

2010 STARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR
SHEEP RULES

A. GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Any boy or girl enrolled in a Stark County youth organization is eligible. They must abide by the rules and age limitations of said youth organization (4-H, FFA, etc.).
2. All animals must be procured and in the possession of the members by June 5 of the current year. Fair entries are due in the Stark County Junior Fair Office, P. O. Box 80279, Canton, Ohio 44708, by July 23, 2010.
3. Junior Fair exhibitors may not exhibit more than one entry per class, except in market classes, if rules apply.
4. Any exhibitor taking Beginner Market Lamb Project (first year) may secure and feed up to four, but may exhibit only one market lamb, and/or one Born & Raised Market Lamb. **NOTE:** A tagged lamb not used to exhibit may be used for the carcass class.
5. Any exhibitor taking Intermediate or Advance Market Lamb Project and having completed the Beginner Market Lamb Project may secure and feed up to six lambs, but may only exhibit three lambs at the fair; two Market lambs plus one Born & Raised Market lamb, or two Born & Raised Market lambs plus one Market lamb. **NOTE:** A tagged lamb not used to exhibit may be used for the carcass class.
6. Any recognized sheep breed, including crossbreeds, may be used as a project animal.
7. All Market Lambs will be identified and ear tagged and weighed by the Sheep Committee on **Saturday, June 5, 2010**, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Stark County Fairgrounds. There will be a \$3.00 charge per animal at the tag-in. If any animal loses an ear tag, a Sheep Committee member must be notified within seventy-two (72) hours so the tag can be replaced. There must be evidence of a fresh tear or the animal will not be re-tagged. Market lamb exhibitors may tag twice the number of animals they are eligible to exhibit. Your Carcass animal must come from these tagged animals. Lambs must be tagged on entry to Fairgrounds.
8. **ALL SHEEP MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE USDA SCRAPIE TAG REGULATIONS! ALL SHEEP (including wethers) must have a scrapie tag at the June 5 tag-in and weigh-in! All ram lambs must be castrated before the June 5, 2010 weigh-in and tag-in,** with no evidence of testicular tissue noticeable at show time. These lambs cannot be shown or sold as per state rules. Due to possible continued growth of testicular tissue, clamping (pinching) as a means of castration is often not effective and is not recommended.
9. All ear tags must be legible and clean at fair check-in. Stark County Fair tags and USDA Scrapie tags are the only tags that are to be in the animals' ear. All other tags will be removed at tag in.
10. All members exhibiting at the fair must participate in the Sheep Clinic/Skillathon, A date and time for the clinic/skillathon will be announced at a later date. If you do not participate in the clinic/skillathon, your will be unable to show or sell your animal. If you cannot attend the clinic/skillathon, arrangements must be made with a committee member for a make up time.
11. **All completed project books, DUNF forms, and Picture Release forms must be tuned in to the committee on Monday, August 30, 2010, before your animal will be checked in.**

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It is **MANDATORY** for **ALL** Junior Fair Exhibitors to attend a **QUALITY ASSURANCE CLINIC** prior to the fair and complete a **DRUG USE NOTIFICATION FORM** for all market animals and lactating dairy animals prior to the Show. All Junior Fair Livestock should be drug residue free on the first day of the fair unless specified on the DUNF. Those who do not comply **WILL NOT** be allowed to show or sell. Mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Revised Code 901-19-06 and 901-19-07. All members will be responsible for care of their market animals until 4:00 p.m. the last day of the 2010 Stark County Fair, or until the drug withdrawal period elapses or if quarantined.

