

# SHEEP

This is a State Fair project. Poster project will have NO BEST OF SHOW SELECTED. You do not have to qualify at the county fair to exhibit at the state level (must be enrolled at county level by May 15).

Sheep will be divided into levels by current grade in school. The level will be determined by the 4-H'ers grade during the current school year (September-August).

**NOTE:** All sheep must have been enrolled on official 4-H sheep enrollment forms, and identified by **May 15, 2025**. All ewes and market lambs must be individually identified under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by **May 15**.

## SHEEP – Check-in and Judging in Livestock Barn

**Check-in: Monday, June 16, 7 a.m.-Noon**

**Weigh-in: Monday, June 16, 1 p.m.**

**Judging: Tuesday, June 17, 5 p.m.**

**Animals dismissed: Thursday, June 19, after Premier Showmanship**

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each year, you are **required to complete QLC (Quality Livestock Care) by June 1**. If not completed by June 1, you will not be eligible to show your animal.
2. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet. Place in green record book and turn in at the fair.

**ALL GRADES: EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBER SINCE MAY 15 AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL DATE OF SHOW.**

## FEEDING AND CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H'ers are responsible for the daily feeding and care of their animals during the 4-H fair week.

## SHEEP LEASING

Leasing of a sheep is available upon request. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

## 4-H FAIR:

All sheep will come in and be checked at the south end of the sheep barn. All lambs will enter barn on the south end to be checked. There will be one person checking lambs.

The 4-H sheep member will receive an entry form from the Extension Office that will need to be brought to check-in. This form will have all sheep listed that you will be showing. The animals listed will be approved, checked and signed by the committee at check-in. This form will then be taken to weigh-in at the 4-H Fair. **ALL 4-H MEMBERS MUST HAVE THIS FORM COMPLETED BEFORE WEIGH-IN. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

## GROOMING ASSISTANCE-GRANT COUNTY FAIR RULE

4-H exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals in the Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program by June 1.

Temporary guardianships established from the intent of animal exhibition or grooming purposes are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

## **RULES:**

1. No sheep will be unloaded until the sheep have been checked by the designated person.
2. All animals must be in good physical condition before the animal can be unloaded at the fair or be shown, for example, no broken limbs, no serious wounds, no foot rot, sore mouth or ring worm.
3. The minimum weight for market lambs, this include market ewes and market wethers, will be 70 lbs. for the show.
4. No yearlings will be eligible for the market lamb class. All market lambs must have lamb teeth.
5. Market lamb classes will be divided by weight determined by Show Committee.
6. 4-H members may not show the same ewe lamb as both a market lamb and a breeding ewe in the 4-H Sheep Show at the Grant County 4-H Fair in any given year.
7. Market Lambs will show by breed and weight.
8. Female classes will show by breed, except crossbreds. They will show in a separate class. Crossbred ewes will show by age.
9. For breed classes at the County Fair, registration papers are not required. For State Fair, registration papers are required for ewes.
10. Sheep breeds will show in alphabetical order.
11. Animals eligible for the production class are ewes which have been shown previously as ewe lambs or yearlings by the same 4-H member. The class shall consist of the ewe and her lambs, either ewe or wether (No ram lambs).
12. Animals must be in 4-H member's possession by May 15.
13. No rams allowed.
14. Muzzles may not be used.
15. Fans must have proper safety approved shrouds.
16. An area will be designated for grooming on the day of the 4-H show. Animals **must be groomed** only in this designated area, within the sheep and goat barns.
17. Any sheep exhibitor using excessive abuse on their exhibit animals will be eliminated from the show. Excessive abuse shall include burning, stabbing, gouging, punching, use of electric shocker or other treatment which is considered cruel and inhumane treatment to show animals. No surgical procedure of any type, unless performed by a veterinarian, will be allowed at the fairgrounds.
18. **Refer to the General Livestock Rules and the Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry for pre-entry State deadlines.**
19. The drenching of lambs will be permitted.
20. The direct application of ice, ice water, alcohol, freon or any other refrigerant to the hide of a lamb will not be tolerated. Grant County Sheep Breeders definition of direct application of any liquid to the lamb is any wetness of the lamb and if the lamb is wet the lamb won't be allowed to show.
21. Absolutely no tags will be removed from a sheep for any reason.

**NOTE:** A SHOW COMMITTEE OF THREE PEOPLE WILL BE APPOINTED TO HANDLE VIOLATIONS RELATING TO THE SHEEP SHOW AND PREPARATION OF ANIMALS FOR THE SHOW. GRANT COUNTY SHEEP BREEDERS WILL CHOOSE THIS COMMITTEE.

## **SHOW RING DRESS CODE**

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, and close-toed shoes or boots while showing and selling livestock. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, t-shirts (other than when approved or provided), midriiffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, shorts, cut-offs, sandals, or baseball caps.**

### **COUNTY BORN & RAISED MARKET LAMB CLASS:**

1. A market lamb born in Grant County and raised by a Grant County 4-H'er is eligible to be enrolled in this class on the special enrollment form from the Extension Office.
2. The enrollment form must be filled out completely with county identification, and turned in with your sheep enrollment form. The form must be filled out completely to be eligible.
3. Champion of the County Born and Raised Market Lamb Class will be chosen after the market lamb classes but before the Grand Champion Market Lamb. The winner of this class is not eligible to compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb, unless it was a breed champion or class winner.
4. County Born Market Lambs must show in the regular market lamb class. Example: A lamb that places fifth in the regular market lamb class and is the top placing County born lamb in the class will be the first place County born lambs in that class and will show for Champion County born.

