

Wednesday, July 21

6:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Enter Sheep – Sheep Barn

Friday, July 23

2:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Meeting - Dueland Pavilion

Saturday, July 24

8:00 a.m.

Sheep Show – Dueland Pavilion **Clover Kid Show will start the 4-H Show**

****A MAXIMUM OF 15 MARKET LAMBS AND 10 COMMERCIAL EWES MAY BE WEIGHED AT THE MAY WEIGH-IN.**

SHEEP

Superintendents: Ryan McKinney, Jo Mortvedt, Joel Niemeyer, Rick Sheldahl, Gary Van Loon

Judge:

NOTE: In compliance with USDA National Scrapie Education Initiative which includes the required Individual Animal Identification Tags of all intact animals used for breeding purposes, or animals being exhibited, or animals over 18 months of age moving into slaughter channels. Wethers are exempt from the tagging requirement.

All exhibited sheep (except for Wethers) must be tagged according to regulations of the USDA National Scrapie Education Initiative. All females must have a Scrapie tag in the ear & written on the 4-H identification form (example IA1234-5678) at the May weigh-in.

ANY ANIMAL FALLING UNDER THE TAGGING REQUIREMENT THAT IS NOT TAGGED WILL BE SENT HOME AT THE CHECK-IN SITE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21.

General Rules:

1. All animals must be in the possession of the exhibitor and being cared for by the exhibitor as of May 15, 2021. Refer to General Rules and Health Rules for additional information.
2. **SHEEP EXHIBITORS MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED BY JUNE 15, 2021. NO FSQA WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
3. No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animal hair is allowed. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All first and second place animals may be wiped down. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and not participate in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.
4. All blankets and tubes must be removed prior to entering the veterinarian check lines weigh-in lines.
5. Clipping stands are encouraged to remain level or close to level. Excessive elevation that causes animal discomfort will result in the stands being removed from the barn.
6. **Entry in the fair qualifies animals for the Livestock Judging Contest. If your animal is chosen, cooperation is required with the Superintendents. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification.**

Regarding Prolapses

Sheep with a rectal prolapse will be released from the fair and may not remain in the barn or be shown. A slight amount of rectal tissue that protrudes when the lamb is laying down, but then retracts without assistance upon standing, will not be considered a prolapse for this purpose. The prolapse may be corrected at the owner's request, but the animal will still be released from the fair. Animals that have undergone previous prolapse repair, that is evident by straining or by visible sutures, will also be released. This will be at the discretion of the Story County Fair Veterinarian.

REQUIREMENTS IN SHEARING and LENGTH OF WOOL

All lambs must arrive slick shorn, clipped, and show ready (minimum touch-up may be done prior to show). Veterinarians and/or superintendents at check-in reserve the right to request additional sheering if they feel the lamb has been sheared inappropriately. Exception to this rule will be those breed animals where the judging criteria is based on the condition of the wool as a judging standard as declared by the breed association, but must be washed before arrival.

DIVISION – PUREBRED EWES

1. Spring ewe lambs are to be born on or after January 1, 2021.
2. Fall ewe lambs are to be born between September 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
3. Yearling ewes are to be born between January 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020.
4. **ALL PUREBRED EWES MUST BE TAGGED WITH AN OFFICIAL 4-H TAG DURING THE MAY WEIGH-IN. Information will be entered into the <https://v2.4honline.com/> database by staff, and then must be verified by the exhibitor (4-H'ers). FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager. Birthdate and registration number (if available) must be provided at the weigh-in.** When required, association registry tags must be in the ears of sheep before arrival at the Fairgrounds.
5. Registration papers **must be** presented to the Department Superintendent at **check-in** for all purebred ewes. If registration is pending, exhibitor must show proof (copy of application) that registration has been applied for.
6. An exhibitor may show a maximum of six (6) purebred ewes, with no more than two (2) individuals per class.
7. Purebred ewes will be shown by breed. There is no limit to the number of breeds 4-H'er may exhibit as long as rule #6 is followed.
8. Awarding of Champion Ribbons/Trophies will be given at the discretion of the judge. Some classes may not have animals that qualify for a class championship.
9. **All purebred ewes must be washed within 30 days of the Fair.**

