

## SHEEP

Showmanship Premium Code: SHOWMANSHIP

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Group of Five Premium Code: CLUB PROJECTS

### Rules and General Information:

1. Animals may move to the County Fair from flocks that are not under quarantine for scrapie. Sheep that have active club lamb fungus or sore mouth, must be removed from the grounds, and not be allowed to show.
2. ANIMAL ID REQUIREMENTS:
  - A. THAYER COUNTY ONLY: Scrapie Tags: All females and males exhibited will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). This applies to both market and breeding females, regardless of age.
  - B. NUCKOLLS COUNTY ONLY: Scrapies tags, EID tags, or county ID tags are allowed.
3. Grooming or fitting with foreign material that includes (but not limited to) painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives is prohibited. Sheep must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8" of hair or less from the knee and up.
4. **Entry Limits-** Homebred & Fed animals count as a market entry. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting a maximum of **six sheep**. A limit of four market lambs or four breeding sheep can be exhibited, but not exceeding 6 head total. Each exhibitor is limited to two individuals in any breeding class. No animal may be shown in both breeding and market classes.
5. **NO** high-scrutum lambs.
6. No animal maybe be shown in both breeding and market classes.
7. **THAYER COUNTY ONLY:**
  - A. Commercial breeding sheep will be grouped by weight in the show program. Weigh in at the fair is required for commercial breeding sheep.
  - B. All sheep **MUST** be rough sheared within 10 days of the fair so vet can check for club lamb fungus.

### **SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

Dept G Division 227

Class

7\* Showmanship

### **BREEDING SHEEP**

Dept G

Division 229 Commercial/Crossbred

Division 230 Purebred

Classes

1 Ewe Lamb- Born 9/1/2023 and after

All Classes with \* Not Eligible for State Fair

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- 2 Yearling Ewe-** Born 9/1/2022-8/31/2023
- 3\* Aged Ewes-** 2 years and older
- 13 Ram Lamb-** Born 9/1/2023 and after
- 15\* Home Bred & Raised Ewe Lamb-** Yearling ewe that has been on family farm from time of conception to present. Must be owned by 4-Her or family enrolled in County 4-H. Each exhibitor is allowed 1 animal in this class. This is the only class you may exhibit this ewe lamb. Shown by age, not breed.
- 16\* Jr. Herd Class-** Aged ewe, yearling ewe and lamb from the same farm/operation shown as a group. All must have been shown this year, but Herd class does not count against exhibit limits.

## **MARKET SHEEP**

### **Rules:**

1. All market sheep wishing to enter the rate of gain contest **MUST** be weighed at the beginning weigh day on a certified scale with Extension Staff present. See the calendar in front of fairbook for date(s).
2. All market lambs must weigh 100 lbs. to be eligible for championship drive. Lambs weighing less than 100 lbs. will be shown as pre-market. All market lambs must be banded to prior weigh in.
3. **NUCKOLLS COUNTY ONLY:** If market animal male/female classes do not have a minimum of 3 animals per sex, the two market classes will be combined into one general market class.
4. **Final class(es) determination is at the Superintendent's discretion.**

### **Dept. G Division 231**

#### **Classes**

- 20 Market Ewe-** Shown by weight
- 30 Market Wether-** Shown by weight
- 31 Home Bred & Fed-** Market animal that was on home farm from time of conception through finishing phase. Each exhibitor is allowed one animal in this class. This is the only class you may exhibit this lamb. This lamb counts as one of your 4 market lambs.
- 40 Pen of Three Market Lambs**

## **SHEEP RATE OF GAIN & ULTRASOUND CONTESTS**

### **Dept. G Division 232**

#### **Classes**

- 2\* Rate of Gain-** All Market Sheep are automatically entered into the Rate of Gain Contest. Ribbons will be awarded on the following standards: Purple .66 and over; Blue .50-.659; Red .499-.33; White .329 and under
- 3\* Ultrasound Contest- ALL** market sheep exhibited will be entered in the ultrasound contest. An ultrasound scanner will be used to provide personnel with information to evaluate the market sheep backfat, loin

eye area and percent muscling. A fee (estimated around \$5.00) will be charged per animal for scanning. Lambs not meeting weight limits will not be eligible for championship or reserve champion trophy/awards but will still be scanned.

<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Rate of Gain</b>	<b>Ultrasound (BCTRC Rank)</b>
Purple Ribbon	.66 and over	49.0 and over
Blue Ribbon	.50 - .659	47.7 – 48.9
Red Ribbon	.499 - .33	46.4 – 47.6
White Ribbon	.329 and under	46.3 and under

## **SHEEP CLUB GROUP OF FIVE**

**Dept. G Division 233**

### **Classes**

**1\* Club Group Of 5-** Animals must be from at least 2 different exhibitors but must be from the market division. Premiums awarded to the club.