### **COUNTY BORN & RAISED PUREBRED EWE LAMB AND COMMERCIAL EWE LAMB:**

1. A ewe lamb born in Grant County and raised by a Grant County 4-H'er is eligible to be enrolled in this class on a special enrollment form from the Extension Office.
2. The enrollment form must be filled out completely with identification, and turned in with your sheep enrollment form. The form must be filled out completely to be eligible.
3. Champion of the County Born and Raised Ewe Lamb Class will be chosen after the ewe classes but before the Grand Champion Ewe. The winner of this class is not eligible to compete for Grand Champion Ewe, unless it was a breed champion or class winner.
4. County Born Ewe Lambs must show in the regular ewe class. Example: A ewe that places fifth in the regular ewe class and is the top placing County born ewe in the class will be the first place County born ewe in that class and will show for Champion County born.
5. All County Born ewe lambs must be born after September 1 of the previous year.

### **CLASSES:**

4-H Members will designate the class for their lambs at weigh-in on **June 16**. They have until 8:00 pm on **Monday, June 16** to make any needed changes. Once classes are posted, no changes can be made.

Class 1 - Single yearling ewe

Class 2 - Pair of yearling ewes

Class 3 - Single Fall ewe lamb, born Sept. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024

Class 4 - Single Spring ewe lamb, born Jan. 1, 2025 to July 15, 2025

Class 5 - Pair of ewe lambs

Class 6 – County Born & Raised Ewe Lamb & Commercial Ewe Lamb

Class 7 - Grand Champion ewe

Class 8 - Champion pair of ewes

Class 9 - Production class

Class 10 - Single market lamb

Class 11 – County Born & Raised Market Lamb

Class 12 - Grand Champion market lamb

### **SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:**

Class 13 - Senior Showmanship – grades 9, 10, 11 and 12, during the current school year (Sept.- Aug.)

Class 14 - Junior Showmanship - grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 during the current school year (Sept.-Aug.)

Class 15 - Novice Showmanship - grades 3 and 4 during the current school year (Sept.-Aug.)

Class 16- Peewee Showmanship- Any youth not in 4-H and in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and below in age

\*Winners of the Novice Showmanship and Junior Showmanship are not eligible to advance and compete in the Junior and Senior Showmanship, respectively, that same year.

**JUNIOR (GRADES 5 - 8) AND SENIOR (GRADES 9 - 12) CHAMPION SHOWMEN ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST.**

\*Winners of Showmanship (Novice, Junior, and Senior) are eligible to compete in the next year's 4-H Fair Showmanship.

## **4-H WOOL SHOW:**

The Grant County 4-H Wool Show will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 in the livestock pavilion of the 4-H Fairgrounds. The terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Exhibitors must be 4-H members during the current 4-H year and enrolled in the 4-H Sheep project.
2. Entries must be made in the 4-H livestock pavilion by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2025.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 fleeces in the show.
4. It is suggested that fleeces be shorn by May 1.
5. Fleeces should be bundled for display.
6. Fleeces can be exhibited in the following market wool and breeding lots:

Rambouillet	Oxford	Suffolk	Fine Market Wool
Shropshire	Dorset	Columbia	Medium Market Wool
Hampshire	Corriedale	Montadale	Course Market Wool
Southdown	Cheviot	North Country Cheviot	Natural Color Wool
Shetland			
7. Fleeces will be displayed for the remaining portion of the fair.
8. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Fleece will be selected overall.

### **Indiana State Fair Enrollment of Sheep:**

4-H members may enroll ewe lambs on their 4-H Sheep Enrollment Forms without designating whether they intend to show them as market lambs or breeding ewes, **however**, a 4-H member may only show their ewe lamb(s) as a market lamb(s) or as a breeding ewe(s) at the Indiana State Fair. 4-H members may not show the same ewe lamb as both a market lamb and a breeding ewe in the 4-H sheep show at the Indiana State Fair in any given year. A ewe lamb can, **however**, be shown as a 4-H market lamb one year and then shown as a yearling breeding ewe the following year. Ewe lambs that are shown in the 4-H market lamb show at the Indiana State Fair will be tattooed during the check-in procedure as a preventative measure to keep them from also being shown in the 4-H breeding sheep show during the same year at the Indiana State Fair.

### **AUCTION RULES:**

**\*The 4-H Member must exhibit during the Sheep Show in order to be eligible to sell in the livestock auction.**

**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.**

**Auction Order: Grand Champion Market Lamb, Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, Class Winning Market Lambs, 10 Year members who show sheep.**

One lamb (wether or ewe lamb) may be sold in the auction. No yearlings will be sold. Others may be sold in pen.

Sale lamb must be designated at time of weigh-in, with the option to change the night of show. Show weight will be sale weight. NO reweighing.

A 6% commission of the overage pay per animal sold will be collected by the Auction Committee.

You have until May 15 to add or drop this project from your current year’s enrollment.