12. Veterinarians assigned to the fair on check-in day will decide all matters of health, certifications of health, presence of disease, stall release, etc. **NO ANIMAL MAY ENTER THE BARN WITHOUT FIRST BEING CHECKED IN BY A SHEEP COMMITTEE MEMBER. PLEASE REMOVE ALL BLANKETS PRIOR TO CHECK-IN. THEY MAY BE REPLACED AFTER CHECK-IN IS COMPLETE.**
13. Members exhibiting at the fair must care for their animals through animal release (4:00 p.m. market animals and 6:00 p.m. breeding animals) on Monday, September 6, 2010. Your responsibility does not end with the sale of your animal. All displays must remain intact until 6:00 pm the last day of the fair. At that time all displays and decorations must be removed. BARN WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT 4:00 PM FOR LOAD OUT.
14. Member, family member or guardian should be present during weigh-in of their animals. Lambs will be weighed in starting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2010.
15. **Market lambs less than 90 pounds or over 160 pounds and animals gaining less than .30 pounds per day from June 5, 2010, to the fair weigh-in on August 31, 2010, will receive one cut in project grade. They will not be eligible to place in the champion classes.**
16. All animals exhibited must be shown for grading.
17. Anyone assisting another exhibitor in showing his or her animal must be enrolled as a 4-H or FFA member, and be a current Junior Fair exhibitor in Stark County.
18. Exhibitors are responsible for any veterinary bills incurred.
19. The use of drugs, tranquilizers, hormones, feed additives, etc. should be done with extreme caution and within local, state and federal regulations. All losses, condemnation at slaughter, etc. resulting from use or misuse of such products will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor.
20. The Board of Directors of the Stark County Agriculture Society will, to the best of their ability, safeguard persons, livestock and articles on the grounds, but will not be responsible for injury, damage, disease, thefts or loss of any kind.
21. The matter of insurance will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor. The Sheep Committee will not reimburse members if the animal dies at the fair or is condemned at slaughter.
22. In the event a project animal dies after the designated possession and/or weigh-in date, members will not be permitted to replace the animal for the purpose of exhibition or sale in any Junior Fair event (including carcass class). Members are expected to report immediately death of any project animal to the respective committee chairperson.

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23. All market lambs must be uniformly slick shorn before check in on Monday, August 30, 2010. All lambs will be inspected at check in on Monday, August 30, 2010. A committee member will inform you if your lamb does not meet the standard.
24. No lambs will be permitted to show in market or breeding class that have been subject to unethical treatment, such as but not limited to, dehydration, icing, cold compresses, injections or other muscle enhancing techniques. All state and federal rules will be enforced.
25. The Sheep Committee recommends collared shirts and hard shoes when showing. No Hats will be accepted in the arena. **Appropriate attire must be worn in show ring. Sheep committee reserves the right to approve attire.**

B. BORN AND RAISED MARKET CLASS

1. Bred ewes must be in the possession of the Junior Fair member prior to lambing.
2. The lamb must be born on the Junior Fair member's place of residence. (Any exceptions to "place of residence" part of this rule will be made at the discretion of the Sheep Committee.)
3. A picture must be provided of the ewe, lamb, and member at your place of residence on first day of birth.
4. Junior Fair members need to call Marlene Estock (330) 875-7341 or Diane Smith (330) 862-2163, **as soon as** your lamb is born to schedule your farm visit. **Lambs must be scrapie tagged prior to the farm visit by a committee member.**
5. All other market class exhibition rules apply including tag-in, weigh-in, rate of gain, etc.
6. Lambs shown in the Born and Raised market class cannot be shown in a regular market class or vice versa.
6. Born & Raised Lambs and Market Lambs will be declared at check in. A sheep committee member will remove any extra tag at that time.
7. Grand and Reserve Champions will be chosen in the Born and Raised category, and sold with the other champions at the beginning of the lamb sale.

C. BARN RULES – ALL RULES APPLY FROM CHECK-IN TO CHECK-OUT

1. All lambs will be housed in the assigned designated areas for the duration of the fair. No lambs may be taken out of the sheep barn between the hours of 11:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.*
2. No one is to handle a Junior Fair member's animal(s) without permission of the junior fair exhibitor unless there is an emergency. Committee members may handle animals during the normal course of their duties (i.e. inspection, show, sale, weigh-in, pictures, loading, unloading).
3. No fans will be permitted in the barn except for fans that are provided by the fairboard.*
4. **Clean water WILL be available to sheep at all times.***
5. **Sheep must be bedded with sawdust, straw or shavings, NO CARPETS WILL BE PERMITTED.***

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6. A Sheep Committee member will be inspecting all pens throughout the day. Pens must be kept clean and neat daily.*
7. The restraint of a lamb on a continual basis in the pen is not permitted.*
8. All lambs must be in their pens by 8:00 a.m. on weigh-in and show days,*
9. All lambs must be kept in the immediate show area before and during the show.*
10. All commercial advertising and/or sponsorships are at the discretion of the Senior Fair Board. No advertising and/or sponsorships will be allowed in the barn. Thank you's to previous buyers are appropriate.

