

DEPARTMENT 400—SHEEP

Junior Fair Sheep Committee

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Senior Fair Committee

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Exhibitors should enter their Market Classes in Fair Entry prior to ID Day in April.

Exhibitors will enter all other classes including showmanship and online add on sale using FairEntry – Entry Deadline is June 1 at 11:59 pm.

All Sheep MUST have a Scrapie tag in their ear upon arrival at the fairgrounds which matches their entry in Fair Entry.

PRE-FAIR ID DAY/WEIGH IN RULES

1. All market lambs **must be identified** at ID Day in April. Exhibitors may identify 4 market sheep but only 3 may be brought and shown at the fair.
2. Weigh-In of market lambs is optional. You will only need to weigh-in if you wish to participate in the Rate of Gain Contest.
3. Rate of Gain Contest- all market lambs weighed at the April ID Day must be **80 lbs. or less** to participate in this contest. The top 5 animals with the most pounds gained, as determined at the fair weigh-in, will be awarded the plaques.

FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Barn Open for Arrival: Saturday August 1, 2026 at 8:00 AM

**** All Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep must be in place in the barn by 2:00 PM ****

Mandatory Barn Meeting: Saturday, August 1 at 2:30 PM

Weigh-In: Saturday, August 1, 2:45-3:30 PM

- Market Lamb Weigh-in and Breeding Sheep registration paper check-in to follow the Mandatory Barn Meeting.
- Lambs will be released by Jr. Fair Board to weigh in. You must have a check-in tag prior to arrival at the scales. Do not come to the barn without your tag.
- At weigh-ins you must identify where the market lambs will be going after the Fair. The only 2 options are the MARKET TRUCK or HOME. There will be no changes after weigh-in.
- Jr Fair crossbred breeding sheep may also be required to weigh in the fair weigh-in, depending on the number of entries in the class.

SHEEP SHOW DATES & TIMES

Tuesday, August 4 @ 5:00 pm. in Pavilion Show Arena

1. Showmanship: Sr. Prelims, Jr. Prelims, Sr. Finals, Jr. Finals
2. Crossbred Breeding Sheep
3. Market Lambs (shown in weight classes)
4. Overall Market Lamb Champion Drive

Friday, August 7th @ 9:00am in Pavilion

All Species County Born & Raised Show. Order of show: Swine, Beef, Goats, Sheep

Saturday, August 8th @ 8:00 AM in sheep show arena

Darrel Hentges Jr. Fair Purebred Breeding Sheep Judging

HEALTH AND CARE OF PROJECT:

1. ODA Livestock Exhibition Rules and Requirements for all livestock can be found in the Health Regulations and Inspection of Livestock section of the book.
2. The fair veterinarian is the only person(s) who may possess and administer controlled substances in the sheep barn.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for daily care of their projects, including, but not limited to feeding, watering, cleaning pens and aisles and manure management (all manure must be dumped in appropriate areas). Failure to maintain a healthy and humane environment may result in disciplinary action, which could include forfeiture of premium monies, ability to participate in the online add on sale or expulsion from the show or future shows.
4. Water is the only acceptable topical substance to be used on show day. Example: oils, powders, or paints are unacceptable. If a substance is found, the sheep will be disqualified from the show.
5. Pens must be cleaned out on the last day of fair (this includes tack pens). Once completed the exhibitor must check out with the designated fair personnel. Failure to do so will result in loss of the ability to participate in the add on sale.

GENERAL SHEEP DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All Junior Fair Livestock Rules apply.
2. Exhibitors must complete the online DUNF form for each market lamb and it must be filled out prior Friday, July 31.
3. The pen tag that is placed on the pen by the Junior Fair Shall be visible at all times. This tag is not to be removed. If there is an issue with your pen assignment, contact the Jr. Fair Coordinator as soon as possible.
4. No barn decorations until Friday, July 31. Once pen assignments are on pens, do not move them.
5. Tack space will be shared.
6. No pen gates may be removed.
7. Do not tamper with another exhibitor's sheep or pens.
8. All Jr. Fair Sheep exhibitors are required to show their projects in the proper classification.
9. The same animal cannot be entered and shown in both a market lamb class and breeding sheep class.
10. Drug testing will be done on Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lambs.
11. If a sheep/lamb is brought to the Wood Co. Fair, it must be shown in a minimum of 1 class.
12. The Junior Fair Dress Code will be in effect for all sheep exhibitors.
13. All sheep (market & breeding) must have an Individual Identification ear tag (Scrapie) in place for exhibition at the Wood County Fair. Market lambs must have a scrapie tag in place prior to the April ID Day. Tagging should be done by the producer of your lamb to help track Scrapie disease outbreaks.
14. Exhibitors may use the bedding of their choice. Shavings are recommended. All pens must be bedded. Carpeting will be allowed only if the following conditions are met:
 1. No excess carpet may stick past the edge of the pen in either the pedestrian aisle or the exhibitor's aisle.
 2. All carpet edges must be taped down to eliminate the problem of tripping over loose edges.
 3. All carpet must have either straw or shavings under the carpet to absorb moisture and reduce odor.
 4. All carpet must be removed from the pen at the conclusion of the fair and must be taken home.

