

2024 SHEEP

*Denotes State Fair Entry

Purple, \$4; Blue, \$3; Red, \$2; White, \$1.50

Each youth member may show four market lambs; two breeding ewe lambs; two ewes, yearlings or older; two ram lambs — not to exceed four breeding animals — providing they are owned and cared for by the youth member. The same sheep cannot be entered in both breeding and market lamb classes. 4-H members showing sheep at the fair must have signed a drug-free waiver for their animals on entry day. The waiver can be obtained at the Extension Office before the fair.

Identification: All sheep being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official ID (Scrapie tag). Under no circumstances may sheep be exhibited which originate from scrapie source flocks or scrapie infected flocks.

Ringworm/Show Lamb Fungus Policy: Animals that have active ringworm or visible show lamb fungus will not be allowed entry into the Buffalo County Fair for exhibition. Animals will be inspected before weigh in. All Breeding and Market Sheep must be slick shorn, including belly and blankets removed prior to check in. The inspecting veterinarian will judge a ringworm to be inactive if the lesioned area is not encrusted and hair/wool has begun regrowth in the area. No ice is to be applied directly to animals; no ice jackets are permitted. Muzzles are not permitted. Spike collars are not permitted. Wood chips are preferred for bedding. Carpet and rubber mats are permitted; however, herdsman judges may choose to deduct points if the club pens are not uniform in appearance.

Grooming Rule — See General Livestock Rules.

All market lambs must be owned by exhibitor and the ownership affidavit turned into the office by June 15 to be eligible to show. Animals jointly owned by siblings – ownership will be determined at check-in at fair. The market class lambs must weigh 100 pounds or more on entry day to be eligible to show. Lambs weighing less than 100 pounds may show in a pre-market class but are not eligible to show for Champion Market Lamb.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training: Exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep, swine, and market poultry (including production turkeys) must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Extension program by the date set by the Extension Office. Anyone not completing the Q.A. training will be ineligible to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair. Completion of training will be certified by a Buffalo County Extension Educator.

All market lambs, regardless of breed, will be classified for judging purposes on basis of sex and weight. Market sheep will be divided into divisions of wethers and ewes for showing. All market lambs must have milk teeth intact at weigh in to be eligible to show or will be lowered one ribbon placing.

*G030010 Market Sheep - Wether

*G030011 Market Sheep - Ewe

G030001 Bred and fed sheep division — This division is designed to honor the outstanding quality of animals produced by Buffalo County 4-H exhibitors on their family's farm or ranch. Sheep that are produced from the 4-H member's own herd or the herd of the immediate family's farm or ranch are eligible. The sheep's dam must have been bred and lambed at the family's facilities and the sheep must have stayed in the ownership of the family since its birth. Bred and fed classes will be divided by weight at the discretion of the supervising committee. An exhibitor is allowed four market sheep. If an animal qualifies for Bred and Fed it may show in either that division or the traditional market division. Exhibitors will nominate their Bred and Fed sheep at weigh-in and can make the designation at the time of pre-entry.

PEN OF 3

All market sheep have to be owned by a single exhibitor. These can be of different breeds and sex. Purpose is to match group as to uniformity of size and type.

G030002 Three market lambs

CLUB GROUP OF FIVE

Each club will be eligible to enter two groups of five market lambs. These can be of different breeds and sex. Purpose is to match group as to uniformity of size and type. At least three different exhibitors must be represented in the club group.

G030009 Club group of five

CLOVER KID SHEEP SHOW

Exhibitors must be at least five years of age and not older than eight years of age by January 1 of the current year and enrolled in 4-H Clover Kids program.

Pre-fair registration will be required for this show so that enough staff/volunteers can be available for show arena safety. Exhibitor is eligible to show not more than one sheep. Participation ribbons given only; no premiums given. The Clover Kid Sheep Show will take place just after the regular 4-H Sheep Show during the Buffalo County Fair. Each sheep will be brought in the morning of the show and will leave the fairgrounds following the show unless showing a sibling's sheep that is already at the fair.

Clover Kids programs involving live animals must adhere to the following Nebraska 4-H guidelines:

1. Exhibition includes discussion with youth based on their knowledge of the care and raising of the animal.
2. Exhibitors show in a non-competitive setting for participation only without rank or placing.
3. Age, size, and temperament of animal projects must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.
4. There will be one adult/teen volunteer present for every two Clover Kids handling or exhibiting animals.

BREEDING SHEEP

Sheep lambled during the current year are classified as lambs. Sheep lambled during the preceding year are classified as yearlings. For breeding sheep to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class, it must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. Animals jointly owned by siblings – ownership will be determined at check-in at fair. The registration certificate must indicate one of the following: 1) the name of the exhibitor, or 2) the name of the exhibitor and /or a co-owner who is an immediate family member of the exhibitor's family. **REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETE BY FAIR DATE.** Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household. Copies of the registration paper or certificate must be submitted with pre-fair entries. Original registration papers or certificate must be presented at the County Fair check-in. All ewe lambs must have all temporary teeth present. Yearling ewes can have yearling teeth but cannot have two-year-old teeth. All breeding ewes may be subject to mouthing to verify age. All crossbred sheep will be shown by weight not age.

- *G032100 Hampshire ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032090 Hampshire yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032095 Hampshire ram lamb
- *G032120 Suffolk ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032110 Suffolk yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032115 Suffolk ram lamb
- *G032053 Other breeds ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032054 Other breeds yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032055 Other breeds ram lamb
- *G032140 Dorset ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032130 Dorset yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032135 Dorset ram lamb
- *G032033 Cheviot ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032034 Cheviot yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032035 Cheviot ram lamb
- *G032160 Crossbred ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032150 Crossbred yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032155 Crossbred ram lamb
- *G032190 Southdown ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032180 Southdown yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032185 Southdown ram lamb
- *G032159 All Hair Breeds ewe lambs – Born 9/1/2023 and after
- *G032169 All Hair Breeds yearling ewe – Born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023
- G032179 All Hair Breeds ram lamb
- G032170 Aged ewe (2 years and older)

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

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Each showman must show his own animal and will enter the class corresponding to his age. The animal shown must be entered and exhibited in a breeding or market class. The judge has the right to ask the showman to exhibit abilities to fit the animal.

*G030008 14 years and older (4-H age)

*G030007 11-13 years old (4-H age)

G030006 8-10 years old (4-H age)