

**FFA SHEEP DEPARTMENT**

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Offered by Iowa State Fair --- \$4,447

**SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, August 9**

8:00 a.m. Sheep may arrive  
11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Check-in/Weigh-in Market & Carcass  
Noon Sheep must be in  
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Check-in Breeding

**Wednesday, August 10**

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Check-in/Weigh-in Commercial  
11:00 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting  
TBA Carcass Lamb Ultrasound Evaluation

**Thursday, August 11**

8:00 a.m. Market and Carcass Lamb Show

**Friday, August 12**

8:00 a.m. Breeding Sheep and Commercial Ewe Show  
3:00 p.m. Awards Presentation  
4:00 p.m. Sheep released  
6:00 p.m. Sheep must be out

**DEPARTMENT RULES**

1. General rules, regulations and health requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply in this department, with special emphasis on the following sections: Member Eligibility, Supervision and Lodging, Good Conduct Policy, Medication and Drug Testing, and Showing and Fitting Ethics.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** Nomination fee for Market, Carcass and Commercial is \$4 per head. There is no nomination fee for Registered Breeding Sheep.
3. All sheep must be owned by the nomination due date by the exhibitor, or in a partnership, school sponsored cooperative or a corporation. Ownership must be maintained from the nomination date through the exhibition date of the Iowa State Fair. See FFA Rules and Regulations section.
4. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Entry fee is \$3.00 per head. A pen will accommodate approximately **four** sheep.
5. Exhibitors of FFA Sheep must arrive by entering Lot M at the corner of Dean Avenue and East 34<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed through the health check. All lambs will be inspected by a veterinarian. Lambs found to have evidence of club lamb fungus or ringworm will be unable to be shown and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. **A non-washable marker will be used to identify FFA sheep excused from exhibition.**
6. No tack or bedding is allowed in the barn before Tuesday, August 9 at 8:00 a.m. Exhibitors arriving early will be removed from the barn and premiums will be forfeited.
7. Health certificates for FFA Registered Breeding Sheep must contain all individual identification including the official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep. Health certificates for FFA Commercial Ewe Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market/Carcass Lambs must contain all individual identification including the FFA tag and official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep. Please review Section 5 - SHEEP AND GOATS under Health Requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website.
8. All market, carcass and commercial ewes may be re-checked by a veterinarian before the selection of the champion.
9. All FFA sheep must be penned as assigned unless written permission is granted by the FFA Sheep Supervisor. FFA sheep penning in the Open Class section of the Sheep Barn will be disqualified from the FFA show.
10. Only natural bedding may be used in animal pens. No fiber carpets may be used in animal pens. Rubber mats may be used.
11. All market lambs, carcass lambs and commercial ewes **must be slick shorn** upon arrival to the Fairgrounds. Animals which are not slick shorn will not be allowed to stall or enter the check-in line. Suggested fleece length for purebred breeding sheep is ¼ inch with ¾ inch maximum, with the exception being for wool breeds which have no maximum length.
12. **No electric or battery operated clippers can be used on any commercial ewe, carcass lamb or market lamb on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.**
13. No scales shall be used by exhibitors, chapter members, family members, chapter advisors or other individuals to weigh sheep entered in the FFA show from the time of unloading into the barn until an official show weight is taken.
14. **Each FFA member shall take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animal(s). If assistance is needed it should be intended to help the FFA member learn new skills. FFA members can be assisted by an immediate family member, fellow active chapter member and/or chapter advisor in fitting and grooming their lambs. FFA members will be disqualified if they have professionals fit their lambs.**
15. Exhibitors are expected to care for their lambs in an acceptable manner. NO MUZZLES OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED! Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of lambs will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the show officials.
16. Any animal exhibiting a rectal prolapse is subject to veterinary inspection and may be ineligible to show and may be disqualified from exhibition.
17. All lambs must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping lambs. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the FFA Sheep Show.
18. There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any animal. All animals giving evidence of being colored will be barred from exhibition.
19. No artificial alternations or stimulants of any kind may be applied or administered to animals (icing, electric shock, alcohol/formaldehyde baths, etc.). All animals showing evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
20. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. **No unnatural means of providing animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drench gun, IV) will be allowed.** All animals giving

evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.

