

Sheep

Rules

A. ID Eligibility – Exhibitors must file the Market Lamb ID form with the Extension Office by June 3rd of the current year. Photos of tagged market lambs must be submitted to the Extension Office with ID forms. Breeding ewe exhibitors must file the Breeding ewe ID form with the Extension Office by June 3rd of the current year. Please follow appropriate scrapie tag regulations. This can be found at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/diseases/scrapie/identification.html?msclkid=cecd424eb6b211ecaa1087bdd8166c08>

B. Market lambs should weigh 110-170 pounds for the market class. Lambs weighing less than 110 pounds must show in the Progress Lamb class and will not be eligible for the Livestock Sale. Lambs weighing over 170 pounds will be eligible to show but will not be eligible for the Livestock Sale. See Animal Rules in reference to removing animals that do not meet weight requirements from the fairgrounds. No underweight and overweight lambs are eligible for Champion or Reserve Champion Market Lamb. Please follow appropriate Scrapie Tag regulations.

C. Class Breakdown – Market Lamb classes are broken down and shown by animal weight at the discretion of the Livestock Committee. The Livestock Committee reserves the right to combine market lamb classes if there are less than 3 animals entered per class by weight.

D. Breeding ewes will be shown by breed and/or age at the discretion of the Livestock Committee. Ewe Lambs are born on September 1 of the previous year and after. Yearling ewes are born in the 12 months before September 1 of the previous year.

E. Dual Eligibility (Market and Breeding) - Ewes may be eligible as both market and breeding, provided a DNA collector envelope with hair samples has been submitted to the County Extension office, and the completed online nomination with payment includes all required identification information for both a market and breeding animal by June 15. This option does not allow the animal to be shown in both market and breeding at the same show.

F. Number of Exhibits per Exhibitor – A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting four sheep.

Eligibility for State Fair

Refer to the [State Fair Livestock Identification and Nomination Requirements](#) for information on exhibitor eligibility at the State Fair. Classes are also structured differently at State Fair. Nominations are due June 15th for State Fair.

Divisions

Premium: P = \$5.00 B = \$4.00 R = \$3.00 W = \$2.00

Sheep Showmanship

Class

30061L - Junior Showmanship - (8-10 years old before January 1 of the current year).

G030010 - Intermediate Showmanship - (11-13 years old before January 1 of the current year).

G030011 - Senior Showmanship - (14 years old and up before January 1 of the current year).

Market Lamb

Class

G031010 – Market Lambs

03162L – Progress Lamb

03163L – Clover Kid Entry (cannot sell at 4-H Livestock Sale)

Breeding Ewes

Class

G032021 – All Other Wool Breeds

G032041 – Dorset Ewes

G032061 – Hampshire Ewes

G032081 – Southdown Ewes

G032101 – Suffolk Ewes

G032151 – All Hair Breeds

03264L – Meat Breeds

03265L – Clover Kid Entry

03266L – Breeding Pen of 3

Bottle Lamb – Not Eligible for State Fair

Class

03461L – Bottle Lamb

03462L – Clover Kid Entry

Rules

1. Exhibitor must be 4-H age 8-12 years old for the 4-H class. There is also a Clover Kid class.
2. Exhibitors are not eligible to show in other sheep classes, including showmanship if entered in Bottle Lamb. The Bottle Lamb project is a beginner-level class and may be repeated during the years of exhibitor age eligibility if the exhibitor does not exhibit other sheep.
3. Judging criteria will include lamb health and cleanliness; exhibitor project knowledge, courtesy, and animal handling ability; as well as completion of the Bottle Lamb Project Records.

4. Bottle Lamb Project Records must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office at the time County Fair livestock entries are due.
5. Bottle Lambs may be orphan or newborn lambs selected within 2 weeks of birth. Bottle lambs are to be fed on a bucket or bottle. Bottle lambs must be born between January 1 and June 1 of the current year. Bottle lambs must be tagged with an official 4-H tag by June 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must file a Breeding Ewe ID form with the Extension Office by June 1 of the current year.
6. Bottle Lambs are not eligible to be sold in the Livestock Sale.

Resources

Breeding Sheep

Learn about sheep breeds; Find out how to prevent, diagnose and cure sheep health problems; Set production goals for your flock

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/16

Market Sheep

Learn about sheep parts and products; Calculate the cost of raising sheep; Find out how to care for sheep

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/17