15. If a project lamb dies, is injured or unable to show, an identified substitute lamb may be shown in its place. Contact the Dept. Supt. in the event this happens. No substitute animal will show in any of the Champion Classes, but it may be used for showmanship.
16. All lambs must have water provided to them continuously at all times. A pink slip will be issued as a warning. A second pink slip will result in disqualification of championship for all lambs in specified pen.
17. Special Showing & Grooming Guidelines: Special note to Junior Fair Guidelines: No physical tampering of animal or misconduct by the exhibitor or any individual inside or outside of the showing will be tolerated. The use of muzzles on lambs is prohibited while on the Wood County Fairgrounds. The use of artificial coloring, painting, or changing the breed qualities of a lamb shall be considered fraud and deception and will not be permitted at the Wood County Fair.
18. Exhibitors must comply with Chapter 901-19 of the Administrative Code (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules), specifically 901-19-12 and 901-19-13, the Acceptable Practices and Unacceptable Practices. **All towels and blankets must be removed from the animal and remain off during the time period from 15 minutes prior to the show to the end of the show.** Drenching is prohibited. Drenching is defined as “the act of using an instrument (including a bottle, syringe, scoop, or your hand) placed in the animal’s mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.”
19. All sheep must be shown clean and DRY.
20. When sheep are being handled by the judge, all 4 feet of the animal must remain on the ground. A pink slip will be issued as a first warning. Second slip is disqualification for that animal.
21. The Wood County Agricultural Society shall have the right to require any animal be subject to examination or tests to determine if a substance has been administered to the animal to change the conformation or temperament of the animal.

JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LAMB RULES

1. Market lamb exhibitors may show up to 3 single market lambs.
2. The Wood County Fair is a slick sheared market lamb show. All lambs must be slick shorn within a week of the fair with a 13-tooth comb or less and washed by weigh-in time. Head wool is allowed at weigh in. Lambs will be allowed leg wool from the knees and hocks down. Belly and flank wool must be completely shorn and equal to the length of wool on the body at the time of the show. Belly and flank wool will be monitored prior to selection of champion. Lambs will move up in a class if eliminated for belly or flank wool not equal to the length of the wool on the body.
3. County Born and Raised Market Contest Rules- Exhibitors entering the County Born and Raised Market Lamb Contest must identify those animals in Fair Entry by submitting the contact information of the breeder of where the animal was born. If the animal was born on the home farm and not purchased elsewhere, you still must submit a document showing the address of where the animal was born.
4. If you want to be part of the County Born and Raised Classes, you must select the appropriate division in FairEntry.
5. All Grand & Reserve Champion Market Lambs must be sold to the Sr. Fair Board and not be returned home for breeding purposes or go to other shows. They will be slaughtered at a place determined by the Senior Fair Board.
6. Market lambs will be shown by weight. Classes will be divided after lambs are weighed. Signs will be posted to show the different classes.
7. If two animals belonging to the same exhibitor fall into the same weight class, the exhibitor has the option to shift the heavier animal to the next higher weight class or select another Wood County Junior Fair exhibitor to show their animal in the same class.
8. The Sheep committee reserves the right to split classes if needed as they see fit.

9. During the market lamb show, all market lambs must be within the designated exhibitor preparation space. Specific region will be announced at the sheep barn meeting and posted at the fair.