21. No drugs or medicants of **any kind** may be administered except by the order of the Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian. All animals are subject to drug testing. All animals giving evidence of being medicated without prior approval will be barred from exhibition.
22. **Only purple ribbon winners can be named Champion of a show/division/class.**

**BREEDING SHEEP  
REGISTERED RAMS AND EWES - DIVISION 1**

Offered by Breed Associations --- \$175

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. Breeding sheep exhibitors must follow FFA Sheep Department rules listed on previous pages, with special emphasis on the **fitting and grooming rule**.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** A maximum of 20 head may be nominated.
3. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Entry fee is \$3 per head. Not more than two entries may be shown in any one registered class by the same exhibitor.
4. Purebred ewes and lambs of either sex may be entered in the breeding classes and must be recorded and **carry identification according to breed registry guidelines**.
5. Lambs born prior to August 31, 2015 are ineligible to show in lamb classes and only lambs showing lamb teeth can show. Yearling ewes shall be born between September 1, 2014 and December 31, 2015.
6. All breeding sheep should be completely sheared with the regular comb in the latter part of May. At show time the fleece on the breeding sheep should be 3/4 inch or less, except the wool breeds which have no limitations.
7. All classes of breeding sheep will be split (at supervisor's discretion) into classes of 20 or more if entries are greater than 40.
8. Pen of two lambs may be made up of any animals properly entered and shown individually from the ram and ewe classes. Only the holders of the animals are allowed in the ring; no leg setters are permitted. Pair of lambs and ewes must be designated at check-in, but can be changed at the show.
9. Suffolk will be shown as an individual breed. There must be at least three exhibitors in a breed show (not entry) to have a separate division. Therefore, other breeds may be shown if a breed has three or more exhibitors (i.e. Hampshire, Columbia, Dorset, etc.). When a breed has fewer than three exhibitors in the show, these sheep will be shown in two divisions: Meat Breeds and Wool Breeds. Meat Breeds include Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Oxford, Montadale, Shropshire and Southdown. Wool Breeds include Columbia, Corriedale, Polypay and Rambouillet. Entries should be made according to Meat or Wool.
10. A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be awarded to each entry.
11. Champion and Reserve Champion ewes and rams will be selected in Suffolk; other specific breeds when there are at least three exhibitors in the show; Other Breeds Meat and Other Breeds Wool with ribbons awarded.
12. Premium Pay Scale: The following scale of premiums will apply in all classes in Division 1 - based on the number shown in each class.  
 Less than 5: \$6, 4, 2, 1  
 5 thru 9: \$8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1  
 10 thru 19: \$8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3; 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, \$2  
 20 or more: \$10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3; 11<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>: \$2 Maximum or Pro-rata

Breeding Sheep Registered Rams and Ewes	Suffolk	Hampshire	Columbia	Dorset	Meat	Wool
Spring Ram Lamb (Born on or after January 1, 2016)	1	9	17	25	33	41
Fall Ram Lamb (Born between August 31, 2015 and December 31, 2015)	2	10	18	26	34	42
Yearling Ram	3	11	19	27	35	43
Spring Ewe Lamb (Born on or after January 1, 2016)	4	12	20	28	36	44
Fall Ewe Lamb (Born between August 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016)	5	13	21	29	37	45
Pen of Two Lambs	6	14	22	30	38	46
Yearling Ewe	7	15	23	31	39	47
Pair of Yearling Ewes	8	16	24	32	40	48

**COMMERCIAL EWES - DIVISION 2  
SPECIAL RULES**

1. Commercial ewe exhibitors must follow FFA Sheep Department rules listed on previous pages, with special emphasis on the **fitting and grooming rule**.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** Nomination fee is \$4 per head. A maximum of 25 head may be nominated (includes market, carcass and commercial).
3. **All commercial ewe lambs and yearling ewes shall have hair samples collected at nomination time.** Commercial ewe lambs and yearling ewes will be subject to DNA testing at time of exhibition.
4. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Entry fee is \$3 per head. A maximum of **four** commercial ewe lambs and **four** yearling ewes may be exhibited. Animals shown in commercial ewe classes may not be shown in purebred or market classes.
5. Entries in commercial ewe classes **are not** to be registered. Ewes displaying registered tags will be disqualified. **Commercial ewes must be slick shorn prior to entering the check-in line.**
6. Lambs born prior to January 1, 2016 are ineligible to show in the lamb classes. Yearling ewes shall be born between September 1, 2014 and December 31, 2015. All breeding sheep should be completely sheared with the regular comb in the latter part of May. Commercial ewes will be shown slick shorn.
7. Entries will be divided into classes by weight.

