

## 2024 Ashland County Market Lamb Project Requirements

Revised 2/24

### Reminders for 2024

- **NEW: ALL animals must be identified under the 4-H/FFA member's profile in 4Honline by June 1.**
- **NEW: Identification will be by the animal's official USDA Scrapies tag.**
- **NEW: All market lamb exhibitors must attend one of the educational meetings.**

### 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.**
- Each Junior Fair exhibitor with a market lamb project may tag up to four animals. **Only two** of these animals may be brought to the county fair to be weighed and sold.
- **If your lamb has an 840 EID tag in when purchased, DO NOT REMOVE ! It is against the law to remove an 840 EID tag.**
- **All animals must have an official USDA Scrapies tag that will be entered into the member's 4Honline profile by June 1. ENTER THE ENTIRE 10 DIGITS! See Below Ex: OH-1234 1234**  
An official Scrapies tag has the US shield and "Unlawful to Remove" on it. If you are unsure if your animal has the correct type of tag in, please contact a committee member/Ext. Office.

#### SCRAPIES TAG



- **4-H and FFA members will identify their animals in their 4honline profile at <https://v2.4honline.com/> by the June 1 deadline.**
- **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 the 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 in June is between 50 and 70 pounds. All lambs must be castrated and docked.** 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 lamb should ideally weigh at market time (fair), and feed to reach that weight.



- Lambs must weigh 90# or over to sell at the fair.
- Market Lamb projects may be wethers or ewes.
- Market lambs must be in full compliance of all Scrapies regulations. Lambs must have an official Scrapies identification ear tag at the fair weigh in, show and sale. **Exhibitors must keep a record of the buyer of their ewe lamb at the fair for a period of 5 years.**
- **Animals may not be cross entered in two different projects. Example: A ewe lamb may not show as a market lamb AND as a commercial ewe. The ewe may only be shown in one or the other.**

### Family Lamb

- Families may tag a “family lamb/lambs” for the number of exhibitors in the household. A family lamb can be used as one of the exhibitors project animals should that member’s original project be unfit to show. Animals unfit to show must be verified by a licensed Veterinarian. There is a maximum of 4 lambs per exhibitor that may be tagged.
- 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. As defined by the ORC 901-19
- When entering your animal(s) tag number online, each child in the approved family must list their primary lamb/lambs and the “family lamb/lambs.” in their 4Honline profile.
- The clerk of the committee will be notified at the time of unloading at the fair in September, which child, if any, is using a “family lamb.”

### Lamb Pool

Youth participating in this year’s Lamb Pool will take **delivery of their animal on May 5<sup>th</sup>** . A selection clinic for all participants will start and be 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 be a member in good standing of a 4-H Club and be enrolled in #198 Market Lamb project or an FFA member with a Market Lamb project.** 4-H members can enroll and projects can be registered at <https://v2.4honline.com/> . Deadline to enroll in 4-H and be eligible for fair is April 15. Last day to add projects in 4Honline is June 1.
2. **4-H/FFA members must identify their animal and upload pictures in their profile in 4Honline by June 1. Front view picture must show the Scrapies tag. Must be able to read the Scrapies tag number in one of the pictures. ENTER THE ENTIRE 10 DIGITS! Ex: OH-1234 1234**

3. **All market lamb exhibitors must attend one of the two educational meetings on May 5 at 5pm or on June 18 at 6:30 pm. Both will be held on the Fairgrounds.**
4. **All participants bringing a living, breathing animal to the fair must complete Quality Assurance Training by June 1. QA training will be offered through Ashland County with several March & April dates.** 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 1.
5. **Must complete Interview Judging.** Members will be evaluated 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. Must bring current, up to date records of this year's project to judging.
6. **Members must participate in the Ashland County Sheep Skill-a-thon.** The Ohio State Fair skill-a-thon is accepted as completion of this requirement. No other skill-a-thons will be accepted.
7. **Must submit an accurate online Junior Fair Entry through the Junior Fair Office by the August 9. Each sheep should be entered individually.**
8. 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 a committee member listed below or the Extension Office at 419-281-8242.

**For additional Ashland County Fair information, requirements, and rules, refer to:**

- **2024 Ashland County Junior Fair Book**
- **State Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules at:** <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/chapter-901-19>

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

### **2024 Ashland County 4-H Sheep and Swine Committee Members**

|                  |              |                  |              |                 |              |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Dan White, Chair | 419-685-0322 | Jeff Jones       | 419-651-3878 | Don Foster      | 330-421-3337 |
| Linda McCoy      | 419-685-1445 | Aaron Helbert    | 419-685-8896 | Bob Carver      | 419-651-5108 |
| Mike McCoy       | 419-685-1377 | Doug Kirkpatrick | 419-651-4074 | Brian Schoen    | 419-571-1755 |
| Jason Bryant     | 419-651-4684 | Shawna Barr      | 567-203-3284 | Brandy Caldwell | 419-651-7051 |
| Darlene Schuck   | 419-606-5847 | Travis McKissick | 419-651-6065 |                 |              |
| Marty Wesner     | 419-651-1986 | Danny Johnson    | 419-685-3391 |                 |              |