

4-H SHEEP DEPARTMENT

4-H Sheep Team

Superintendent - Tom Kiley, Perry

Assistant Superintendents - Tim Naig, Cylinder; Randy DeHeer, Oskaloosa

**4-H Sheep will stall and show in the Swine Barn

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 6

7:00 a.m. Sheep may arrive
8:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sheep check-in (check weights/check-in cards, t-shirts, exhibitor numbers) - Swine barn show ring
Noon Sheep must be in
3:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting

Friday, August 7

8:30 a.m. Market Lamb Show
After Show Sheep released

Saturday, August 8

8:30 a.m. Breeding Sheep Show; Selection of Supreme Female
After Show Sheep released
7:00 p.m. Sheep must be out

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through Fair Entry

GENERAL SHEEP RULES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
2. Exhibitors are expected to care for their lambs in an acceptable manner. No muzzles are allowed. No icing of lambs allowed. Only tap water may be sprayed or applied to lambs. No ice allowed in spray buckets or blankets. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of lambs will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of Show Officials. Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the show Veterinarian should be contacted.
3. All market lambs must have been tagged and had photos uploaded from the nominated animals and information recorded in 4hOnline by June 1. All purebred and commercial breeding ewes must have been tagged with an official 4-H tag as well as had photos uploaded from the nominated animals and information recorded in 4hOnline by June 1. All lambs must have complete identification information entered in 4hOnline by June 1.
4. All lambs must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing 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 4-H Sheep Show.
5. The entry fee is \$15 per head and must be paid with entry form. No refunds.
6. All sheep must be penned in the assigned pens.
7. **Exhibitors must check in by entering Lot M at the corner of Dean Avenue and E. 34th Street and then proceed through the health check.** All market lambs, commercial ewes and wether dams **must be slick shorn** upon arriving on the Fairgrounds. Suggested fleece length for purebred breeding sheep is 1/4 inch with a 3/4 inch maximum, with the exception being for wool breeds which have no maximum length. Veterinarians will be present in the check-in line and reserve the right to request additional shearing if they feel the lamb has been sheared inappropriately for inspection. 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 may be used to identify lambs excused from exhibition.**
8. No electric or battery operated clippers can be used on any market lamb or commercial ewe on the Fairgrounds.
9. Fiber carpets will **not** be allowed in sheep pens. Rubber mats are acceptable.
10. **No cable halters allowed in any sheep shows.**
11. A 4-H'er may enter and show a maximum of four market lambs and a maximum of 15 breeding sheep (purebred and commercial).
12. **NEW FOR 2020: DECLARED WEIGHTS** - A declared weight system will be used for official weights for market lambs and commercial ewes. A weight card obtained from show officials must be filled out by exhibitors and turned in by the designated time. The weight turned in will become the official weight. If weight cards are not turned in by the deadline those animals will not be eligible to show in their respective shows. Once the weight card is submitted by the deadline, no changes can be made.
Scales will be provided in the barn for exhibitors to test weights upon arrival before turning in their card. These scales will also be used for show weigh-backs.
The top two animals in each class will be weighed immediately following their class to determine if they are eligible to return for division champions. Market lambs and Commercial Ewes not weighing within 7 pounds (+ or -) of its official weight will be disqualified. All lambs are subject to be selected to be weighed.
13. There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any sheep. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to show.
14. Premiums: monetary award will be given to the top three placings in each class. Each participant will receive a ribbon (purple, blue, red, white).
15. Clipping stands are encouraged to remain level or close to level. Excessive elevation that causes animal discomfort will result in the stands being removed from the barn.
16. For both the Market and Breeding Divisions, should a first placed sheep be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship, the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second place animal is disqualified, the third place animal will move up. Should a division market lamb champion be disqualified after winning its division but before selection of Grand Champion Market Lamb, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Championship. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.

MARKET LAMBS

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Sheep Department.
2. Entries are open to purebred, grade or crossbred wether or ewe lambs that still have lambs teeth, weighing 100 pounds or more. Lambs lighter than 100 pounds are ineligible for exhibition. All lambs must be weighed and tagged with an official Iowa 4-H tag by June 1 at an official verification site. Market lambs must also have had retinal images collected. The ear tag number, weight and weigh date must be listed in 4hOnline by June 1. Wether lambs will be checked for late or incomplete castrations at weigh-in time. Late or incomplete castrations are not eligible to show.
3. A member may enter and show a maximum of four individual market lambs.
4. Lambs shown in Market Classes may not be shown in Purebred or Commercial Ewe Classes.
5. All market lambs will be weighed and checked for appropriate county identification during check-in. Any evidence of tampering with the official 4-H tag will be scrutinized. No reweighs will be allowed.
6. 4-H Market Lambs will be divided into divisions by face, ear and leg color: black and all other. Depending upon entry numbers, divisions may also be determined at weigh-in. A three member committee will determine and classify all white-faced and/or speckle-faced lambs during check-in and their decision will be final. Within face color category lambs will be divided into weight divisions. Champion and Reserve Champion of each division will show for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.
7. If five or more head of a breed are checked in, a separate class will be offered.
8. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected along with 3rd, 4th and 5th place in the championship drive.