8. White Breed Influenced classes will be added for commercial ewe lambs and commercial yearling ewes.
9. Commercial Ewe Lambs and Yearling Ewes will be split (at supervisor's discretion) into classes of 20 or more if entries are 40 or more.
10. A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be awarded to each entry. Ribbons will be awarded designating the standing of the individuals from 1<sup>st</sup> place through 10<sup>th</sup> place in each class.
11. Premium Pay Scale: The following scale of premiums will apply - based on the number shown in each class.  
 Less than 10: \$6, 5, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1  
 10 thru 19: \$7, 6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 10<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>: \$2  
 20 or more: \$9, 7, 5, 4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 3, 11<sup>th</sup> - on: \$2 Maximum or Pro-rata

**CLASS**

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| 49 | Commercial Ewe Lamb by weight<br>Champion Ewe Lamb .....Plaque<br>Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb.....Rosette   |
| 50 | Commercial Yearling Ewe by weight<br>Champion Yearling Ewe .....Plaque<br>Reserve Champion Yearling Ewe.....Rosette<br>Grand Champion Commercial Ewe.....Banner |

**CHAPTER AWARD**

THE SUPREME BREEDING SHEEP EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The premiums are awarded to the chapters with outstanding overall exhibits of registered and commercial ewes and lambs. No entry form or entry fee is required. The premiums are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award - \$15 and Banner, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 to the top eight chapters; Ribbons, 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place

**MARKET LAMBS - DIVISION 3**

Offered by Associations --- \$100

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. Market lamb exhibitors must follow FFA Sheep Department rules listed on previous pages, with special emphasis on the **fitting and grooming rule**.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** Nomination fee is \$4 per head. A maximum of 25 head may be nominated (includes market, carcass and commercial).
3. **All market lambs shall have hair samples collected at nomination time.** Market lambs will be subject to DNA testing at time of exhibition.
4. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Entry fee is \$3 per head. Each exhibitor may **show a maximum of five** market lambs.
5. Entries open to purebred, crossbred or grade lambs, either wethers or ewes. Lambs may be owned in partnership with parent or guardian.
6. Lambs born prior to January 1, 2016 are ineligible. All market sheep should be shorn for maximum rate of gain.
7. Lambs shown in market classes cannot be shown in breeding classes.
8. **There will be absolutely no reweighs on market and carcass lambs.**
9. Market lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival to the Fairgrounds.
10. Lambs to be shown **MUST** weigh 100 pounds or over. All blankets and tubes must be removed from lambs prior to entering the weigh-in lines.
11. **Market lambs will be shown by weight and sex classes. There will be approximately 25 lambs per class with no class having fewer than 20 animals (at supervisor's discretion). Champion and Reserve Champion Wethers and Ewes will show for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.**
12. **There shall be no coloring agents, powder or oil used on any sheep. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to be in the show.**
13. A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be awarded to each entry. Champions and Reserve Champions of weight divisions will be selected in both wethers and ewes, provided they were awarded a purple ribbon.
14. Premium money will be pro-rated in purple, blue, red and white ribbon groups in the ratio of 6, 5, 4, 3 for individual market lambs with a maximum of \$6 for a purple ribbon. Each lamb in a ribbon group will be awarded the same amount.
15. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs will not be eligible to show in the Open Jackpot Lamb Show.

**CLASS**

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| 51 | Individual Market Lambs .....Pro-rata, Ribbons<br>First place in each weight/sex class .....Ribbon  |
| 52 | Individual White Breed Influenced Market Lambs...Pro-rata, Ribbons<br>First place in each weight/sex class .....Ribbon<br>Wethers - Division Champions & Reserves ..... Rosette<br>Champion Wether .....Plaque and \$25<br>Reserve Champion Wether.....Plaque and \$15<br>Ewes - Division Champions & Reserves .....Rosette<br>Champion Ewe .....Plaque and \$25<br>Reserve Champion Ewe.....Plaque and \$15<br>Grand Champion Market Lamb .....Trophy and Banner<br>Reserve Grand Champion.....Trophy and Banner |

**CARCASS LAMBS - DIVISION 4**

Premiums and Special awards offered by Iowa State Fair, the Sheep Industry and Others.

