

2020 Ashland County Market Lamb Project Requirements

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Reminders for 2020

Possession Date & Tagging

- **All livestock projects must be in the care and possession of the 4-H/FFA member by June 1 of the current year and remain there until marketed.**
- **All market lambs must be tagged in order to participate in at the county fair.** Each Junior Fair exhibitor with a market lamb project may tag up to four animals at June tagging. Then, **only two** of these animals may be brought to the county fair to be weighed and sold.
- **Tagging for all market lamb projects is June 6, 2020 8 AM- 10 AM** at the Fairgrounds Byers building (Gates 5 & 6). Members will be required to sign ownership registration slips on June 6. **Any identification tag lost must be reported to the Extension Office within 24 hours.**
- Committee members, advisors and Extension Educators may periodically visit members to review progress of the project and condition of the animal. Any project animal untagged at any visit can lead to disqualification of the market lamb and the member for Junior Fair eligibility.
- **An ideal starting weight for lambs on June 6 is between 50 and 70 pounds. All lambs must be castrated and docked by June 6th.** Use your market lamb project book to figure your lamb's gain and what it will weigh at fair time. Keep in mind that all lambs gain at different rates depending on frame, structure and the feed you are feeding them. Decide what your particular lamb should ideally weigh at market time (fair), and feed to reach that weight.
- Market Lamb projects may be wethers or ewes.
- For ewe lambs to be eligible to be shown as market lambs, they must be in full compliance of all Scrapies regulations. Ewe lambs must have an official Scrapies identification ear tag at the June 6th tagging, at the fair weigh in, show and sale. **No ewe lambs will be accepted at the June 6th tagging without official Scrapies identification. Exhibitors must also keep a record of the buyer of their ewe lamb at the fair for a period of 5 years.**

Family Lamb

- Families may tag a "family lamb" if each child in the family only tags two individual lambs. This family lamb can be used as one member's project animal should that member's original project animal die, get injured or sick. Only one lamb can be classified per family as a "family lamb."
- The family situation, if different from mother/father/children living under one roof, must be reviewed and agreed upon by the Committee prior to the registration of the animal.
- At tagging, each child in the approved family must list their primary lamb and the "family lamb."
- The clerk of the committee will be notified at the time of unloading at the fair in September, which child if any, is using the "family lamb."

Lamb Pool

Youth participating in this year's Lamb Pool will take **delivery of their animal on Saturday, May 2.** A selection clinic for all participants will start at 8 AM followed by choosing the animals. More details will be sent to the Lamb Pool entrants.

Required to Complete Project/Show/Sell at Fair

1. **Must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 15, 2020 and fill out a Drug Use Notification form upon weigh in at the fair.** This training is offered through your 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Other QA trainings may be accepted but contact the Extension office to find out for sure if they qualify. Proof of QA attendance must be provided to the Extension Office by June 19, 2020. If showing at OSF, training must be completed by June 14, 2020 as it must be done 45 days before the beginning of the exhibition.
2. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated by their 4-H Club advisor using a rubric grade sheet and earn a superior, excellent, good or needs improvement grade as their performance dictates. Satisfactory completion of the project record book will be a large part of this grade. These evaluations will take place at the 4-H Club/FFA Chapter level in July/early August. Advisors are to turn in the rubric grade sheets at the Extension Office by 4pm on Tuesday, August 25.
3. **Members must participate in the Sheep Skill-a-thon** during any of these three dates:

Saturday, August 22	9 AM-1 PM	Fairgrounds
Sunday, August 23	1 PM-5 PM	Fairgrounds
Sunday, August 30	1-3 PM	Extension Office
4. **Members must make in an accurate Junior Fair Entry by August 14, 2020.**
5. Guidelines for training and showing your lamb are listed in your 4-H project book.
6. Member must meet all requirements and deadlines included in this document.
7. Any questions pertaining to project guidelines or project materials should be taken to your 4-H club advisor. If there are still questions, please contact the Extension Office at 419-281-8242.

Junior Fair Exhibit Rules

1. Exhibitors are allowed to bring and sell two market lambs at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Exhibitors may only sell a total of two market animals, regardless of species, at the Junior Fair Livestock Auctions.
2. All market lambs will be **weighed in at the fair on Sat., September 19 from 8 AM to 8 PM. All blankets and halters will be removed before the animals is put on the scales.**
3. **Lambs must weigh in between 90# and 155#** to sell at the fair. Lambs weighing under 90# and over 155# may show at the fair but are not eligible for Championship classes and may **NOT sell** through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
4. Unsound animals (lame, prolapsed, serious injury, etc.) may not be eligible to show/sell at the fair.
5. **Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is prohibited.** "Drenching" means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle or hanging a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food or any other substance. Instruments also include the hand, a syringe, scoop or anything used to place a substance in the animal's mouth. Only a licensed veterinarian may do this for a medical condition. You must use a bucket.
6. Lambs may not be tied in the pen.
7. Each exhibitor will be **given a sale card at THE SHOW** on Monday, September 21. The card must be **completed and returned to the mailbox located in the sheep barn by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 23.** On the card, the member must indicate which lamb(s) are selling in the sale and what will be done with the second lamb if it is not going through the auction (home or turn). No lambs will be turned without being identified on the above card. This must be turned in even if you only have one lamb. **All over and under and "no sale" lambs must be turned or taken home.**

8. **If an exhibitor fails to turn in a sale card, they forfeit their opportunity to sell in the Junior Fair market lamb sale.** This is important, please contact the Ext. Office if you have questions.
9. **Animals must be kept clean, fed and watered for the duration of the fair.** Pens should have the manure cleaned out regularly and fresh bedding added as needed. If your pen is not clean, you will receive a written notification and will have 24 hours to clean the pen or you will have \$50 deducted from your check.
10. Market Lambs are released from the fair at the buyer's discretion following the sale. **Members are responsible for the care and feeding of the lambs until picked up by the buyer.** Market Lambs not sold through the auction may go home after the sale or move in with your sheep in the breeding sheep barn.
11. A commission is taken from the sale price of each animal to cover the cost of ear tags, advertising, etc. This percentage may vary from year to year. An additional 0.7% of the gross sale price will be deducted to comply with the Ohio Sheep and Wool Referendum requirements.
12. All identification tags, **with the exception of the Ashland County Junior Fair tag, 840 ID tags and Scrapies tag,** must be removed at the September fair weigh in.

For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to the 2020 Ashland County Junior Fair Book and State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules.

**Please contact a Sheep & Swine committee member if you need assistance or have questions.
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