CLASS

- White Face/Cross (includes Southdown)
- White-Breed Influence/Speckled Face
- Black Faced

PUREBRED EWES

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Sheep Department.
2. Entries in purebred ewe lamb classes must be born on or after January 1 this year. Yearling ewes must be born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019.
3. All purebred ewes must be tagged with an official Iowa 4-H tag and had had photos uploaded from the nominated animals and information recorded in 4hOnline by June 1. Birth date, ear tag number and breed of each purebred must be entered in 4hOnline by June 1.
4. **NEW FOR 2020:** Purebred ewe exhibitors will submit a check-in card listing the breed, tag, tattoo number, and provide registration papers to check-in officials. Original registration papers **MUST** be provided (no copies, faxes, or applications for registration will be accepted). Animals whose registration papers are not approved will be shown in the Commercial Ewe Class. Registration papers must be in the 4-Her's name or show a logical family relationship (i.e. John Smith Family is acceptable; Sunnyview Farms is not acceptable).
5. Only purebred ewes are eligible to show in purebred classes. Any percentage or advantage papered ewes will show as a commercial ewe.
6. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of two ewe lambs and two yearling ewes of each breed. If a member has more than one breed, he/she may show the above maximum in each breed. Maximum of 15 breeding sheep may be shown.
7. 4-H'ers may have the assistance of a 4-H'er who meets show age eligibility requirements in the yearling ewe class. In the yearling ewe class the assistant's help will be limited to helping set hind legs.
8. Entries will be placed numerically as well as in ribbon groups.
9. If less than five head of one breed check in at show, all of the breed's sheep will be shown in the Other Breeds class.
10. Classes with 30 or more entries will be divided into equal classes with no more than 30 entries, based on actual date of birth.
11. Additional classes may be added if numbers warrant.
12. A Supreme Purebred Female, along with reserve, will be selected from the top purebred ewes.

Classes: Fitted Division

Breeds - Hampshire, Suffolk, Dorset, Other Meat Breeds*, Other Wool Breeds**

- Ewe Lamb
- Yearling Ewe

Classes: Slick Shorn Division

Breeds - Hampshire, Suffolk, Dorset, Other Meat Breeds*, Other Wool Breeds*

- Ewe Lamb
- Yearling Ewe

* Breeds classified as Other Meat Breeds: Cheviot, Oxford, Montadale, Shropshire, Southdown

** Other Wool Breeds: Columbia, Corriedale, Rambouillet, Lincoln, Targhee

COMMERCIAL EWES

The purpose of this division is to encourage 4-H'ers to establish superior crossbred ewe flocks, taking advantage of the hybrid vigor inherent in crossbred ewes.

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Sheep Department.
2. Entries are open to ewe lambs born on or after January 1 of the current year. All lambs must have official 4-H ear tags and retinal images taken at an official verification site. All information must be in 4hOnline by June 1.
3. The superintendent and show officials have the authority to break classes according to color. This will be determined at weigh-in. Please refer to Market Lambs, Rule 5 for color rules.
4. Lambs shown in Commercial Ewe Classes may not be shown in Market Classes or Purebred Classes.

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5. Exhibitors must summer shear lambs and should feed for maximum growth (not fattening) to encourage early sexual maturity.
6. Lambs must be slick shorn prior to entering the check-in line.
7. Commercial ewes will be divided into classes by weight. See General Sheep Rule #12 regarding declared weights.
8. Classes with 30 or more entries will be divided into equal classes with no more than 30 entries based on weight.
9. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of two ewe lambs in each class. Entries will be placed numerically as well as in ribbon groups. Maximum of 15 breeding sheep may be shown.
10. A Grand and Reserve Commercial Ewe will be selected.
11. A Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Female will be selected from the top purebred and commercial ewes.

CLASS

- White Face Commercial Ewe
- Speckled Face Commercial Ewe
- Black Face Commercial Ewe

PEDIGREE WETHER DAM

1. Ewes will be divided into classes by weight. See General Sheep Rule #12 regarding declared weights.
2. All breeds accepted. Only purebred ewes are eligible. Any percentage or advantage papered ewes will show as a commercial ewe. Animals must be registered, with papers presented at check-in. Hair sheep (Dorpers) will also be accepted in this class.
3. Entries must be born after January 1 of the current year.
4. Classes will be split into breeds with five or more entries in the particular breed. Breeds with less than five head will show in the All Other Breeds class.
5. Breed champions will compete for Grand Champion 4-H Purebred Wether Dam.
6. Animals must be slick-shorn prior to entering the Fairgrounds.

CLASS

- Pedigree Wether Dam

4-H SHEEP SPECIALS

To Be Announced