

SHEEP

(Last updated 12/2020)

State Fair Entry: Entries required to the Indiana State Fair Entry Dept. by June 1st.

References: BU-6367 Sheep 1 - Rams, Lambs & You (grades 3-5)
BU-6368 Sheep 2 - Shear Delight (grades 6-8)
BU-6369 Sheep 3 - Leading the Flock (grades 9-12)
15-255-W [Declared Weight at Indiana State Fair 4-H Market Lamb & 4-H Meat Goat Weather Shows](#)

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ENROLLMENT:

1. Premise ID numbers are required on all 4-H Sheep on-line enrollment forms (<https://in.4honline.com>).
2. Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by said deadline and must be under the continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll sheep on-line Livestock Enrollment forms.
3. 4-H members must be enrolled in Clay County 4-H and in the Sheep Project on 4-H on-line by Annual Spring ID Day (May 1, 2021).
4. All 4-H market lambs and ewes must be enrolled on 4-H online (<https://in.4honline.com>) and identified with a county ID tag by the Annual Spring ID Day. Registered ewes may use a flock tag for identification, but must be identified at tag-in. All market lambs will be weighed at this time for the Rate of Gain competition also.

HEALTH:

1. All sheep must be unloaded outside of the barn.
2. All sheep must be free of blankets when unloaded at the Fair.
3. No animal may enter the barn until inspection of the animal is completed by a veterinarian or the Sheep Superintendent(s).
4. All sheep must be slick shorn within 3 days of county fair check-in with the exception of breeding stock intended to be shown fitted.
5. No sheep may be exhibited that are showing signs of being infected with ringworm.
6. No sheep may be exhibited that are showing signs of prolapsing.
7. Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. In case of a health question, a veterinarian will be contacted.
8. All female 4-H sheep projects (regardless of age) must be identified with the USDA approved plastic ear tag in order to be exhibited at shows unless it is registered and has a registration tag.
9. SCRAPIES CONTROL IN SHEEP. All sheep from an area not declared scrapies free by the U.S.D.A. must be treated by a method approved by the U.S.D.A. and the board of animal health within fifteen (15) days prior to the opening date of the exhibition.

GROOMING:

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

- At the County and State Fair, State Fair and 4-H officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s), violations to the policy may result in the disqualification of an animal entry.

- **Beginning in 2019 applicants must also complete the online Animal Ethics modules located here <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> every two years.** These 4 modules are intended to reiterate the importance of providing a foundation for 4-H families to start a conversation about livestock ethics and an understanding of why rules are in place. Ensure 4-H parents and adult mentors realize they are representatives of a larger livestock industry and give them tools to communicate effectively with the general public on behalf of that community. Last but certainly not least, to ensure animals in the Indiana 4-H Program are treated with the utmost care. At the conclusion of 4 modules please enter your name and county of primary residence.

❖ **Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program**

- ❖ Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document
- ❖ Complete the 4 online Animal Ethics modules entitled: **Purpose of 4-H Livestock Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice** located here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> once every 2 years (starting April 2019)
- ❖ Annually submit the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application and a copy driver's license to Courtney

Email: dickerso@purdue.edu OR Mail to: Purdue Extension, State 4-H Office
615 W State St
West Lafayette IN 47907

PENNING:

1. The Superintendent will assign stall space prior to bringing sheep to the Fairgrounds.
2. Sheep exhibitors will furnish bedding materials.
3. Pen Entry Forms – must be completed and turned in at the July 1st. If you do not complete pen entries, you will be assigned to whatever pens are available when you arrive.
4. No muzzles are allowed on the sheep at any time.
5. Pens must be cleaned and inspected by the superintendent or a member of the barn committee before the conclusion of the auction.

