

SHEEP

Manual Information

1. The Sheep Manuals are divided into three levels according to the following breakdown:

Level 1	Grades 3, 4, & 5
Level 2	Grades 6, 7, & 8
Level 3	Grades 9 and Above
2. Members will use the same manual for more than one year.
3. Members are strongly encouraged to attend activities and participate in the learning experiences offered for their level each year.
4. Signed record sheets must be presented and verified at animal check-in. (Refer to "General Livestock Rules" #17 in this handbook.)
5. Record sheets will then be placed in your green folder and turned in at the county fair. 4-H leaders may grade record sheets.

Exhibit Requirements

1. Exhibit your sheep at the fair.
2. Exhibit a Sheep Educational Poster. (Refer to page 44 in this handbook for details.)
3. Do an Interactive Demonstration.

General Terms and Conditions

1. Each exhibitor is responsible for familiarizing themselves with the rules, penalties and due process involved with what is considered ethical treatment and honest representation of 4-H exhibit animals as outlined in the Fountain County 4-H Handbook, which is provided by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Especially note terms and conditions on tampering, misrepresentation, conduct, drugs, drenching, pumping, forced filling, etc.
1. Exhibitors are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the ownership/exhibition rules of 4-H livestock as outlined in the Fountain County 4-H Handbook, which is provided by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service.
2. 4-H Sheep must be owned and under the care of the 4-H exhibitor, and exhibitor must complete the Indiana 4-H Sheep Enrollment Form (4-H 670) no later than May 15th of each year.
3. All market lambs and all breeding sheep (including registered breeding sheep) must be individually identified under the supervision of the county 4-H Sheep Committee at the start of the project. All market lambs and commercial breeding sheep must be retinal scanned and have a county issued tag placed in their ears. In the instance that the retinal scanning technology fails, all sheep must be nose printed. Registered breeding sheep must be retinal scanned and identified by the breeder's tag and/or tattoo.
4. 4-H exhibitors may not enroll more than 10 market lambs, 10 yearling ewes, 10 ewe lambs, and 10 ram lambs. If more than this number appears on the form (4-H 760), only the first 10 of each will be eligible.
5. 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 county 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 county fair.
6. All animals entered in the 4-H Sheep Show must have been owned and under the care of the 4-H exhibitor by May 15 of the current year and remain in the same continuous ownership and care until show day at the county fair.
7. All sheep must arrive unblanketed and ready for inspection. 4-H'ers should familiarize themselves with the current health regulations for exhibiting sheep as issued by the State Board of Animal Health.
8. Carpet may not be used as bedding for animals in the sheep barn.
9. Exhibit animals shall not be painted or colored by any means that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics. This practice is considered fraud and deception and is covered in item #3 of the General Livestock Rules.

10. The direct application of ice, ice water, alcohol, Freon, or any other refrigerant to the hide of a lamb is strictly prohibited. This deceptive, fraudulent practice is covered in item #3 of the General Livestock Rules.
11. Muzzles may not be used.
12. Fans must have proper safety shrouds.
13. The 4-H Sheep Superintendent must approve substitute showmen in writing 24 hours prior to the showing of the animal(s) needing a substitute showman. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies or desperate circumstances deemed unavoidable. (Refer to "General Livestock Rules" #1, in this Handbook.)
14. A 4-H market lamb or breeding sheep enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to the commercial division before final entries are made at check-in. Sheep enrolled as a commercial animal will not be allowed to switch to a purebred classification after May 15. In addition to this, purebred animals may not switch to another breed other than commercial after May 15.