JUNIOR FAIR COMMERCIAL MARKET LAMB RULES

1. Only members selected through the application process will be allowed to participate in this class.
2. Each member selected will be allowed to show 1 animal in this class.
3. All animals purchased through the commercial market lamb program must be exhibited at the fair unless they have received approval of the director in charge of the department. Anyone failing to follow this rule will not be permitted to participate in the program in the future.
4. All animals for this class will come from a breeder selected by the sheep committee. Animals will be assigned through a lottery system. No outside lambs will be allowed to show in this class.
5. The goal of this program is to produce high quality meat. With that goal in mind the optimal animal would produce 70-80 lbs of meat and have .25 in of backfat.
6. All commercial market lambs must weigh between 100-140 lbs
7. Lambs may be re-weighed only if their weight is less than 100 lbs. Re-weighing must take place immediately and will be the final weight.
8. Lambs weighing less than 100 lbs. will show in the crossbred market lamb class and will follow their rules.
9. The maximum commercial weight is 140 lbs. Lambs weighing more than 140 will show in an exhibition class but will not be eligible for grand champion.
10. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Third Overall, Fourth Overall, and Fifth Overall Commercial Market Lambs will be selected.

JUNIOR FAIR BREEDING SHEEP RULES

1. Possession date/ownership date/registration transfer date for all junior fair breeding sheep is June 1.
2. All Jr. Breeding Sheep registration papers for all breeding animals will be checked following the market lamb weigh-in at the fair. Purebred breeding animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name (or name specifically included on family farm name). Any breeding animal that does not have proper registration papers will be entered in the crossbred class.
3. A maximum of (2) two animals can be shown per class for breeding sheep projects. For each breeding animal entered in each class on the Junior Fair entry form, an alternate animal may be listed for that class.
4. The Junior Flock class will consist of three animals: two ewes and a ram (either yearling, lamb, or combination). Animals must be the same breed and part of the fair member's exhibit.
5. Purebred breeding animals will not compete against Crossbred breeding animals in any classes.
6. A new breed of purebred sheep will be recognized as a separate breeding section only after that breed has shown in all other purebred breeds for 1 year. If a purebred section doesn't show for two years, such section will be dropped.

SHEEP CLASSES:

Market Lamb

Divided by weight into classes.

Breeding and Jr. Flock

1. Babydoll Southdown
2. Border Leicester
3. Corriedale

4. Southdown
5. All Other Purebred Breeds
6. Crossbred

Breeding Sub-Classes

1. Ram Lamb
2. Ewe Lamb
3. Yearling Ram
4. Yearling Ewe

Market Sheep Loadout: Sunday, August 9th

1. Animals going on the Market Truck - If available, please help load your market lamb(s) onto the market truck.
2. Any animal entered as going home will be permitted to begin the load out process at 6:00pm on the last night of the fair. Please see the Livestock release section of the Jr. Fair Rules.
3. You will only be allowed to enter thru GATE A, Haskins Rd. and will follow the flow path provided. This will be a LOAD AND GO line only. After loading you must continue along the flow path and leave thru GATE A.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H MAKE IT YOURSELF WITH WOOL CONTEST:

Sponsored By: The Brinker Family

CATEGORIES & PRIZES:

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| A. Junior: 9-13 years of age | 1st \$25.00; 2nd \$15.00; 3rd \$10.00 |
| B. Senior: 14-18 years of age | 1st \$25.00; 2nd \$15.00; 3rd \$10.00 |
- (age as of January 1 of the current year)

Entries may be made as a 2026 4-H project.

Entries may be: Dresses, coats, suits or complete outfits for seniors, jumpers, skirts, dresses, pants, vest, sweaters, jackets or shirts for juniors

Fabric Choice: Garments must be made from loomed, knitted, or felted fabrics or yarn of 100% wool or a minimum of 60% wool and no more than 40% synthetic fiber or specialty fibers designated include, mohair cashmere, alpaca, camel, llama, or vicuna. Fur is not considered wool and cannot be used for more than 40% of fabric.

Fiber swatches must have 60% wool content.

Judging will be at the Wood County 4-H Clothing Evaluation in July.

Monetary awards will be given. Winners are encouraged to participate in the state "Make It Yourself with Wool" Contest.

4-H Make It Yourself With Wool Entry Form

Name:

Address:

Manufacturer #1 of fabric (% Wool % Other Fiber):

If more than one fabric list more:

Manufacturer #2 of fabric:

Pattern Company _____ Pattern Number _____

Make of sewing machine used:

Make of serger used:

Purchased fabric/yard at:

Store Name:

Store Address:

Return to:

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639 S. Dunbridge Rd., Suite 1
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402