SHOW:

1. All 4-H Livestock must be shown by a current Clay County 4-H member.
2. No ice to be used on lambs. Cold, wet towels can be used. Ice can be used under the sheep's chin if sheep is overheated. This is with the approval of the Sheep Superintendent.
3. No foreign objects are to be inserted or placed inside the sheep, except by a licensed veterinarian at the fairgrounds and/or approved by the Sheep Superintendent.
4. Two lambs, two yearling ewes, one pair of ewe lambs, and one pair of yearling ewes may be exhibited per breed.
5. All breeding animals shown in breeding classes must be ewes.
6. Breeding classes for registered breeding stock will be provided for all recognized breeds
7. Market Class Lambs can be wethers or ewes. (No Rams!) Market lambs will be divided into classes by breed, and then by weight at the superintendent's discretion.
8. Exhibitors may show a total of six market lambs.
9. If an exhibitor has two animals that fall in the same weight class, they may show one animal in the next heavier class providing they have no other entry in that class.
10. Ewe lambs may be shown in breeding class or market class, NOT in both classes
11. The Grand Champion Market Lamb will be selected from all the breed champion market lambs. A Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb will be selected from the remaining breed champions

- and the reserve breed champion to the Grand Champion.
12. The Grand Champion Ewe will be selected from all the breed champion ewes. A Reserve Grand Champion Ewe will be selected from the remaining breed champions and the reserve breed champion to the Grand Champion.
 13. For market lambs, including wethers and ewes only Clay County tags will be allowed during the time of exhibit. Clay County tags include the five digit county tag and the brass county born tag.
 14. CLASSES
 - a. Ewe Lamb
 - b. Pair of Ewe Lambs
 - c. Yearling Ewe
 - d. Pair of Yearling Ewes
 - e. Market Lambs

SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Junior Showmanship – 3rd through 5th grade as of January 1, 2021
2. Intermediate Division – 6th through 8th grade as of January 1, 2021 and anyone who was won Junior Showmanship.
3. Senior Showmanship – 9th through 12th grades as of January 1, 2021 and anyone who has previously won Intermediate Showmanship.
4. Champion of Champion Showmanship – All previous Senior Division Champions, including the 2021 Senior Division Champion.

CLAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION:

1. Only animals shown in market classes may sell.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION:

1. Entries required by June 1st or by the date set by the Indiana State Fair.
2. All market lambs and crossbred ewes must have a retinal scan and 5 digit county ear tag.
3. 4-H/FFA Wool Show and Trimming Contest entries are made in July and on the State Fair online site.
4. All registered ewes must be retinal scanned and identified by the ear tag that corresponds to the tag number listed on the Ewes registration paper.

RATE OF GAIN – The Rate of Gain award will be presented to the market animal that has gained the most weight from tag-in day to the weigh-in at the fair.

ACTION DEMONSTRATION

An Action Demonstration is a way of showing off your sheep skills and abilities. You will be judged during the sheep judging.

WOOL SHOW

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) fleeces in the show. Fleeces will be placed in proper class by the wool judge.
2. Fleeces will be displayed at the Exhibit Hall except when being judged at the sheep show.
3. Fleeces must be from the member's sheep flock animal. All fleeces for exhibit must be tied with paper twine (Standard wool twine).
4. Exhibitor must sign fleece(s) in with superintendent on same day of Livestock check in.

BORN AND RAISED SHOW

1. The Born and Raised sheep must be raised by Clay County 4-H member and immediate family's herd — NOT grandparent(s) or aunt(s) or uncle(s) family's herd. **Exhibitor must notify sheep Superintendent at time of tagging weigh-in/tagging if their animal is homegrown.**
 2. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Born and Raised selection will be held immediately following the selection of the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion.
 3. Exhibitor may show a maximum of six market lambs, which includes any market lamb shown as Born and Raised.
 4. Classes for the Born and Raised will be determined by weight.
 5. The number of classes will be determined by the sheep superintendents.
 6. If a 4-H member has two animals that fall in the same weight class, he or she may show one animal in the next heavier class providing that he or she has no entry in that class. If both fall in the heavier class, both may be shown in that class.
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