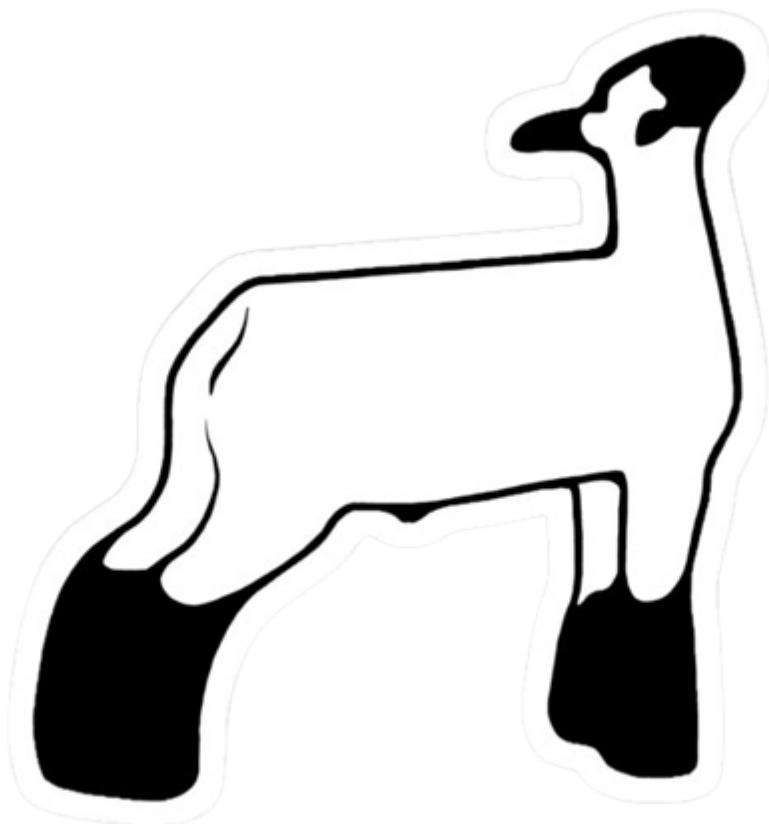


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4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking; my HEART to greater loyalty; my HANDS to larger service;
my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

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4-H Meetings & Important Dates

Check-in for all meetings starts at 6:30 p.m. so meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting 1

January 5, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Sheep/Swine Arena

Welcome members, install officers, club opportunities

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED ONLINE NO LATER THAN JAN. 15, 2026

Meeting 2

(Quality Assurance Training Prior to Meeting)

February 2, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Sheep/Swine Arena

Choose 4-H Fair Queen Representative, T-Shirt Designs

SKILLATHON: Sheep breeds

Meeting 3

March 2, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Sheep/Swine Arena

T-Shirt Designs, Preview Sales, Carcass Show

SKILLATHON: General Care of Sheep

Meeting 4

April 6, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Sheep/Swine Arena

Costume Contest, Posters, Shepherd's Quiz, and Ear Tagging

SKILLATHON: Meat Cuts & Carcass Show

Meeting 5

May 4, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Sheep/Swine Arena

T-shirt designs due, Booth Sign-up, Showmanship demonstration

SKILLATHON: Showmanship/Judging

ALL EAR TAGGING WILL BE DONE @ Lamb Barn
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026 **6 PM - 9 PM**
SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 **7 AM - 10 AM**
*****MAY 15 deadline to enter lambs online in 4-H online*****

Meeting 6

June 1, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Sheep/Swine Arena

Lamb Booth Sign-up, Pick pens, Nominate 2026 Officers
SKILLATHON: What's in your tack box?

****Enter lambs on Fair Entry May 23-June 25****

****June 15 YQCA deadline**

Meeting 7

July 6, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Lamb Barn

Fair Info, Passes, Thank You's, Booth Education
SKILLATHON: Thank You Note Writing
**Financial Skill-a-thon due

Work Night: Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Carcass Show: Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Pre-Fair Work Night: Wednesday, July 22, 2026

**** Fair Week:** July 24 - August 1, 2026

Show day: Tuesday, July 28, 8:30 am Meeting, 9:00 am Show starts

Shepherds quiz/judging contest: Wednesday, July 29 at 4:00 pm

Sheep Costume Contest: Thursday, July 30 at 10:00 am

Obstacle Course: Thursday, July 30 at 4:00 pm

******Sale day:** Friday, July 31 at 9:00 am

Achievement Dinner:

Date: To be announced (August 10)

Place: To be announced

Program: Awards, Trophies, 4-H Pins

The achievement dinner is the time for the 4-H Lamb Club members to invite their families and lamb buyers from the auction to this potluck meal. Meat and drink will be furnished. You should bring table service, salads, and desserts.

