SHEEP
4-H & JR. FAIR PROJECTS REQUIREMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

(This is not a complete listing of all Jr. Fair exhibit rules. Refer to current Ross County Fair Book for details.)

1. **PROJECT BOOK & LIVESTOCK RECORDS**
   - **PROJECT BOOKS**: Each first-year member will receive a Market Lamb Project/Record Book (#198) AND/OR a Sheep Breeding Project/Record Book (#199) and a Sheep Resource Handbook (#194R). Member must retain these books for use in future years. Replacement books can be purchased at the Extension office. Note: The Resource Handbook is given one per family and must be retained for future family members.
   - **LIVESTOCK RECORD**: Each member will receive a Livestock Record annually. Members are required to bring their completed Livestock Record to the Animal Project Skillathon with all information completed up to the date of the Skillathon.

2. **QUALITY ASSURANCE** (mandatory for Mkt. Lambs. Not required for Breeding Sheep):
   All Ohio Junior Fair Market & Dairy Exhibitors must complete a Quality Assurance Training to exhibit and/or sell their animals at County, Independent or State Fairs.
   All Jr. Fair Exhibitors shall successfully complete QA not less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition in which they will participate (ODA 1/2018).
   - **June 1, current year**: To register/exhibit at the State Fair, youth must complete QA prior to June 1.
   - **June 24, current year**: To exhibit and sell animals at the Ross County Fair, Jr. Fair Exhibitors MUST complete and submit proof of attendance by this date.
   - **QA Opportunities**: for dates/times, go to ross.osu.edu
     - **In-Person** (all ages): Offered in Ross County and other counties. Exhibitors may attend trainings at approved QA programs/clinics but must get verification by the educator of the county where the program took place and submit to Ross County Extension office.
     - **Test-Out** (ages 15–18 as of January 1): Youth will complete QA for current year and will then take a test. Youth scoring 70%-100% will test out of QA for their remaining 4-H/FFA career.
     - **On-Line** (ages 15-18 as of January 1): Youth will use their 4-H online log-in information and have a fee of $12. This is NOT a test-out option but replaces the In-Person training.
     - Note: all other online courses do not meet the Ohio Youth Food Animal QA certification requirements (i.e. BQA, PQA, BEST, etc.) per Ohio Department of Agriculture.

3. **ROSS COUNTY ANIMAL PROJECT SKILLATHON** (mandatory): All Ross County Jr. Fair Animal Project Exhibitors must complete an Animal Project Skillathon to exhibit their animal(s). Exhibitors may complete either the Ross County Skillathon OR the Ohio State Fair Skillathon for their species.
   It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to submit proof of completion, if attending the OSF Skillathon.
   - **Age Categories**: Exhibitors complete Skillathon according to their age (as of January 1).
     - **Junior** (8-11 years)
     - **Intermediate** (12 – 14 years)
     - **Senior** (15 – 18 years)
   - **Skillathon Dates/Times**: go to ross.osu.edu
   - **Skillathon Study Guides**: go to ross.osu.edu

**PREMIER SKILLATHON** (all ages): This optional contest will be held during the Animal Project Skillathon. Participants will compete in a Premier Skillathon station in each specie area. Details will be in the May Family Hotline and Ross County Fair Book.

4. **JR FAIR EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE**: Exhibitors must adhere to the following dress requirements at all shows and sales at the fair: must wear nice jeans or slacks (no low-rise, no holes or tears); a shirt, blouse or polo with a collar and sleeves AND without slogans or advertisements (4-H club/member name is acceptable); no cleavage showing; no undergarments showing. Shoes must be closed-toe (no sandals or flip flops).
MARKET LAMBS AND SHEEP BREEDING PROJECTS:

2020 IMPORTANT DATES

➢ Market Lamb SPRING Tagging Dates:
  - Saturday, May 2  7:00am - 10:00am  Ross County Fairgrounds
  - Monday, May 4  6:00pm - 8:00pm  Ross County Fairgrounds

➢ *NEW in 2020 ON-LINE Non-Market Livestock Entry Forms: July 15

➢ Fair Move-in: All Sheep must be in place by 4:00pm on first Saturday of the fair

➢ Fair Exhibitors' Meeting: first Saturday of fair at 8:30pm (mandatory for all sheep exhibitors)