D. MARKET LAMB SALE PROVISIONS

1. All market animals exhibited must be sold through the auction.
2. Breeding stock will not be permitted to be sold at the auction.
3. The Sheep Committee will establish market lamb sale orders. Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be sold first.
4. A charge of \$10.00 per head for Market lambs will be assessed. The Sheep Committee and Marketing Committee will use the monies to cover promotion, advertising and operating expenses. Champions will be assessed 5% of the sale price and Reserve Champions 2.5% of the sale price. In addition, all lambs will be assessed according to the mandated lamb check-off (when applicable).
5. Animals purchased may not be removed from the pens until checked out by the committee member in charge. Each exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and care of his or her animal until the fair is completed.
6. Market Lamb Sale will be held on Saturday, September 4, 2010, beginning at 9:30 am.

*****CARCASS*****

E. SHEEP CARCASS RULES

Weigh –In August 24, 2010 Time 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Cooler Evaluation August 26, 2010 Time 2:00 p.m.

Above to be conducted at Don's Custom Meats, Waynesburg

1. All members entered in this class must be enrolled in a market lamb project. In order to receive awards, exhibitors must complete market animal project requirements. Grand and Reserve Champions will sell through Junior Fair auction. (To receive a \$7.50 Junior Fair Carcass premium, members must make and display a poster in the Sheep Barn during the fair. This poster should be no larger than 18 x 24. **POSTERS MUST BE TURNED IN AT CARCASS WEIGH-IN**).
2. Members will be permitted to exhibit one animal per species in the Carcass Contest. Each exhibitor will sell carcass as freezer meat. It will be the sole responsibility of each exhibitor to find a buyer, negotiate a price, collect payment and make sure that the buyers contact the processor (Don's Custom Meats) with directions for packing.
3. Champions will be assessed 5% of the sale price and Reserve Champions 2.5% of the sale price. In addition, lambs will be assessed according to the mandated lamb check-off when applicable. The commission fee will be deducted from the proceeds of the auction.
4. Processing charges must be paid upon pick up at the processor's plant. The buyer pays these charges. (Grand and Reserve Champion carcasses will be sold at the live sale.) Exhibitors of the Champion carcasses are responsible for the delivery of processed meat to the buyers.
5. Lambs must weigh between 90 – 160 lbs. **and** gain .30 pounds per day between weigh-in on June 5, 2010 and carcass weigh in on August 24, 2010 to be considered for Grand or Reserve Champions. All lambs entered and weighed must be slaughtered. (Any animal unloaded must be slaughtered within 12 hours.)

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6. All ram lambs must be castrated, with no evidence of testicular tissue noticeable when unloaded.
7. Carcass evaluation for lambs will be held at the processor's plant on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 2:00 pm.
8. Grand and Reserve Champion animals will be sold at the Junior Fair Livestock Auction, based on their live weight.
9. The Carcass Contest will be held at Don's Custom Meats. There will be a kill fee charged for all carcass lambs. Exhibitor is responsible for payment of that fee.

SHEEP SHOW: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 8:30 a.m.

**NO MARKET LAMB PROJECT MAY BE SHOWN IN BREEDING CLASS
AND NO BREEDING PROJECT MAY BE SHOWN IN MARKET CLASS.
YOU MUST SHOW YOUR OWN ANIMAL**

Showmanship exhibitors must register by Wednesday, September 1, 2010 before 8:30 am before the Sheep Show.

*****MARKET LAMB CLASSES*****

Market Lamb – Shown by weight classes
 Champion Market Lamb
 Born and Raised Market Lamb Class
 Market Lamb Showmanship

Showmanship classes will be based on the age of the exhibitor as of show day, current year.