**SPECIAL RULES - SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

1. Carcass lamb exhibitors must follow FFA Sheep Department rules listed on previous pages, with special emphasis on the **fitting and grooming rule**.
2. **Nominations must be submitted online on or before May 15.** Nomination fee is \$4 per head. A maximum of 25 head may be nominated (includes market, carcass and commercial).

3. **All carcass lambs shall have hair samples collected at nomination time.** Carcass lambs will be subject to DNA testing at time of exhibition.
4. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.** Entry fee is \$3 per head. Each exhibitor may **designate a maximum of two carcass lambs.** Carcass lambs **MUST** be designated and entry fees paid for at time of entry. Exhibitors must designate, during weighing, which two lambs are to be shown in this class.
5. Entries open to purebred, crossbred or grade lambs, either wethers or ewes. Lambs born prior to January 1, 2016 are ineligible. Lambs must have lamb teeth.
6. Lambs shown in individual market lamb classes can also be shown in this carcass lamb class.
7. Carcass lambs will check in with market lambs on Tuesday, August 9 between 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Lambs will be scanned on Wednesday, August 10 in the afternoon. The live show will be on Thursday, August 11 following selection of Grand Champion Market Lamb. Scanning results will be distributed on Thursday after the live show.
8. Carcass lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival to the Fairgrounds.
9. Lambs to be shown in this class **MUST** weigh 100 pounds or over. All blankets and tubes must be removed from lambs prior to entering the weigh-in lines. Carcass lambs not making weight will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.
10. Lambs carcasses are required to have a minimum of .1" backfat and a minimum ribeye area of 2".
11. Top 20 lambs from the carcass ultrasound evaluation will be exhibited in a championship class. Carcass lambs scanned not in the top 20 will be exhibited in live evaluation classes broken by percent boneless retail cut.
12. Animals placed in the top 20 from ultrasound must be exhibited in the live evaluation class to be eligible for awards.
13. Animals must be clean but no credit will be given for grooming except for showing awards competition.
14. A purple, blue, red or white ribbon will be presented to each entry in the live classes. Placing ribbons will be presented to the top ten overall carcass lambs.
15. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Lamb will be selected by the lamb's performance in both ultrasound evaluation and live class evaluation. Overall placing is determined by 80% ultrasound evaluation and 20% class evaluation.
16. Carcass lambs will be placed in purple, blue, red and white ribbon groups based on the highest % boneless retail cut.
17. The following formula will be used to calculate the % boneless retail cut:  
$$\%BRC = 50.858 + (\text{Yield Grade} * -2) + ((\text{REA} - (1.3 + (\text{LvWt} * 0.52 * 0.02))) * 10)$$
18. Ultrasound Evaluation Requirements:
  - A. must grade USDA prime or choice
  - B. must have a minimum of .1" backfat
  - C. must have a minimum ribeye area of 2"Lambs not meeting requirements of A, B & C will be disqualified.
19. Ribeye and fat depth will be measured between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> ribs with ultrasound evaluation.
20. Scanning expenses will be deducted from total premiums - not individual premium money.
21. Providing there are enough donations from the sheep industry and other sources, prize money for 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> for overall carcass will be \$50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, and 5.

#### CLASS

- 53 Carcass Lambs  
Grand Champion Carcass Lamb --- Trophy and Rosette  
Reserve Grand Champion --- Plaque and Rosette

#### MARKET CHAPTER AWARD

THE SUPREME MARKET SHEEP EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The premiums are awarded to the chapters with outstanding over-all exhibits of live carcass and market lambs. No entry form or entry fee will be required. The premiums are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award - \$15 and Banner, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 to the top eight chapters; Ribbons, 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place

#### FFA SHEEP SPECIALS

Additional FFA Sheep Specials offered by the **Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement** are available online at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org).

**Beau Geste Farms - Joe Warrick**, Oskaloosa, will provide a recognition award to the exhibitor of the Supreme Champion Suffolk Individual.

The **Iowa Farm Bureau Federation**, Des Moines, contributes \$25 to the Supreme Market Sheep Exhibitor's Award.