Special Achievement Awards

Beginner Achievement Award:

**** Must fill out form for award**

The award is given to a 4-H lamb club member that has been in the club during the 3rd-6th grades. The winners will be chosen by the 4-H Lamb Club Advisory Board and announced at the banquet. The award will be based upon the completion of the project, a minimum of 4 completed skillathons, attending 6 4-H Lamb Club activities of which 2 must be meetings, participation in showmanship class, working their respective shift in the 4-H Lamb Booth with parents completing a shift also, and put forth an effort to be actively involved in the 4-H activities during the year.

Junior Achievement Award:

****Must fill out form for award**

This award is given to a 4-H Lamb Club member that has been in the club during the 7th-9th grades. This award is given to a club member based upon the completion of the project, a minimum of 4 completed skillathons, attending 6 4-H Lamb Club activities of which 2 must be meetings, participation in showmanship class, working their respective shift in the 4-H Lamb Booth with parents completing a shift also, and put forth an effort to be actively involved in the 4-H activities during the year.

Senior Achievement Award

**** Must fill out form for award**

This award is given to a 4-H Lamb Club member that has been in the club during the 10-12th grades. This award is given to a club member based upon the completion of the project, a minimum of 4 completed skillathons, attending 6 4-H Lamb Club activities of which 2 must be meetings, participation in showmanship class, working their respective shift in the 4-H Lamb Booth with parents completing a shift also, and put forth an effort to be actively involved in the 4-H activities during the year.

Outstanding Member:

****The Outstanding Member will be announced during the Achievement Dinner. The outstanding member is selected by the 4-H Lamb Club committee. The winner will have been in the 4-H Lamb Club 8-10 years. This person (persons) must also meet the criteria listed in the above awards. This award is based upon involvement in the 4-H Lamb Club activities throughout the years as a club member. It is a leadership and achievement type of award chosen from applicants of the Senior achievement award.**

Career Achievement Award:

****A 4-H Career Achievement Award will be awarded to eligible 10-year members. These persons must have completed 8-10 years in the Lamb Club, achieved a Lamb Club point system award, and participated in showmanship at least 7-10 years. These persons must complete an application that further defines eligibility. The Member must be retiring from 4-H. Please contact an Advisory Board member, Tim or Betsy for more information.**

Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club Point System

Each activity that our club members participate in has a point value assigned to the activity. The point values are listed on the following page for planning purposes. Points will be awarded starting on July 1 and continuing through June 30. Members are awarded at the meeting in July at ticket and pass distribution based on the total number of points that each member accumulates. Those award levels are listed below. In the case of an emergency, it will be up to the discretion of the leaders as to an adult substituting their work shift for a parent in the lamb booth. 4-Hers are responsible for checking their points at the June meeting. Instead of trophies we

are giving clover cash that can be used fair week. The amount received is based on level of participation. First year members will be given additional points as designated by the leaders to be able to participate.

AWARD LEVEL

100-150 points	\$5 Clover Cash
151-200 points	\$10 Clover Cash
201-250 points	\$15 Clover Cash
251-300 Points	\$20 Clover Cash
301+	\$25 Clover cash (\$5 more for every 50 additional points)

Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club Point System

The following activities will be awarded points:

- Club Meetings attended - 10 points each
- Pledge at meeting - 5 points
- Obstacle Course - 20 points
- Farm tour - 20 points per farm
- Holding an office - 20 points
- Area Shows - 20 points show, 5 points attend
- Providing refreshments - 20 points
- Work nights - 20 points each
- Working in lamb booth at fair - 10 points first, 15 points each additional
- Help or Show another members animal (one time per year) - 10 points
- Showing in 4-H Showmanship - 25 points
- Showing in 4-H Breed Show - 30 points
- Showing in Open Carcass Show - 20 points show, 5 points attend, Attend rail 20 points
- Shepherds quiz/Judging Contest - 20 points
- Costume Contest - 40 points
- T-shirt design participant - 15 points
- T-shirt design winner - 30 points
- Complete YQCA before March 15 - 10 points
- Poster Contest - 15 Points Participation, 25 additional points if in the Top 10
- Community service - 20 points
- Lamb Camp - 50 points
- Barn/Arena Cleanup - Saturday (after Open Show), Thursday (after Swine Show), and Friday (Barn Cleanup) - 20 points each
- Arena Cleanup - Tuesday (after show) - 10 points
- Battle of the Barns - 20 points

**Poster contest - must be a full-size poster board. Entries will be hung during fair week in the education area of the barn. Must be brought in by the July meeting, covered in a poster sleeve. Suggested Themes: Open category must pertain to Lambs/sheep.