➢ Fair Weigh-in: first Saturday of the fair at 5:00pm

➢ Sheep Breeding Show: Monday of fair at 12:00noon

➢ Sheep Showmanship Contest: Monday of fair immediately following Breeding Sheep Show

➢ Market Lamb Show: Wednesday of fair at 3:00pm

➢ Market Lamb Sale: Friday of fair at 6:00pm (even yrs. sheep sell first; odd yrs. goats sell first)

1. **Safety.** Any animal found by the Sheep Superintendents to be a risk to the health and wellness of exhibitors and/or fair goers will not be permitted to show or sell can be dismissed from the fairgrounds at any time. No livestock is permitted in the fairgrounds.

2. **Drenching.** Drenching of livestock is **prohibited** at an exhibition, unless it is for a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. (ODA, 2016)

3. **Scrapie Tags.** All sheep (market and breeding) **must** have a **Scrapie identification tag** from the breeder when you take possession of the lamb. In addition, ewes and wethers that will cross state lines must have a Scrapie ID. You must keep record of your animal ID and the name and address of the breeder for five years after you sell the animal.

4. **Tack Areas.** Tack areas will be designated for each club by the superintendents.

5. **Feed.** Do not leave feed unattended in pens all day/all night.

6. **Bedding.** No straw bedding will be permitted in **market lamb pens.**

7. No packing lambs in ice.

8. No paint anywhere on animal. No application of products not approved for animal use.

9. All sheep (market and breeding) **must** be kept within the vicinity of the sheep barn/show arena during the fair. Animals cannot be in the campground area.

10. A Junior Fair exhibitor may receive assistance in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the Junior Fair Show, provided that the assistance is limited to explanation or minimal demonstration and provided that the assistance is only by the following: Parents, legal guardian, siblings, grandparents, Ross County 4-H or FFA members, Ross County 4-H Advisors, or Ross County FFA Instructors. **The exhibitor must be present.**

11. Only Ross County Jr. Fair Exhibitors (4-H / FFA) can assist in showing and selling another Junior Fair exhibitor's project.

12. **Scales.** No outside scales may be brought onto the fairgrounds. "Official" fairground scales may only be used by designated officials.

13. All livestock exhibitors must clean their stall/pen and aisle by 12:00 noon Sunday after fair. Exhibitors not in compliance will be placed on a 1-year probation. If second offense occurs, the exhibitor will be ineligible to exhibit the following year.
MARKET LAMB PROJECTS:

1. Exhibitors (4-H or FFA) may take two (2) market lambs to the Ross County Junior Fair. The two market lambs can be a combination of two wethers, two ewes, or one wether and one ewe.

2. **NEW in 2020:** There will be ONE MARKET LAMB SHOW for all market lambs. There will NOT be a Pen of 2 Contest.
   A. All market lambs will show as individual animals in one show.
   B. Market Lamb Award Placings:
      a. One Grand Champion and one Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the Final Drive.
      b. 3rd, 4th, 5th Placings Over-All
      c. Class Winners
      d. Performance Lamb Contest (see info below)

3. Spring Tagging: lambs must be tagged and weighed at a Spring Tagging to be exhibited at the fair.
   A. See dates & times on page 2.
   B. Each exhibitor may tag two market lambs. Families with 2 or more members taking market lambs may tag-in and designate 1 family lamb. A family with one exhibitor can tag three market lambs. (2019)
   C. Wethers must be castrated by the Spring Tagging date.
   D. Exhibitor must tag all their lambs on the same date.

4. FAIR weigh-in: Saturday at 5:00pm
   A. Fair Weight: Market lambs must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds at the fair weigh-in to be eligible for the market show and the Junior Fair Market Lamb Sale.
   B. DUNF forms must be correctly completed and turned in at the fair weigh-in. Members will not be allowed to weigh-in their animals until form is correctly submitted.

5. All lambs must be slick shorn (no butt wool) by showtime on Wednesday of the Fair or they will not show. Slick shorn will be determined case by case by the superintendents.

6. Sale Information:
   A. If exhibitor brings two market lambs, the exhibitor’s highest placing lamb will be sold through the sale ring and the other lamb will receive packer price.
   B. Lambs weighing less than 85 pounds will not receive a premium and will be sold at the packer price for their respective weight.
   C. The market lamb show is a terminal. All market lambs (ewes and wethers) must go to harvest.