Senior Market Lamb Showmanship -	Ages 16 & up
Intermediate Market Lamb Showmanship -	Ages 13 – 15
Junior Market Lamb Showmanship -	Ages 10 – 12
First Year Market Lamb Showmanship -	Ages 12 and under
Novice Market Lamb Showmanship -	Ages 13 and up

Champion of Champions – Showmanship – To compete in the Champion of Champions, the exhibitor must have won either a novice, first year, junior, intermediate or senior showmanship class. If the exhibitor has won any of these classes in the past, they will not be eligible to compete in the same class in regular showmanship. Exhibitors winning Junior Showmanship may exhibit in Champion of Champions until they are eligible for Intermediate Showmanship. Once the exhibitor wins Intermediate Showmanship, they may compete in the Champion of Champions class until they qualify for Senior Showmanship. Exhibitors must then win Senior Showmanship in order to qualify again for the Champion of Champions class. This year's and previous year's winners of the Novice, First year, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship class will show for Champion Market Showman. Champion Breeding Showman & Champion Market Showman will face off for Showman of Showman honors.

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SHEEP BREEDING CLASSES

Breeding classes will be divided into four divisions (you must take Beginning and Intermediate Breeding before you can take the Advanced Breeding Project.)

Meat Breeds: Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Montadale, Oxford, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk & Tunis.

Wool Breeds: Columbia, Corriedale, Merino, Rambouillet, Targhee, Border Leicester

Beginning Sheep Breeding: (1 female over 4 months/Under 1 year)

Intermediate Sheep Breeding: (1 Yearling ewe over 1 year/under 2 years)

To take Intermediate Sheep Breeding, you must have completed a Beginning Sheep Breeding Project.

Advanced Sheep Breeding: * To take Advanced Sheep Breeding, you must have completed a Beginning and Intermediate Sheep Breeding Project.

1. A Ewe and her offspring
2. Ram (Yearling or Lamb)

Champion Sheep Breeding: All Breeds (Champion Ewe and Champion Ram)

Breeding Showmanship

Showmanship classes will be based on the age of the exhibitor as of show day, current year.

- a. Senior Sheep Breeding - Ages 14 and up
- b. Junior Sheep Breeding – Ages 9 - 13
- c. First Year Sheep Breeding - Under 13 years old
- d. Champion of Champions Sheep Breeding Showmanship
- e. Champion Breeding Showman will compete against Champion of Market Showman at the end of Breeding Showmanship for Champion of Champion.

WOOL

Breeds of Sheep and Grades of Wool			
Fine – Wool Breeds	Medium-Wool Breeds	Medium-to Long-Wool Breeds	
Merino	Cheviot	Oxford	Lincoln
Rambouillet	Columbia	Polypay	Romney
	Corriedale	Shropshire	Wensleydale
	Dorset	Southdown	
	Hampshire	Suffolk	
	Montadale	Targhee	
	North Country Cheviot	Finn	
	Blue Face		

E. WOOL FLEECE CONTEST

1. Fleeces must be from a sheep owned by the Junior Fair Member or parents' (or guardian's). The sheep whose fleece you will be showing must be on the Junior Fair Member's place of residence, but does not need to be from an exhibited animal, although you must have and show a Breeding Project at the current fair. Lamb fleeces are not acceptable. Remember: you are marketing your wool for hand spinners.
2. Prior to entering this project, exhibitors must have completed Beginning Sheep Breeding to enter this project.

3. Each exhibitor may enter up to two fleeces. Fleeces should be placed in a clear, plastic bag, with name, type of fleece, and club name attached to the bag. The wool will store better if stored in a cool dry place until fair time.
4. **There will be four (4) Wool fleece classes: fine, medium, long wool, colored.**
5. **All wool fleeces must be skirted. Fleeces that are not skirted to an acceptable standard may be disqualified. Disqualified fleeces will not be sold. Disqualification will be at the judge's discretion.**
4. Champion Fleece will be assessed 5% of the sale price and Reserve Champion Fleece will be assessed 2.5% of the sale price. All other fleeces will be assessed a \$5.00 charge.