4-H Lamb Club Rules and Regulations

1. Animals entered in this project must be (a) owned by the club member, (b) owned jointly by the club member and parents, or (c) in possession of the club member under some lease by the date of the May ear tagging. All animals need to be identified and entered into 4honline by May 15 to exhibit at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair. Additionally, DNA samples need to be submitted to the Elkhart County Extension Office for state fair bound animals by May 15. **ANY ANIMAL NOT ENTERED WILL BE UNABLE TO SHOW AT THE ELKHART COUNTY FAIR.** In addition, all animals must be entered in Fair Entry before June 25, 2026
2. All exhibitors need to complete a Quality Assurance program designated by the Elkhart County Extension office by **June 15** to qualify to show.
3. All market lambs and commercial breeding animals to be shown in the fair must be ear-tagged during the designated days in May. Registered breeding animals to be shown in the fair must also be brought to tagging for paperwork purposes in order to be eligible to show. All fees for Elkhart County and Indiana State Fair tagging are to be determined.
4. Members of the 4-H Lamb Club should attend at least 4 activities, pay \$5.00 dues, and pen rental of \$2.00 per head. To be eligible for any lamb club achievement awards each member must work at least two shifts and **ONE PARENT SHIFT PER CHILD** in the Lamb Booth during the fair week. We strongly encourage all members and their parents to work at least their shifts in the lamb booth. This is the largest fundraiser provided by the club for the club. We consider your participation in working in the booth as your commitment to being an active member in our club.
5. Judging of the 4-H sheep will start promptly at 9 am, Tuesday of fair week. The meeting prior to the show will begin at 8:30 am, with the show starting at 9 am.
6. All market lambs must be under one (1) year of age on show day and still have their lamb's teeth intact at the time of check-in. All market lambs will be shown by breed. Classes will be available for all recognized breeds with no minimum number to make a class.
7. All sheep exhibited will be unloaded and presented without blankets for close inspections by an Advisory Board Representative or chosen delegate. Elkhart County 4-H Fair reserves the right to dismiss any animals not meeting health requirements.
8. The natural color of the market lambs is not to be changed, this includes painting while preparing the animal for the 4-H show.
9. There will be no wet lambs weighed in.
10. When market lambs are weighed in, the 4-H member must designate which lambs will be shown as singles and those to be shown as a pen of two. A pen of two consists of 2 lambs of any breed owned by a single 4-H member. For single market lambs members may choose to move the heaviest lamb up to the next class if the two lambs are in the same weight class. In the event that the two lambs weigh the same, the highest-numbered ear tag will be moved up to the next class.

