

2022 Sheep

Ohio State University Extension

Erie County 4-H

2900 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH 44870

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Project Numbers

198 - Market Lamb

199 - Sheep Breeding

Interview

July 21st 5-8 pm - Fairgrounds

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Show

Wednesday, August 10th 5:00 p.m.

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Other Important Dates:

Possession of Lamb(s) – May 8th

Market Lamb Tagging – **May 14th, 9-11 am @ Erie County Fairgrounds**

Lambs & Sheep brought to the Fair - Monday, August 8th 5-9 pm

Fair Weigh-in - Monday, August 8th 5-9 pm

Animals released from fair – August 14th, Noon

Sheep Committee -

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Book and Interview Requirements

Project

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Required Book(s)

#198 Project & Record Book and #194R Sheep Resource Handbook

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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 attend interview judging on July 21st, he/she must complete the make-up option (TBA) PRIOR to the July 21st interview judging.*

What to know for sheep skill-a-thon:

Junior (ages 8-11): Medication labels, feet/leg structure, and body parts

Intermediate (ages 12-14): Medication labels, feet/leg structures, and skeletal system

Senior (ages 15+): Medication labels, feet/leg structure, and cuts of meat

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Exhibit Rules and Requirements

1. Every exhibitor of a market, dairy, or breeding animal MUST attend an approved 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. **This Quality Assurance program must be completed after October 1, 2021 and by June 25, 2022 (45 days prior to the start of the Erie County Fair).**
2. **Every exhibitor of a market or lactating animal will submit an online Drug Use Notification Form for each animal or pen of animals (pen of poultry or pen of rabbits) before or during arrival/check-in at the fair.**
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 21st 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 14th from 9 to 11 a.m.**
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 (market and breeding) 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 (market animals) or fair (breeding animals).**
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. Adding any substance to externally build up, change, or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp, and powders (Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rule 901-19-33). This includes anything with pigment to change or enhance the color of the animal, including but not limited to paint and baby powder.
14. Market lambs will weigh-in on Monday from 5:00 - 9:00 pm during fair check-in. Covers/blankets must be removed for weigh-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.

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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.
24. **Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of three animals in breeding classes but are limited to one per class. Classes will include: ewe lamb; yearling ewe; and aged ewe.**
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. All sheep exhibitors must clean out their pens and help with barn tear down and clean up on Sunday night.
28. 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.
29. Sale checks will be mailed. All 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.
30. Exhibitors must provide their own bedding. Straw is prohibited, only wood chips or saw dust should be used.
31. Exhibitors may not bring any tack, bedding, equipment, etc. to the fairgrounds until 8 a.m. the Saturday before the fair.
32. 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.
33. 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://eriefair.com/>

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Showmanship - Senior, Intermediate then Junior

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10 to 15 minute break

Breeding Classes

Ewe Lamb

Yearling Ewe

Aged Ewe

Market Classes

Champion Market Lamb selection

PeeWee Showmanship

**Any youth who was not old enough for the project-based 4-H program in 2022 may participate in PeeWee showmanship.

***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



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