SHEEP AWARDS

Grade Ribbons – Awarded for all projects exhibited

Market:

Grand Champion Market Lamb	Rosette/Trophy
Reserve Champion Market Lamb	Rosette/Trophy

Carcass:

Grand Champion Carcass Market Lamb	Rosette/Trophy
Reserve Champion Carcass Market Lamb	Rosette/Trophy

Born and Raised Market:

Grand Champion Born and Raised Market Lamb	Rosette/Trophy
Reserve Champion Born and Raised Market Lamb	Rosette/Trophy

Breeding:

Champion Ram	Rosette/Trophy
Champion Ewe	Rosette/Trophy

Rate of Gain:

Champion Rate of Gain	Rosette/Trophy
Reserve Champion Rate of Gain	Rosette/Trophy

Showmanship:

Senior Market Lamb	Rosette
Intermediate Market Lamb	Rosette
Junior Market Lamb	Rosette
1 st Year Market Lamb	Rosette
Novice Market Lamb	Rosette
Champion of Champions Market Lamb	Rosette/Trophy
Senior Sheep Breeding	Rosette
Junior Sheep Breeding	Rosette
1 st Year Sheep Breeding	Rosette
Champion of Champion Sheep Breeding	Rosette/Trophy
Champion of Champions Sheep Showman	Rosette/Trophy

Wool Fleece:

Grand Champion	Rosette/Trophy
Reserve Champion	Rosette/Trophy

Champion of Champion Sheep Showmanship – All showmanship division champions and breeding showmanship champions will compete for Champion of Champion Showman.

2010 JUNIOR FAIR MARKET/CARCASS/WOOL WINNERS

Grand Champion Market Lamb	Arielle Elsass	County Line
Buyer:	PSC Metals	\$5.00/ lb.
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb	Amber Shoemaker	Louisville Livestock Leaders
Buyer:	Enviroscapes	\$6.50/ lb.
Grand Champion Carcass Lamb	Kalob Wilson	Country Barbwires
Buyer:	Paris & Washington Insurance	\$4.00/ lb.
Reserve Grand Champion Carcass Lamb	Jessie Moncman	Southern Connection
Buyer:	North Winds Stable	\$2.50/ lb.
Champion Wool:	Robert Brenneman	Green Valley
Buyer:	Suttle, Annette & Kurtz	\$350.00
Reserve Champion Wool:	Marci Estock	Mudlake Beavers
Buyers:	Artists Gallery and Spring Valley Farm	\$325.00
Champion Born & Raised:	Diana Bevington	County Line
Reserve Champion Born & Raised:	Mikey Estock	Mudlake Beavers

2010 JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP COMMITTEE

Julie Boak
Marlene Estock
Mike Estock
Allen Fraley
Mary Jo Madzia
Andy Moncman
Nevin Reinford
Diane Smith
Carla Slagle
David Stock
Keith Thompson
Ed & Linda Walker
Josh Wilson

Jr. Committee Members:

Diana Bevington
Maggi Estock
Jessica Moncman

2010 COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chairman	Andy Moncman
Vice-Chairman	Allen Fraley
Secretary	Diane Smith
Treasurer	Carla Slagle
Assistant Treasurer	Marlene Estock

2010 MARKETING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Diane Smith	Mike Estock	Allen Fraley
Carla Slagle	Andy Moncman	

2010 SHEEP PROJECT CALENDAR

March 15	4-H Project Entry Deadline
April TBA	Mandatory Sheep Clinic/Skillathon 9 am – 11 am Fairgrounds
May 15	Sheep Clinic for 1 st and 2 nd Year Members 9:00 am at Fairgrounds
July 1	Essay due for Ruthann Dickerhoof Memorial Sheep Contest
June 5	Project Animal must be in your possession
June 5	Market lamb weigh-in and tag-in 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
July 23	ENTRY DEADLINE – all entries to be in Junior Fair Coordinator's office
August 2	Showmanship Basic Clinic 6:30 pm at Marlene Estock's home- Highly recommended for first and second year exhibitors
August 24	Carcass Weigh-In 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Don's Custom Meats, Waynesburg
August 26	Carcass Cooler Evaluation 2:00 pm Don's Custom Meats, Waynesburg
August 30	Animals check in to fair. Project books, DUNF forms, picture release forms due. Market Animals must be slick shorn
August 31 – September 6	Stark County Fair
August 31	Weigh-In 9:00 am
September 1	Sheep Show 8:30 am
September 4	Sheep Auction 9:30 am
September 5	Sheep Lead Show immediately following goat fun show – Check web for info
September 6	Animal Release 4:00 pm Market Animals 6:00 pm Breeding Animals