11. Members must do their own showing with such help as needed. In case of illness or absenteeism, another Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club member may show the animals for them. Any lamb not shown during the 4-H show will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H auction.
12. For the Showmanship contest, each 4-H'er must show their own lamb. Alumni contestants may continue to show any borrowed 4-H'ers lamb.
13. Any person is allowed to assist the 4-H member with grooming their animal and the 4-H member must be present and participating during grooming. **This is an Elkhart County rule only, please note the state fair rule is different!**
14. Each species will continue to follow the 1995 rules regarding the number of transactions per species. Two market lambs may be sold in the 4-H Auction on Friday. There is a limit of 3 transactions per 4-H'er. The 4-H'er will decide which three (3) transactions he or she will sell. NOTE: A transaction is defined as the sale of 1 beef steer, 1 gallon of milk, 1 dairy feeder calf, 1 dairy or meat goat, 1 hog, 1 lamb, or 1 meat pen (3 rabbits), 1 pen of broilers, 1 roaster or 1 waterfowl. ***Animals to be sold must be shown in the judging on Tuesday. The weight at weigh-in will be the selling weight for the auction. Lambs must be of food quality as set forth by the auction committee. Any lamb under 75 lbs. Will not be allowed to show in the 4-H show and therefore not sold through the auction, this lamb will be excused from the barn and not allowed to stay.
15. Ewe lambs shown as market lambs can be shown again in the appropriate breeding classes. Animals shown in the breeding classes cannot be sold in the 4-H Auction. Any animals not selling in the 4-H auction may be released after checking with Lamb Club Leaders after the completion of the 4-H show on Tuesday. This is to include animals going to State Fair as well as breeding animals. These animals must be released by the Lamb Club Leaders or Assistant leaders and the animal ID noted. As animals leave the fairgrounds the member is asked to clean the pens that the lambs were in immediately upon removal of the animal(s).
16. Exhibitors must furnish certificates of registry in the exhibitors name for all the purebred sheep and furnish certificates of transfer if not bred by the exhibitor. The identification number that is on the registration paper must be a tag or tattoos that is in the ear of all sheep. The club leader or other authorized person designated by the leader will check certificates and identification of sheep. Registered papers will be checked on Friday, the exact time will be announced at check in. You must be at your pen with your registration papers at that time to be considered checked in for the 4-H show. If you plan to show a ewe lamb in the purebred market lamb class, you must have registration papers to show as a purebred ewe in the breeding class. The ewe cannot show as a purebred market lamb and a commercial ewe lamb. If you double enter a ewe lamb as a market and a breeding with no registration papers the animal must show in both divisions as a commercial lamb.
17. The families of the Grand Champions and the Reserve Champions of both singles and pen of two, as well as the families of the Supreme and Reserve Supreme Ewe and Rams will be asked to help with the decorations and setting up and cleaning up for the Achievement dinner.
18. All club members eligible for awards should attend the Achievement dinner or have representatives to accept for them.

19. The Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club Advisory Board will rule on problems that arise at the 4-H Show and their decision will be final.
20. All medication that needs to be given to an animal while on the fairgrounds must have a veterinarian script or given under the supervision of a veterinarian. This must be on file with the 4-H Club leader prior to this happening.
- 21. To be eligible to exhibit you must have your animals entered in 4-H online by May 15, 2026. Lambs must be then entered in Fair Entry between May 23, 2026 and June 25, 2026 to be eligible for class awards. Failure to enter animals in fair entry will place animals in a separate exhibition only class.**

INDIANA STATE FAIR AUCTION RULE

4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a “Premium Only Auction”), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. Sale of products of animals (milk, cheese, wool, etc.) in lieu of the animal, are considered equivalent to a “Premium Only Auction.”

Showmanship Classes

Senior Showmanship	10th-12th Grades
Junior Showmanship	7th-9th Grades
Beginner Showmanship	5th-6th Grades
Greenhand Showmanship	3rd-4th Grades
Alumni Showmanship	Two Classes, Broken by Age
Pee Wee showmanship	Pre 4-H

All showmanship contestants will use their own lamb. We will choose 5 placings for each category other than the Alumni category. Members who have won their showmanship class may move up to the next class the following year regardless of grade. The Champion Senior Showman will represent the Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club in the Round Robin Contest. If the winner of the senior showmanship does not want to participate, the next placed winner will be our representative.

4-H Levels

Level 1: 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

Level 2: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades

Level 3: 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades

Entry Procedure

The following procedure will be used to pen all 4-H market lambs. This will facilitate locating animals quickly and efficiently if the need arises and following the auction on Friday.

1. All animals will have pens assigned to them.
2. Lambs will be checked in prior to penning. Lamb check-in and penning times will be Thursday, July 23, 5:00-10:00 pm with all 4-H animals being penned by Thursday, July 23 at 10:00 pm. Tack may be brought in starting 24 hours prior to penning times. Each lamb is entitled to only one trip across the scale during official weigh-in times. Once the lamb steps onto the scales that weight will be used in the 4-H Auction.
3. All overall Grand, Reserve Grand and Top 5s will only come from the Champion and Reserve Champions of each representative breed.
4. Lamb Club members will choose their pens at the June or July 4-H meetings. This will be done by years in the Lamb Club starting with the 10 year members in alphabetical order then 9 year, 8 year, etc. Pens may not be reserved by other club members. Only members within a family that need to share pens for tack or animals can have a designated member to pick the pens for the total need. There will be no more groups of friends coming to get pens together.
 - a. Club members will be assigned one pen or area for their equipment. However, the equipment area may have to be shared between two club members. This decision will be made by the Advisory Board.
5. All lambs are to be returned to their original pens after they are auctioned. The barn will be closed during the auction. NO LAMBS ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BARN AFTER THE AUCTION UNTIL EAR TAG NUMBERS ARE CHECKED OFF WITH TIM, BETSY, AMANDA, JANE or ANDREA.

