very muscular over the top and carrying down into the leg with a solid square rump.
3. The head is broad and covered with fine white hair from the ear forward and to the jaw line. Pure white is preferred, but if there are small spots on the ear they should be a bright black color, not tan.
4. Texel sheep should not have a wool cap or wool on the jaw.
5. The wool line should stop above the hock and knee, with the legs being covered with the same fine white hair as the face.
6. The nostrils and hooves are preferred to be black in color.

### TUNIS:

#### Description:

1. Medium-sized meat-breed with a solid tan to red face and legs.
2. Ears are long pendulous, drooping forward at rest, pointed forward when alert.
3. Nose and tongue pink.
4. Slender face, wider at muzzle.
5. Dark brown or brown and beige striped hooves.
6. Legs are generally free of wool.

#### Disqualifications:

1. White blaze on face below the eye ridges,
2. White or black face and/or legs,
3. The head of the Tunis should not have black or gray tint or hair,
4. Ewes with any horns/scurs,
5. Mottling or white socks on any leg,
6. Undershot or overshot of jaw,
7. Spinal deformities,
8. Undersized or too fine boned,
9. Oversized or coarse.

### WHITEFACE COMMERCIAL:

#### Description:

A whiteface commercial market lamb must be the offspring of at least one whiteface parent (either the sire or the dam). The lamb must show 25% or more white hair on its head (including the ears), or show some evidence of a speckling pattern on its ears, face, jaw, flank or legs. Solid brown faced or smut faced lambs with little to no white hair on their head (including ears) and no evidence of a speckling pattern will show in the blackface commercial class.

### BLACKFACE COMMERCIAL:

#### Description:

Blackface Commercial classes will be designated for blackface/brownface and predominantly blackface grade, crossbred and any such market lambs sifted from a breed class.