Class

Columbia Yearling Ewe
Columbia Fall Ewe
Columbia Spring Ewe
Dorset Yearling Ewe
Dorset Fall Ewe
Dorset Spring Ewe
Hampshire Yearling Ewe

Class

Hampshire Fall Ewe
Hampshire Spring Ewe
Suffolk Yearling Ewe
Suffolk Fall Ewe
Suffolk Spring Ewe
*Other Yearling Purebred Ewe
*Other Fall Purebred Ewe
*Other Spring Purebred Ewe

DIVISION – COMMERCIAL EWES

The purpose of this class is to encourage 4-H'ers to establish superior crossbred ewe flocks, taking advantage of the hybrid vigor inherent in crossbred ewes.

1. Spring ewe lambs are to be born on or after January 1, 2021.
2. Fall ewe lambs are to be born between September 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
3. Yearling ewes are to be born between January 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020.
4. **All commercial ewes (yearlings too) must be weighed and tagged with an official 4-H ear tag in the animal's ear at the county lamb weigh-in prior to May 15, 2021. Weigh-in information will be entered into <https://v2.4honline.com/> database by staff, and then must be verified by the exhibitor (4-H'ers). FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager by May 15. A maximum of 10 Commercial Ewes may be weighed in.**
5. A commercial ewe is a breeding female not registered.
6. Lambs shown in commercial ewe classes may not be shown in market classes.
7. Commercial ewes will be shown in three (3) classes: black face, white face, and speckled face. A speckled face commercial ewe must exhibit pronounced speckling (at least 30%) on a large portion of the face.
8. An exhibitor may show a maximum of six (6) commercial ewes with no more than two (2) individuals per class.*For example: You could enter (2) Black face ewes, (2) White face ewes, and (2) Speckled face ewes.
9. **Commercial ewe lambs must be weighed in on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.** Classes will be broken down by weights.
10. All Commercial Ewe Lambs will be weighed **prior** to stalling.
11. Awarding of Champion Ribbons/Trophies will be given at the discretion of the judge. Some classes may not have animals that qualify for a class championship.
12. **Ewes must be slick shown over the entire body before arrival at the county fair (minimum touch-up may be done prior to show).**
13. **Exhibitor must declare at Fair Sheep Check-in Wednesday, July 21 which ewe lambs will be exhibited as commercial ewes.**

Class

White Face Yearling Ewe
White Face Fall Ewe
White Face Spring Ewe
Speckled Face Fall Ewe

Speckled Face Spring Ewe

Class

Speckled Face Yearling Ewe
Black Faced Yearling Ewe
Black Faced Fall Ewe

DIVISION – MARKET LAMBS

1. All market wethers and market ewes are tagged with an official 4-H ear tag **in the animal's ear** at weigh-in prior to May 15. **All male lambs must be banded or show evidence of being castrated at Spring Weigh-In (May 1). A maximum of 15 Market Lambs may be weighed in. Weigh-in information will be entered into [https://v2.4honline.com/ database](https://v2.4honline.com/database) by staff, and then must be verified by the exhibitor (4-H'ers). FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager by May 15.**
2. **Market wethers and market ewes must weigh at least 85 pounds to be eligible for the show. Those animals under 85 pounds will be considered feeder lambs and will be exhibited as such.**
3. Market wethers and market ewes must show lambs teeth and show no evidence of testicles at fair weigh-in.
4. Market wethers and market ewes are to be slick shorn over the entire body before arrival at the County Fair **(minimum touch-up may be done prior to show)**.
5. Market wethers and market ewes will be divided into classes (ranging approx. 10-15 lambs per class) according to weight at the Fair. Each exhibitor may bring to the fair and show up to **6** market animals (combination Market Wethers and Market Ewes).
6. There will be a lean gain per day contest.
7. All market wethers and market ewe exhibitors are asked to nominate 1 lamb to be entered in the lean gain per day contest, which is based on pounds of gain between Spring weigh-in and County fair weigh-in and ultrasound. To be eligible for placing, lean rate of gain lambs must be shown in a market wether class or market ewe class.
8. Ribbons, rosettes, and trophies will be awarded.
9. Market wethers and market ewes will be shown in three (3) classes: black face, white face, and speckled face. A speckled face market lamb must exhibit pronounced speckling (at least 30%) on a large portion of the face. If there is less than 5 in white face or speckled face then will be combine for White Breed Influence
10. The Story County Produce Class is open to all owned or purchased ewes and market lambs that were born in Story County from ewes owned by Story County residents. The exhibitor can own the ewe or purchase the wether or ewe from the owner of the ewe. The animal shown as Story County Produce cannot be shown in other market lamb classes. Cash, trophies and ribbons will be awarded. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Story County Produced Market Lamb animal is eligible to show for over-all Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.
11. Lambs will be divided into classes by Face Color and weight at the County Fair.
12. Deadline to declare Market Ewe is 12:00 pm on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Class