Market Lamb Classes:

Classes will be established and shown by breed and weight. There will be no minimum number of animals to make a class. Classes will be available for all recognized breeds. A classifier will be hired to determine the breed of animals at the time of entry into the fair. This classifier's decision will be final.

Class 1: Single Market Lambs (exhibitor may show 3 animals)

Class 2: Pen of Two Market Lambs, regardless of breed

The lambs shown in either of the two classes above may be ewe lambs or wether lambs.

Breeding Classes:

The breeding classes will include black-faced commercials, white-faced speckled-faced commercials, and registered purebred breeds, Columbia, Corriedale, Dorper, Dorset, Hampshire, Jacob, Montadale, Oxford, Rambouillet, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, etc.

Class 3: Fall Ewe lambs, born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025

Class 4: Spring Ewe lambs, born after January 1, 2026

Class 5: Pair of Ewe lambs

Class 6: Yearling ewe (exhibitor may show 2 animals)

Class 7: Pair of Yearling ewes

Class 8: Ram lamb, born after September 1, 2025

Class 9: Flock: A flock consists of one ram lamb, two ewe lambs, and two yearling ewes.

Class 10: Supreme Ewe

Class 11: Supreme Ram

Class 12: Supreme Flock

Note: Animals entered in each class shall be owned by a single 4-H member. SHOW ORDER OF BREEDING CLASSES: Black faced commercials, white faced commercials, and registered purebred breeds.

TIMETABLE

BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2026

1. Fill out the enrollment form online or get a paper copy completed and into the leaders of the local club, county lamb club, or extension office.

JANUARY - MARCH

1. Attend lamb club meetings, learn about lamb projects.
2. Attend recreation night
3. Attend farm tour in MARCH

APRIL

1. Visit area sheep breeders and attend area club lamb sales.
2. Select market lambs for the project.

MAY

1. Purchase lambs before tagging.
2. Tagging of lambs May 8 and May 10
3. Feed, water and care for lambs.
4. Keep healthy, give plenty of exercise.
5. Make sure lambs have been sheared at least once.
- 6. May 15 4-H Online Entry Deadline**
- 7. May 23 Fair Entry online opens, closes June 25**

JUNE

1. Weigh lambs, check growth, and condition of lambs, handle lambs.
2. Adjust feed rations, worms, shear lambs, and trim hooves.
3. June 15 Quality Assurance completion deadline
- 4. Fair Entry closes June 25**
5. REMEMBER TO ENTER FOR STATE FAIR

GET HEALTH PAPERS FOR ANY OUT OF STATE SHOWS IF NECESSARY OR NEEDED

JULY

1. Work on showmanship with lambs.
2. Finish lamb in preparation for show weighing, feeding, and exercise.
3. Shear and wash lamb for show.
4. Notify potential buyers for lamb auction.
5. Attend Work nights and Carcass Show.
6. Complete all applications for scholarships, club awards, and completion sheets.

AUGUST

1. Attend Achievement Dinner
2. Thank buyers and trophy donors.
3. Congratulations to the winners from the county fair.
4. Encourage friends to join the club next year.
5. Plan ways to improve your project for next year.

Lamb Carcass Open Class

Live Show: Thursday, July 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Held in Sheep/Swine Arena

Rail Show - Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Held at Yoder's Processing

Director: Andrea Miller

Secretary: Grace Leer

Rules & Regulations

1. Entries will be accepted by residents of the State of Indiana and surrounding states.
2. Animals must be born after January 1, 2026.
3. Wether and ewe lambs may be shown.
4. Two animals may be exhibited per exhibitor.
5. Entry fees will be \$5.00 per animal.
6. The live weight of animals must be above 90 pounds.
7. Animals must be slick shorn and free of blankets upon entering the barn.
8. Classes will be divided by weight only.
9. The Sheep Breeders' Executive Committee will rule on problems that arise at the show and their decision will be final.
10. All lambs exhibited in the carcass show will have at least .15" back fat or will be disqualified.
11. Animals can be brought to just be judged for the rail judging. Animals must be brought in for weigh-in and abide by live weight rules. Animals need to be slick-shorn. They will then be put on the truck for the carcass evaluation only.

Show Premiums

Each class live weight	\$10, \$8, \$6, \$4, \$2
Champion on rail	\$100.00
Reserve Champion on rail	\$75.00
On Rail	\$50, \$45, \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25, Etc.

