

Sheep

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about sheep. This includes proper selection of the animal, proper care, safety and good showmanship practices. Also, learning about the sheep industry and how it works is another part of this project.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL SHEEP

1. The Sheep project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair but does not advance to State Fair. Refer to the Animal Poster section or contact the Sheep Project Leader for more details. See Poster Guideline section in this rule book for Poster Requirements.
2. Muzzles will not be allowed.
3. Enrollment: All Online entries for the Clinton County 4-H Fair must be received by May 15th. There is no limit on the number of animals a club member may enroll for the county prior to May 15th provided the animals are owned and cared for by the club member.
4. All sheep, including rams, will be properly identified on identification day with **an 840-RFID tag and appropriate county tag in Clinton County. State Fair also requires a DNA hair sample.**
5. All 4-H sheep members must be Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified in order to exhibit.
6. All registered sheep must bring their registration papers with them at weigh-in at the fair to be eligible to show in a certain breed class.
7. There will be SHOWMANSHIP classes available. If more than fifteen (15) lamb club members sign up for one (1) class in showmanship then the group will be divided as determined by the superintendent.
8. Champions and Reserve Champions will show for Grand Champion.
9. Grand Champion Ewe and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe will be selected.
10. Grand Champion Ram and Reserve Grand Champion Ram will be selected.
11. 4-H members showing yearlings will be allowed to have a helper in the ring during that class. The helper must be enrolled as a Clinton County 4-H Member. The owner must be on the head of the animal if a helper is present in the ring.
12. To be eligible for rate of gain awards at the Clinton County Fair, animals must be weighed at Identification Day.
13. Any purebred animal may be moved to the appropriate crossbred class.
14. Only split breed classes when there are more than 4 animals exhibiting.
15. The Fall class of animals refers to all animals of any breed that were born between September 1-December 31 of the previous year.
16. The Spring class of animals refers to all animals of any breed that were born between January 1-May 14 of the current year.
17. **If we do not have a specific rule for a specific instance, we will follow state fair rules.**

MARKET LAMBS

1. All market lambs must be under one year of age and show front two milk teeth with no evidence of yearling teeth. No breed exceptions.
2. All lambs must be market lambs showing no testicular tissue. **IF SHOWING THIS TISSUE, LAMB WILL BE PLACED AT BOTTOM OF CLASS.**
3. All lambs must be in the possession of club member and enrolled by the Sheep Identification days.
4. The superintendent with a committee will divide the market lamb classes into breed classes. A member can show up to a total of six (6) single market lambs.

5. Ewes (meeting age requirements) may be shown as market lambs or breeding ewe, but not both. Designation must be done with the entry cards at the time of weigh-in at the Clinton County 4-H Fair.
6. All sheep eligible to show as a commercial ewe or market lamb must meet Clinton County and Indiana State 4-H program identification process prior to the May 15th enrollment deadline.
7. All market lambs must be shown slick sheared.
8. Market lamb breed classes will be provided for any pure-bred breed with at least one 4-H Exhibitor.
9. There will be separate classes for black face and white face crossbred market lambs. Both black face crossbred and white face crossbred will compete in the Grand Champion Market Lamb Drive.

BREEDING STOCK (EWES AND RAMS)

1. A 4-H member is limited to showing 6 breeding sheep in the breeding show. This includes total Breeding Ewes and Rams.
2. Rams need to be tagged, as well as be included on the May 15 4-H Sheep on-line enrollment.
3. Ewes and rams may be either commercial or registered. All commercial ewes will be shown as one (1) breed.
4. Yearlings must be over one (1) year old and still have yearling teeth.
5. Breeding classes will be provided for any pure-bred breed with at least one 4-H Exhibitor. Black face and white face commercial breeding sheep will show together.
6. Classes will be:
 - a. Spring ewe lamb
 - b. Fall ewe lamb
 - c. Pair of ewe lambs*
 - d. Yearling ewe
 - e. Pair of yearling ewes*
 - f. Ram Lamb
 - g. Yearling ram lamb

*Please note that a pair of ewe lambs or yearling ewes of the same breed must be shown by a single exhibitor. These ewes had to have been entered into 4honline by May 15 and had to have been shown that day.
7. All breeding sheep may be exhibited either shorn or with full fleece according to breed standards. All commercial ewes must be slick shorn.
8. A member can show no more than two (2) entries in each single ewe class. In the pair class, a 4-H member may bring two ewes from the ewes shown in the single class. A 4-H member can have one pair of breeding ewes.
9. The Fall class of animals refers to all animals of any breed that were born between September 1-December 31 of the previous year.
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POSTER PROJECT

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Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22" x 28" and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY ■ and not vertically ▮.
2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.

5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.

LAMB SCRAMBLE

1. Each first year project member in grades 3-5 is eligible to receive one animal through the Scramble program for participating species (sheep, goat, swine). A maximum of 5 per species will be selected based on the applications. Each 4-H member may only receive one animal in his or her 4-H career.
2. Scramble members may not have purchased or raised that species for show previously or during the current year.
3. Scramble animals will be exhibited in a separate scramble class.
4. All Scramble animals must be sold through the livestock auction. If the animal did not meet the required minimum auction weight, the animal will be placed on the market truck without going through auction.
5. The scramble draw will be held at the discretion of the superintendent of each participating species (sheep, goat, swine).
6. Each 4-H member wishing to participate in the Scramble Program must sign up for the species project on his or her on-line enrollment. In addition, a separate application and project requirements must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by the deadline established by the species superintendent.