White Face Market Ewe
Speckled Face Market Ewe
Black Face Market Ewe

Class

White Face Market Wether
Speckled Face Market Wether
Black Face Market Wether
Story County Produce

DIVISION – ADVANCED FEEDER LAMBS

1. The Advanced Feeder Lambs project may consist of three to ten (3-10) lambs. Each member is limited to one (1) pen of Advanced Feeder Lambs.
2. Feeders may be fed in partnership with other 4-H or FFA members.
3. Lambs must be born after January 1, 2021. Project begins May 1, 2021 (at weigh-in).
4. All lambs in this project must be fed separately from other project animals and other livestock on the farm.
5. All lambs must be weighed in and ear tagged at the May 1 Weigh-In. **Weigh-in information will be entered into the [https://v2.4honline.com/ database](https://v2.4honline.com/database) by staff, then must be verified by the exhibitor (4-H'ers). FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager by May 15.** Animals identified as Advanced Feeder Lambs may not be shown in any other classes (Market, Commercial or Purebred).
6. Exhibitors will be judged on project records, interviews, average daily gain, feed efficiency, cost of gain, and knowledge of project.
7. Advanced Feeder Lambs must be weighed-in on Wednesday, July 21 from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
8. At the beginning of the project (May 1), members will receive a packet with eligibility and record keeping forms. Feed records may be sent to the Extension Office at the end of each month. These feed records will be used in the final evaluation of the exhibit. Forms can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/page/advanced-feeder-lambs>.
9. Advanced Feeder Lambs **must be washed and shorn 2-3 weeks before county fair.**

Class

Advanced Feeder Lambs

SHOWMANSHIP

The following is a suggested dress code for all exhibitors: white shirt or official 4-H/FFA T-shirt and "blue jeans" (no shorts).

Exhibitors must be present at the time of fitting and preparing of their animal for the show. Promptness in the show ring is expected. Following the "last call" notice, the gates to the show ring will be closed.

Exhibitors will refrain from the following during the shows:

-Lambs must be exhibited with all 4 feet on the ground. No elevated piles of sawdust or placing of lamb's feet on exhibitor's boots will be allowed.

-No "slapping" of lambs

The ring-monitoring superintendent will provide a warning to any violator of the above rules. If the violation continues, the exhibitor will be excused from the show-ring, forfeiting any placings and premiums for the rest of the day.

There will be no drenching (by use of drench gun or syringe) of any lamb or ewe, unless administered by a veterinarian. Any exhibitor caught drenching their animal will be sent home by the Superintendents and premiums in this department will not be paid.

Class Please refer to Showmanship Rules on page 68.

Senior Showmanship

Master Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Junior Showmanship

HERDSMANSHIP

1. Wood shavings will be the only bedding allowed – carpeting is not allowed. Rubber mats may be used in conjunction with the wood shavings.
2. Exhibitors are to keep all pens clean (including tack area).
3. Exhibitors are expected to have feed/water available to animals by 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day of the fair.
4. No "muzzles" allowed.
5. Lambs should not be left unattended in trimming stands.
6. Each exhibitor will be responsible for taking down their own assigned pen(s) prior to leaving the fairgrounds.

LAMB SHOW FUN CLASS

This class is to generate interest in pre-4-H'ers for showing sheep.

An adult or older 4-H member must accompany participants.