

SHEEP

IN PLACE/ON FAIRGROUNDS

Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m. (Sheep Barn)

CHECK-IN/WEIGH-IN

Saturday of Fair from 8-9:30 a.m. (Sheep Barn)

SHOW DATE

Sunday of Fair at 9:00 a.m. (RVR Bank Arena)

RELEASE

Wednesday of Fair at 7:00 a.m.

Auction animals are required to stay through the auction.

SHOW COMMITTEE

Kari Loseke, Tracy Gross, Kara Neuverth, Amanda Lehan

SHEEP GUIDELINES

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS BY JUNE 15:

An exhibitor must exhibit goats that have been properly identified under their name. The ID's for all sheep will be checked by the show committee when animal is brought to fair. Final decision as to the class in which an animal will be shown will rest with the show committee.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST SUBMIT PHOTOS TO:

<https://go.unl.edu/wcphotoid>

- Market Lambs: Official USDA Scrapie Tag AND Washington County Identification Sheet OR DNA Envelope
- Breeding Sheep: Official USDA Scrapie Tag AND Washington County Identification Sheet PLUS registration papers for registered breeding sheep.

SCRAPIE TAG (USDA BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES)

GUIDELINE: The USDA Bureau of Animal Industries has mandated a national program to eradicate scrapie in sheep flocks and goat herds. Therefore, all sheep exhibited at Washington County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag).

ENTRY LIMIT: An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting SIX TOTAL HEAD (market lambs and/or breeding ewes).

BEDDING: Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own bedding.

WEIGH-IN/CHECK-IN:

- All sheep must be on fairgrounds and in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of the fair.
- Sheep will be checked and weighed on Saturday morning from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
- Scrapie tags and ID sheets will be checked at time of check-in.
- Purebred ewes will be classified according to their breeds. Registration papers must be presented at check-in.

WOOL LENGTH:

All market sheep and registered and commercial "meat breed" breeding sheep must be 5 days or less fresh slick shorn before entry and weigh-in at the fair. All registered and commercial "wool breed" sheep may be shown in the fleece.

HANDLING PRACTICES: Showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping lambs and exhibiting the lamb with its feet off the ground are not acceptable.

GROOMING: Spray paint in any manner will not be allowed. If color comes off the animal it is the judge's discretion as to the ramifications.

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SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

- Class 1 Senior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 14-18 on Jan 1)
Class 2 Intermediate Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 11-13 on Jan 1)
Class 3 Junior Showmanship (Exhibitor ages 8-10 on Jan 1)

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES:

- Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal.

- Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges.
- Any animal may be shown in only ONE showmanship class.
- In showmanship classes, a 4-H member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. Exhibitors may NOT exhibit another exhibitor's animal (including siblings) in the showmanship competition.
- Winners of junior and intermediate divisions in previous years must move up to the next older division. This will be at the discretion of the show committee based on the number of exhibitors and size of the show.

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MARKET LAMB

- Class 1 Market Ewe
Class 2 Market Wether
Class 3 Progressive Weight Class

MARKET LAMB GUIDELINES:

- Ewes and wethers will exhibit separately at the discretion of the show committee.
- Weight Divisions will include Progressive, Light, Middle, and Heavy. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion for the Light, Middle and Heavy Divisions for ewes and wethers. These division champions will return to compete for overall champion awards.
- There must be a minimum weight of 100 pounds for purple ribbon eligibility. If not 100 pounds, they will be placed in a progressive weight class.

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BREEDING SHEEP

BREEDING SHEEP GUIDELINES:

- Breeding Ewe Lambs - Ewes born 9/1/2023 or after are classed as lambs. Ewe lambs must have all temporary teeth present.
- Breeding Yearlings Ewes - Ewes born between 9/1/2022 and 8/31/2023 will be classed as yearlings. Yearling ewes can have yearling teeth but cannot have two-year-old teeth.
- Ewes born prior to 9/1/2022 are ineligible to show.

BREEDING SHEEP DIVISIONS/CLASSES

- Sheep divisions/classes (based on breeds) will be established if exhibitors have identified registered animals within a breed.
- Registered ewes must have registration papers issued by Breed Association and must be in the exhibitor's, family, or family's business name. Registration papers are required at time of check-in and will be checked by the show committee.
- If registration papers are pending or not available, the ewe must be shown in the Commercial division/class.
- There will be no minimum limit to entries when establishing (register) sheep breed divisions/classes.
- Classes may be divided and combined at the discretion of the show committee.

DIVISIONS

DIV 132 Commercial

DIV 133 Registered (INDICATE BREED ON ENTRY FORM)

CLASSES

Class 1 Yearling Ewe born 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023

Class 2 Ewe Lamb born 9/1/2023 or after

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PAIR OF LAMBS / CLUB PEN OF THREE

- Class 1 Pair of Lambs:
- Pair of lambs must be owned by same exhibitor.
- Class 2 Club Pen of Three:
- Club Pen of Three consists of exhibits from at least two exhibitors in same club and entered in the club's name.