# 2018 Sheep
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Other Important Dates:
- Possession of Lamb(s) – May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Market Lamb Tagging – May 12<sup>th</sup> 9-11 a.m. @ Fairgrounds
- Lambs & Sheep brought to the Fair - Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm
- Fair Weigh-in - Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm
- Animals released from fair – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

**Sheep Committee** -
Doug Galloway 419-625-5951 (Junior Fair Livestock Volunteer); Dianne Galloway 419-625-5951 (4-H); Shelby Schaeffer 419-577-2782 (4-H); Bruce Thayer 419-588-2019 (4-H)

**Extension Educator Responsible** - Mary Beth Albright

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**Book and Interview Requirements**

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**Book # 194R** only needs to be ordered once and can be used for several years. It contains essential subject matter information for market lambs and sheep breeding projects.

**Interview Requirements**

All exhibitors must be interviewed, have up-to-date records, and a complete project book in order to show and sell their animal at the fair. NO EXCEPTIONS! Interview date, time and location is listed above. If the exhibitor cannot make the established date and time, then he/she must contact the Extension Office to schedule a make-up judging time. All make-up judgings must be done by the Friday before Fair or the exhibitor will be ineligible to show and sell.

**Exhibit Rules and Requirements**

1. Every exhibitor of a market, dairy, or breeding animal MUST attend a Quality Assurance program with his/her parent or legal guardian to be eligible to bring the animal(s) to fair to exhibit, show, or sell. There are no exceptions.
2. Every exhibitor of a market or lactating animal will turn in a signed Drug Use Notification Form for each animal upon arrival and check-in at the fair.

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3. All livestock trailers must be removed from the fairgrounds after animals are unloaded. No trailers are to be left on the fairgrounds.

4. A premier exhibitor will be named in each specie for juniors, intermediates, and seniors based on skillathon, live placing, and showmanship. Individuals not attending the livestock interview judging on July 19th will NOT be eligible for premier exhibitor.

5. Buyers’ plaques will be available at interview judging and at the sale office during the fair. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to obtain buyers plaques, attach a picture of themselves and their project animal, and present the plaque(s) to their buyer(s) at the sale.

6. Market lambs must be tagged at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 12th to be eligible to show and sell. If the exhibitor has a conflict with this date, the exhibitor must make arrangements with a member of the sheep committee prior to tag-in.

7. Exhibitors may tag 3 lambs, but can only bring 2 to the Fair.

8. Lambs must weigh 95# to 145# to be eligible for sale. Lambs should be selected in April at around 50 - 60#. **White faced lambs will grow slower and should be around 60 - 75#.

9. All sheep and goats must be scrapie identified to comply with the USDA and Erie Co. Fair regulations. This includes scrapie identification for both ewes and wethers. These animals must have proper scrapie identification before coming to tag-in or fair.

10. **Grooming of animals during the Erie County Fair is limited to the Junior Fair exhibitor, exhibitor’s immediate family, 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, or livestock species committee members. Immediate family is defined as members of the exhibitor’s household limited to parents, step-parents, or legal guardian, brothers and sisters. Exhibitors must be present and actively engaged during the grooming of their project animal(s).**

11. Market lambs MUST be slick shorn on or after August 1st. Lambs must be slick shorn BEFORE they come to the fair. It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to have their sheep slick sheared.

12. Drenching is prohibited. Drenching is defined as the act of using an instrument (including a bottle) placed in an animal’s mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rule 901-19-01).

13. Pigmented grooming aides or materials are prohibited in junior market livestock shows (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rule 901-19-33).

14. Market lambs will weigh in on Monday from 5:00 - 9:00 pm during fair check-in. Market lambs do not need to be off feed before weigh-in. The recorded weight will be used for the show and the auction.

15. All lambs will be weighed individually and will compete within the framework of evenly divided weight classes.

16. If an exhibitor has two animals in one class, the heavier animal of the pair may be moved to the next heavier class at the discretion of the sheep committee and the approval of the exhibitor. If one lamb is not moved, any other Erie County Jr. Fair Exhibitor may show one of the animals. In all other circumstances, the exhibitor must show their own animals.

17. Only first and second place winners will be considered in the Championship drive.

18. Members must participate in showmanship in order to show in the market or breed classes. Failure to compete in showmanship and market classes will disqualify an animal from the livestock auction.

19. Members are to use market animals for showmanship instead of breeding if entered in a market class.

20. Exhibitors may only compete in one showmanship class.

21. Exhibitors must use their own animal in showmanship class.

22. Members must be dressed appropriately for livestock interviews, show, and the sale. Members should be neat and clean. This includes no shorts, no mid-riff tops, no tube tops, no halter tops, no low rise pants, and no sandals.

23. Exhibitors must have a complete project book with up-to-date records at interview judging. Books will be checked by key leaders and any exhibitor without a complete book will not be permitted to show at fair.
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24. Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of five animals in breeding classes but are limited to one per class.
25. Any lamb that is shown as a market animal, cannot be entered in a breeding class.
26. The exhibitor must show his or her own project animal(s) unless an exception is permitted by the committee. In this case, the animal(s) must be shown by another Erie County Fair Junior Exhibitor.
27. Those Exhibitors who sell their project through the fair auction will be required to submit a written thank you note(s) in order to receive their sale check. Look for further details in the 4-H newsletter and at the fair.
28. All sale checks must be cashed by November 25th of the current year or funds are forfeited. This includes issued checks and checks held for not meeting requirements, i.e. Thank you notes or poultry cards not submitted. No exceptions allowed.
29. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Straw is prohibited, only wood chips or saw dust should be used.
30. Exhibitors are expected to provide food and water to animals on a regular basis and keep livestock pens clean and neat. If an animal is not being taken care of or a pen is found to be unacceptable by the appropriate livestock committee, a notice will be posted on the pen. Failure to comply within 24 hours will result in the animal being sent home forfeiting the exhibitor’s ability to show or sell.
31. All issues should be handled by the sheep committee. Grievances will be handled in accordance with the grievance policy which can be found at http://www.eriefair.com/faq/faq.htm

Show Order
Showmanship - Senior, Intermediate then Junior
Showman of Showmen
Breeding Classes
Market Classes
Champion Market Lamb selection

*These rules are reviewed and adopted annually by the Erie County Senior Fair Board and apply to all Junior Fair exhibitors.*

*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions. For sale signs may not be posted on projects.