4-H Market Lamb Qualifications

1. Exhibitors may show a maximum of 7 market lambs (wethers or ewe lambs). The market lambs need not be of the same breed or gender.
2. All market lambs must be under 1 year of age on show day and still have their lamb's teeth intact. Any lamb that does not meet this requirement will be disqualified.
3. Any lambs showing evidence of testicular tissue are ineligible.
4. All market lambs must be completely slick sheared.
5. The All-American Junior Show Market lamb qualifications will be used to determine breed type for market lambs.
6. Lambs will be weighed as they are unloaded.
7. All breed class winners will show for breed champion market lamb, and the second place lamb to the breed champion may compete for reserve breed champion.
8. All breed champions and the commercial champion will show for grand champion market lamb. The reserve grand champion market lamb will be selected from the remaining champion market lambs plus the reserve champion of the breed from which the grand champion was selected.
9. There will be special placings for lambs that are Fountain County Born and Raised. Lambs that qualify for this must have been born and raised in Fountain County (not necessarily by the exhibitor). These lambs shall be declared in May during the county enrollment.
10. There will be a special class for champion pair of market lambs. These lambs must have been shown as individuals and under the same exhibitor's name.

4-H Breeding Sheep Qualifications

1. 4-H exhibitors are limited to 2 breeds of sheep and commercial is considered a breed.
2. A 4-H exhibitor may show a maximum of 6 ewes and 4 rams per breed. These shall consist of 2 yearling ewes, 2 fall ewe lambs, 2 spring ewe lambs, 2 fall ram lambs, and 2 spring ram lambs.
3. Lambs must have been born after September 1st of the previous year.
4. Animals exhibited in the lamb classes must still have their lamb's teeth intact. Lambs with broken mouths or showing evidence of yearling teeth will show in the yearling class. Determination of yearling ewes' teeth will be at the discretion of the judge.
5. All breeding sheep may be exhibited either in full fleece or slick shorn except for Shropshire, Southdown and Commercial, which must be slick sheared within 5 days of exhibition.
6. Except for commercial sheep, all breeding sheep must be registered, the registration number recorded with the breed association and the papers (no photocopies, carbon or FAX copies unless the FAX is directly sent from the national breed association to the Fountain County Extension Office) in the possession of the exhibitor. The breeder's tag/tattoo must be worn if required by the breed association.
7. Registered ewes should have a tag number listed on the enrollment form and be retinal scanned. The tag number should correspond to the tag number listed on the ewe's registration paper.
8. All commercial breeding sheep will be weighed for class designations.

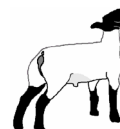
9. An exhibitor may have another current Fountain County 4-H member assist him/her in the show ring with a yearling ewe.
10. There will be a class for champion pair of ewe lambs. These lambs must have been shown as individuals and under the same exhibitor's name.
11. There will be a class for champion flock. A flock shall consist of 1 ram lamb and 3 ewes (these could be yearlings, lambs, or a combination of both). Each sheep must have been shown as individuals and exhibited under one exhibitor's name.
12. All the ewe breed class winners will show for breed champion ewe and the second place ewe to the breed champion may compete for reserve breed champion.
13. All the ram breed class winners will show for breed champion ram and the second place ram to the breed champion may compete for reserve breed champion.
14. All breed champion rams and the commercial champion ram will show for supreme champion ram. The reserve supreme champion ram will be selected from the remaining breed champions and the reserve breed champion from which the supreme champion ram was selected.
15. All breed champion ewes and the commercial champion ewe will show for supreme champion ewe. The reserve supreme champion ewe will be selected from the remaining breed champions and the reserve breed champion from which the supreme champion ewe was selected.

General Rules for Sheep Interactive Demonstrations

1. Interactive Demonstrations may be given on any topic related to Sheep and will be presented at an appointed time during the 4-H Fair.
2. Refer to "Verbal Communication Events and Activities" in this handbook for details.

Manuals:

Level 1: <i>Lambs, Rams, and You</i>	BU-6367
Level 2: <i>Shear Delight</i>	BU-6368
Level 3: <i>Leading The Flock</i>	BU-6369



Record Sheet: C4-H 625a

Sheep Identification Form: 4-H 670

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