



# SHEEP

Please refer to Purdue Extension Indiana Website: [www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages) for exhibit guidelines and <https://www.in.gov/boah/> for exhibition requirements.

## Project Introduction

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The educational 4-H sheep program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both sheep subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications) under the direction of caring adults.

Animals DO NOT have to be a winner at the County Fair to show at the State Fair. Visit the Indiana State Fair website for more information.

## Exhibit Guidelines

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***Project guidelines for completion:*** All sheep project members must answer a 10 question worksheet and complete information in Green Folders / Recordbook before sheep check in. The questions are available from the 4-H office or on Extension website. Animals must be enrolled [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) by May 15.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

**LEVELS:**        **SHEEP 1** for 4-H members in Grades 3, 4, 5 as of January 1 of current year  
                         **SHEEP 2** for 4-H members in Grades 6, 7, 8 as of January 1 of current year  
                         **SHEEP 3** for 4-H members in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 as of Jan. 1 of current year

## Exhibit options, may do one or more:

- Exhibit animal(s)
- Poster
- Action Demonstration

In addition to or an alternative to exhibiting an animal a 4-H member may exhibit a poster (see *Poster Construction* topic in this Handbook) on a topic covered in their manual and/or present an Action Demonstration.

## **SEE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES.**

Blankets must be removed from all sheep at the time of arrival.

All sheep wethers must be presented slick shorn for inspection at arrival.

No sheep or goats may be exhibited that are showing signs of being infected with ringworm.

For more information on sheep and goat health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Animal Health (317) 227-0318.

1) 4-H member must have lambs by **May 15** of each year. Animals will be checked by Extension Office Livestock Committee. **After this time all animals must be kept in Floyd County or under the 4-H member's care.**

### 2) **CLASSES:**

**BREEDING EWES** - All ewes will be shown by age. Classes determined at the Fair.

**MARKET CLASS** - May be ewe or wethers. **\*\*\* NO RAMS**

Market Lambs must have all baby teeth. Market Lambs will be shown by weight.

**WEIGHT** - In order to show or sell, lambs (ewes or wethers) must weigh a minimum of 70 pounds.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

**ROOKIE** - Any first time showman, regardless of age

**JUNIOR** - Grade 4 - 8 as of January 1 of current year

**SENIOR** - Grade 9 - 12 as of January 1 of current year

**IN ALL CLASSES, ANY ANIMALS SHOWN IN SHOWMANSHIP MUST BE THE MEMBER'S OWN PROJECT.**

3) **TESTING:** Each 4-H member is responsible for having own animals properly tested according to requirements for exhibit of domestic animals in Indiana, including expenses.

4) Only 4-H members, animals and the designated ring man will be allowed in show ring during the show.

- 5) For grooming rules, see updated Livestock Rule (regarding clipping and grooming assistance) under General Livestock Rules and Regulations contained in this handbook.
- 6) If a 4-H member cannot attend the show or has more than one animal, a substitute may show the animal. The substitute must be a member of Floyd County 4-H and be approved by the Livestock Committee.
- 7) All Livestock Exhibitors shall be responsible for their own bedding and the cleanliness of their stalls/pens during the exhibit and upon removal of their exhibit from the Fair.
- 8) Sheep will not be released from the Fairgrounds before Sunday morning. Animals sold in the Auction will become the property of the buyer; however, the 4-H member will be expected to maintain and deliver animal upon buyer's request.
- 9) Sheep do not have to be county winners to show at State Fair. If 4-H member is planning to show at State Fair he/she should familiarize himself with State Rules.
- 10) Barn rules, which are posted in each barn, will be enforced.
- 11) **No smoking in or around barns at any time.**
- 12) No blankets will be allowed on any sheep at time of arrival.
- 13) All Market Lambs must be presented slick shorn for inspection at arrival.
- 14) No sheep shall be exhibited from a flock infected with foot rot, sore mouth, or caseous lymphadenitis.
- 15) **Any exceptions to the above rules will be decided upon by the Livestock Committee. Decisions of the Livestock Committee will be final.**

#### **SHEEP ARE TO BE WEIGHED AT CHECK-IN.**

#### **AUCTION**

1. **Auction** - A non-refundable auction fee of \$25.00 and form must be paid for each animal placed in the auction. (limit 3 animals). One indoor project must be submitted at project check in to participate in auction. Make check payable to the **Floyd County 4-H Corporation Board, Inc.** and mail to P.O. Box 6805, New Albany, IN 47151 by May 15. No fees or forms will be accepted after livestock check-in.
2. ONCE AN ANIMAL IS ON THE SALE BILL, IT MUST SELL. Exception to be made by Livestock Committee or animal not meeting weight requirements.
3. **PICTURES** - A picture of the 4-H member and their poultry animal will be taken for Auction purposes on a date and time to be announced during the Fair. **DRESS CODE** - 4-H T-SHIRT or nice show shirt &

SHOW BLUE JEANS. No tank tops, flip flops, or open shoes will be allowed in the show ring. [These pictures are mounted on signs to be given to buyers at the auction to display at](#) their business.

4. Animals sold in auction will become property of the buyer, however, the 4-H member will be expected to maintain and deliver animal upon buyer's request at the close of the livestock barns.
5. **No Auction checks will be distributed until barns and fairgrounds are cleaned and closed up on Sunday.**
6. 4-H member give a thank you note to their buyer to trade for check.

**ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE THE ANIMALS  
LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

**NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS ON PENS OR IN BARNs.**