7. Performance Class (optional):
   - Performance Class will be the first class to exhibit in the market lamb show. Placements will be calculated during the rest of the market show. Then, just before the Champion Drive, the Top 5 Performance Class participants will return to the ring and Performance Class awards will be announced. NOTE: ONLY the child returns ~ NO animal.
   - Exhibitors who would like to participate must have their lambs weighed at the Spring tagging and again at the fair. The average daily gain is figured from the difference between these two weights. The 1st place daily gain gets 10 points; 2nd=9pts; 3rd=8pts; 4th=7pts; 5th=6pts; 6th=5pts; 7th=4pts; 8th=3pts; 9th=2pts; 10th=1pt.
   - If there is a tie, the place they tied for points and the next place down points will be added together and divided by 2 and that will be the points each will receive. (ex. 1st place tie {10 + 9=19 / 2=9.5pts} each lamb will receive 9.5pts).
   - These lambs will make up the “Performance Class” and will show against each other in the “Performance Class”. The lamb that is placed 1st by the judge in this class will receive 10 pts; 2nd=9pts; 3rd=8pts; 4th=7pts; 5th=6pts; 6th=5pts; 7th=4pts; 8th=3pts; 9th=2pts; 10th=1pt.
   - Points from Daily Gain placing and the Performance Class placing will be added together. This final score will determine the lambs’ final placing in the Performance Class. The lamb with the most points will be the Overall Performance Lamb Champion. 2nd most points=2nd place; through 3rd, 4th, 5th.
   - In the case of a final score tie, the lamb with the best rate of gain will get the higher placing.
BREEDING SHEEP PROJECTS:

1. All Breeding Sheep animals must be in the member’s possession by MAY 1 of current year.

   Members must submit an on-line NON-MARKET LIVESTOCK FAIR ENTRY FORM for each Sheep Breeding Project by July 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the Ross County Junior Fair. Animals at the fair must match the entry form to be eligible to show.

3. Breeding Sheep Jr. Fair Classes:
   - Ram: Over 2 years
   - Yearling Ram: one year and under two
   - Ram Lamb: under one year
   - Ewe: Over 2 years
   - Yearling Ewe: one year and under two
   - Ewe Lamb: under one year

   - Flock - 1 ram and 2 ewes of SAME BREED (must meet Jr. Fair age and show requirements AND be showing in the Junior Fair Breeding Sheep Show this year).
   - Note: There will be no pre-set breed classes.
     Breeds with three ram entries will have a breed ram champion.
     Breeds with three ewe entries will have a breed ewe champion.
     Classes with less than three entries will show for ribbons only.

4. Breeding Sheep Award Placings
   - Grand & Reserve Champion Ewe Overall*
   - Grand & Reserve Champion Ram Overall*
   - Breed Winners (see class notes above)
   - Best Sheep Flock

   *selected from the Breed Champions. Only breeds qualifying for breed champions may complete for the overall Ewe or overall Ram.

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP:

1. Sheep showmanship divisions (and age as of January 1 of current year) are:
   - Senior Division (15 years and over)
   - Intermediate Division (12 – 14 years)
   - Junior Division (8 – 11 years)
   - *Beginner Division (8 – 11 years and 1st year with project)
   - *Master

   *Notes:

   a.) Any first-year showman meeting the age category has the option of entering the Junior Division and not the Beginner Division.
   b.) The Master Showmanship Contest is open to all Junior Fair Livestock members who are current or previous winners of a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior showmanship class.

2. Showmanship Show Order: 1) Senior, 2) Intermediate, 3) Junior, 4) Beginner, 5) Master Division

3. A member may win a showmanship age division only one time. Once a member has won a particular division, he/she must compete in the next age division. Once an exhibitor wins a Senior age division showmanship, he/she is allowed to continue to show in Senior Showmanship throughout their 4-H eligibility.

4. Members must be current Junior Fair Livestock members and must show their current project. Interpretation and eligibility will be determined by the superintendents.

5. Each contestant must fit and show his own animal. During the course of the contest, the exhibitor may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.

6. The animal used for showmanship must be one entered and shown by the exhibitor in respective production or market class in the Junior Fair.