Open Class Sheep Show

Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep

Director: Andrea Miller

Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 11:00 am

Secretary: Grace Leer

Rules and Regulations

1. Entries will be accepted by residents of the State of Indiana and surrounding states.
2. Not responsible for accidents or losses.
3. The entry fee is \$10.00 per head. EXCEPTION: 4-H members of Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club pay \$5.00 per head. No pre-entry is needed.
4. Animals may be penned from Saturday July 25 and 7:00 am - 9:00 am. Animals will be released at the end of the show. Scales will be open for weighing lambs from 7:00 -9:30 am Saturday. Weigh slips from Elkhart County 4-H weigh-in on Thursday can be used for the open show. Lamb and weigh slips must be brought to the office. A representative from the sheep breeders will be at Thursday night 4-H weigh in to check in for open show and accept entry fees.

5. All market lambs must be completely shorn after July 15 and free of all blankets before entering the barn. All sheep, from other states, exhibited must be accompanied by an official certificate of health signed by a licensed veterinarian indicating that he has inspected the entire flock of which exhibits are part and found them to be free of scabies and other transmittable diseases.
6. Exhibitors must furnish a certificate of registry of all registered sheep and also furnish a record of transfer if not bred by the exhibitor. Identification tags or tattoos and breed association tags must be in the ears of all sheep. The superintendent or representatives will check certificates and the identification of all individuals. The above sheep must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor by July 1, 2026.
7. Market classes will be shown by breed, dividing classes by weight with approximately 15 in each class.
8. Commercial ewe classes. Ewe lambs need to be weighed. They cannot be shown in a breeding class and a market class. We will have classes for yearling ram, ram lamb, pair of ram lambs, yearling ewe, pair of yearling ewes, ewe lamb, pair of ewe lambs, and flock.
9. EXHIBITORS FLOCK shall consist of one ram under two years, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs.
10. Exhibitors will be limited to two premiums in any single class, one premium in any group of classes.
11. Entry fee checks should be made out to Elkhart County Sheep breeders.
12. The Sheep Breeders Executive Committee will rule on problems that arise at the show and their decision will be final.

13. Pee Wee Showmanship

Showmanship class for pre 4-H Children. No entry fee. No monetary prize.

Open Show Breeds

1. Columbia
2. Commercial/Crossbred
3. Corriedale
4. Dorset
5. Dorset Advantage
6. Montedale
7. Natural Colored
8. Oxford
9. Polypay
10. Rambouillet
11. Shetland
12. Shropshire
13. Suffolk
14. Southdown
15. Valais Blacknose
16. White-faced Commercial
17. Other Recognized Breeds

Show order starting at 11 am

1. Market
 - All breeds in alphabetical order
 - Pick overall grand and reserve market lamb
2. Breeding sheep in alphabetical order by breed
 - A through L for a breed then to next breed
 - a. Ram, 1 year and under 2 years.
 - b. Fall Ram Lamb, September 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025
 - c. Spring Ram lamb, after January 1, 2026

- d. Pair of ram lambs
 - e. Grand and Reserve Champion Ram
 - f. Ewe, 1 year and under 2 years
 - g. Pair of ewes, 1 year and under 2 years
 - h. Fall ewe lamb, September 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025
 - i. Spring ewe lamb, after January 1, 2026
 - j. Pair of ewe lambs
 - k. Grand and Reserve Champion Ewe
 - l. Exhibitor's Flock (see rule 9)
3. Pick overall grand and reserve Ram
 4. Pick overall grand and reserve Ewe
 5. Pee Wee Showmanship

Sheep Premiums:

Each Class premium for top 5 places	\$10, \$8, \$6, \$4, \$2
Supreme Ewe and Ram	\$100.00
Reserve Supreme Ewe and Ram	\$50.00
Champion Wether	\$50.00
Reserve Champion Wether	\$25.00

Important Reminders

Refreshments:

We ask for volunteers to bring refreshments to share at each of our meetings. Each member who participates earns points for the point system. Please contact a leader if you would like to sign up. We encourage 2-3 families to participate in each meeting.

Communication:

We use the Group Me app for meeting reminders. See a leader for more information.

In the event that we will have to cancel a meeting due to weather, please check all local news stations for information also.

Enter Lambs on 4-H online by May 15, 2026

Enter Lambs on Fair Entry June 25, 2026

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