

FFA SHEEP DEPARTMENT

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 6

7:00 a.m. Sheep may arrive
9:00 a.m. - Noon Market & Commercial Check-in and turn in weigh cards
Noon Sheep must be in
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Check-in Breeding
4:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting

Friday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Breeding Sheep & Commercial Ewe Show

Saturday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show
After Show Sheep released
7:00 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 June 1.** Nomination fee for Market, Carcass and Commercial is \$5 per head. There is no nomination fee for Registered Breeding Sheep.
 3. All market/carcass lambs and commercial ewes must be identified by the following methods at nomination time:
 - a. FFA Issued Ear Tag (current year tag) *
 - b. Hair Samples to be used for DNA testing
 - c. Sex
 - d. Scrapie Tag
- * Commercial yearling ewes with a prior year's FFA tag must use a current year (issued in 2020) FFA tag.
4. 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 show. See FFA Rules and Regulations section.
 5. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 10.** Entry fee is \$15 per head. A pen will accommodate approximately **four** sheep.
 6. Exhibitors of FFA Sheep must arrive by entering Lot M at the corner of Dean Avenue and East 34th 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.**
 7. No tack or bedding is allowed in the barn before Thursday, August 6 at 7:00 a.m. Exhibitors arriving early will be removed from the barn and premiums will be forfeited.
 8. 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.
 9. All market and commercial ewes may be re-checked by a veterinarian before the selection of the champion.
 10. All FFA sheep must be penned as assigned unless written permission is granted by the FFA Sheep Supervisor.
 11. Only natural bedding may be used in animal pens. No fiber carpets may be used in animal pens. Rubber mats may be used.
 12. All market 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 1/4 inch with 3/4 inch maximum, with the exception being for wool breeds which have no maximum length.
 13. **No electric or battery operated clippers can be used on any commercial ewe or market lamb on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.**
 14. **DECLARED WEIGHTS.** A declared weight system will be used for official weights. A weight card obtained from the Superintendent's office must be filled out by all market and commercial lamb 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. Scales will be provided in areas throughout the barn; such scales are unofficial and are provided for exhibitors' convenience only. Official scales will be used by Superintendents to determine official weights. No other scales will be allowed. 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. Lambs not weighing within 5 pounds (+ or -) of its official weight will be disqualified. All market lambs and commercial lambs are subject to be selected to be weighed.
 15. **No cable halters allowed in any sheep shows at the Iowa State Fair.**
 16. White/Speckle faced lambs will be identified at check-in time. The white/speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears and legs. The face will include the top of the poll down to the lower jaw line of the animal. Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the coloring; hair color only is allowed. This decision will be made at the scale by a designated show official.
 17. **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 Iowa chapter member and/or chapter advisor in fitting and grooming their lambs. FFA members will be disqualified if they have professionals fit their lambs.**
 18. 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.

19. Any animal exhibiting a rectal prolapse is subject to veterinary inspection and may be ineligible to show and may be disqualified from exhibition.
20. 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.
21. There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any animal. All animals giving evidence of being colored will be barred from exhibition.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. No drugs or medicants or medical treatment of **any kind** may be administered except by the order of the Official Show Veterinarian. All animals are subject to drug testing. All animals giving evidence of being medicated without prior approval will be barred from exhibition.
25. **Only purple ribbon winners can be named Champion of a show/division/class.**

**BREEDING SHEEP
REGISTERED RAMS AND EWES - DIVISION 1
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 June 1.** A maximum of 20 head may be nominated.
3. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 10.** Entry fee is \$15 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, 2019 are ineligible to show in lamb classes and only lambs showing lamb teeth can show. Yearlings shall be born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019.
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. Premiums will be paid to the top three in each class. Premiums paid will be: \$20, 10, 5.

Breeding Sheep Registered Rams and Ewes	Suffolk	Hampshire	Columbia	Dorset	Meat	Wool
Spring Ram Lamb (Born on or after January 1, 2020)	1	9	17	25	33	41
Fall Ram Lamb (Born between August 31, 2019 and December 31, 2019)	2	10	18	26	34	42
Yearling Ram (Born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019)	3	11	19	27	35	43
Spring Ewe Lamb (Born on or after January 1, 2020)	4	12	20	28	36	44
Fall Ewe Lamb (Born between August 31, 2019 and December 31, 2019)	5	13	21	29	37	45
Pair of Lambs	6	14	22	30	38	46
Yearling Ewe (Born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019)	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 June 1.** Nomination fee is \$5 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 10.** Entry fee is \$15 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, 2020 are ineligible to show in the lamb classes. Yearling ewes shall be born between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019. 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/Speckled Faced classes will be added for commercial ewe lambs and commercial yearling ewes. There must be a minimum of 5 white faced lambs for a separate class; if less than 5, white faced lambs will show with speckled faced lambs.
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.
11. Premiums will be paid to the top three in each class. Premiums paid will be: \$20, 10, 5.

CLASS

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| 49 | Commercial Ewe Lamb by weight | |
| | Champion Ewe Lamb | Rosette |
| | Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb..... | Rosette |
| 50 | Commercial Yearling Ewe by weight | |
| | Champion Yearling Ewe | Rosette |
| | Reserve Champion Yearling Ewe..... | Rosette |
| | Grand Champion Commercial Ewe..... | Banner |

**MARKET LAMBS - DIVISION 3
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 June 1.** Nomination fee is \$5 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 10.** Entry fee is \$15 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, 2020 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 must be a minimum of 5 white faced lambs for a separate class; if less than 5, white faced lambs will show with speckled faced 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.
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. Premiums will be paid to the top three in each class. Premiums paid will be: \$20, 10, 5.

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| 51 | Individual Market Lambs | Ribbons |
| | First place in each weight/sex class..... | Ribbon |
| 52 | Individual White Face Market Lambs | Ribbons |
| | First place in each weight/sex class..... | Ribbon |
| 53 | Individual Speckled Face Market Lambs..... | Ribbons |
| | First place in each weight/sex class..... | Ribbon |
| | Wethers - Division Champions & Reserves | Rosette |
| | Champion Wether | Rosette and \$25 |
| | Reserve Champion Wether..... | Rosette and \$15 |
| | Ewes - Division Champions & Reserves..... | Rosette |
| | Champion Ewe | Rosette and \$25 |
| | Reserve Champion Ewe..... | Rosette and \$15 |
| | Grand Champion Market Lamb..... | Banner |
| | Reserve Grand Champion..... | Banner |

FFA SHEEP SPECIALS

To be announced.