

4-H SHEEP DEPARTMENT

4-H Sheep Team

Superintendent - Tom Kiley, Perry

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

Amount Offered --- \$4,100

SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 12

- 7:00 a.m. Sheep may arrive
7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Market Lamb weigh-in
Purebred and Commercial Ewes check/weigh-in
Noon Sheep must be in
Showmanship sign-up deadline
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Sheep Skillathon Contest
1:00 p.m. All substitute showmanship forms must be submitted to the superintendent
3:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting
3:30 p.m. Sheep Showmanship Contest (Senior, Junior, Intermediate)

Monday, August 13

- 8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Show; Carcass Placing Results

Tuesday, August 14

- 8:00 a.m. Breeding Sheep Show; Selection of Supreme Female (released after show)
4:00 p.m. Sheep must be out

Saturday, August 18

- 2:00 p.m. Sale of Champions - Cattle Barn Media Center

ENTRY DEADLINE - JULY 1 through 4hOnline

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 State Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
3. All market lambs must have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site, as well as had retinal images collected from nominated animals. All purebred and commercial breeding ewes must have been tagged with an official 4-H tag as well as had retinal images collected at an official verification site by May 15. All lambs must have complete identification information entered in 4hOnline by May 15.
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 \$5 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 and commercial ewes **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. A 4-H'er may enter and show a maximum of four market lambs and a maximum of 15 breeding sheep (purebred and commercial).
11. All commercial ewes and market lambs will be weighed in on Sunday, August 12. All blankets and tubes must be removed from lambs prior to entering the weigh-in lines.
12. There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any sheep. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to show.
13. Premiums: \$4,100 will be prorated in all divisions on an equal basis for purple, blue, red and white ribbon groups in the ratio of 5, 4, 3, 2. Each animal in a grouping will be awarded the same amount of money. \$110 will be allotted for Breeding Sheep Champions: Champion Purebred Ewe - \$5, Reserve Champion Purebred Ewe - \$3; Champion Commercial Ewe - \$10, Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe - \$5.
14. 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.
15. 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. ALL market lambs will be scanned using real-time ultrasound during check-in time on Sunday, August 12. Carcass loin eye area and backfat measurements will be taken.
3. Ultrasound carcass data will be calculated with rate of gain, an average carcass weight, and tabulated for an overall ranking. The following formula will be used: $50.858 + (\text{yield grade} \times 2) + ((\text{ribeye area} - (1.3 + (\text{show weight} \times 0.57 \times 0.02))) \times 10)$. Lambs with 0.10 or less of backfat will be disqualified.
4. Overall carcass rankings will be posted on Monday, August 13 outside the 4-H Sheep Office and also posted online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock.htm.
5. Premiums will be awarded to the top 20 lambs based on formula rankings.
6. 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 May 15 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 May 15. Wether lambs will be checked for late or incomplete castrations at weigh-in time. Late or incomplete castrations are not eligible to show.
7. A member may enter and show a maximum of four individual market lambs.
8. Lambs shown in Market Classes may not be shown in Purebred or Commercial Ewe Classes.
9. 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.
10. 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. The speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. The face will include the top of the poll down to the nose (see picture below). Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed. This judgement will be made at the scale. If a protest of the decision is made, a committee of three will review the decision. 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.



11. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected along with 3rd, 4th and 5th place in the championship drive.

CLASS

- White Face/Cross
- Speckled Face/Cross
- 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, 2016 and December 31, 2017.
3. All purebred ewes must be tagged with an official Iowa 4-H tag and had retinal images collected by May 15 at an official verification site. Birth date, ear tag number and breed of each purebred must be entered in 4hOnline by May 15.
4. Certificate of Registry must correspond with association tag in ear and be presented at check in to be eligible to show. Only the **ORIGINAL** registration paper will be accepted. **NO** faxes or copies will be allowed. 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 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 State Fair 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. Classes with 30 or more entries will be divided into equal classes with no more than 30 entries, based on actual date of birth.
10. Additional classes may be added if numbers warrant.
11. 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 May 15.
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 10 for color rules.
4. Lambs shown in Commercial Ewe Classes may not be shown in Market Classes or Purebred Classes.
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 must be weighed in at check in to verify identification and be divided into classes by weight.
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

SHOWMANSHIP

1. 4-H members will use their own animal for the Showmanship Contest.
2. Showmanship Classes will be divided by age: First Year - Grade 5, Intermediate - Grades 6-8, Senior - Grades 9-12
3. 4-H exhibitors wishing to participate in the Showmanship Contest must sign up in the Sheep Office between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 12.
4. All exhibitors designated by the judge as outstanding will receive a purple ribbon. The Iowa State Fair will provide belt buckles for the top individuals designated by the judge. An exhibitor who has previously been awarded a belt buckle is not eligible to receive another one and will receive a ribbon only.
5. Showmanship order will be: Senior, First Year, Intermediate.

4-H SHEEP SPECIALS

Additional 4-H Sheep Specials offered by the **Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement** are available online at www.iowastatefair.org.

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

The **Continental Dorset Club**, PO Box 506, North Scituate, RI 02857, offers \$500 to the exhibitor of the 4-H Grand Champion Carcass Lamb and \$250 to the exhibitor of the 4-H Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Lamb providing the lamb is a registered Dorset. The Dorset lamb must be properly registered and transferred to the exhibitor. Notification of winner must be made to the Dorset Club Office by the 4-H Fair Management; identification of the lamb along with a picture of the carcass must also be provided. Payment will be made from the Dorset Club Office.

Featherlite Trailers will donate free use of a trailer for one year to the exhibitor of the Grand Champion 4-H Market Lamb.

The Third Overall 4-H Market Lamb will be awarded a banner by **Heartland Youth Show Lamb Circuit**.

The Fourth Overall 4-H Market Lamb will be awarded a banner by **Heartland Youth Show Lamb Circuit**.

The Fifth Overall 4-H Market Lamb will be awarded a banner by **Heartland Youth Show Lamb Circuit**.

Iowa Club Lamb Association will sponsor \$500 to the premium fund for the 4-H Market Lamb Carcass Formula Rankings.

The **Iowa Hampshire Sheep Breeders** will award \$200 in the 4-H Breeding Sheep Show. Cash will be sent to the winners.