SHEEP

2026

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March 15	**Project Enrollment Deadline**
May 1	**Market Lamb & Production Ewe Possession**
May 1	**Market Lamb & Production Ewe Entry Due to OSU Extension** ▪ **Projects must be declared in exhibitor's name at time of entry**
May 1	**Lamb Ambassador Application Due**
May 19	**Lamb Ambassador Contest: Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Interviews & Contest at 7:00 p.m. OSU Extension Office**
June 16	**Skillathon: Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Fairground-Jr. Fair Building**
July 12	**Mandatory Market Lamb & Production Ewe Arrival: Sunday, 9:00 p.m. to Monday, July 13, 8 a.m., Sheep/Goat Barn**
July 13	**Exhibitor Barn Meeting: Monday, 8:30 a.m., Sheep/Goat Barn**
July 13	**Market Lamb & Production Ewe Weigh In: Monday, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Hog Barn**
July 13	**Sheep Showmanship: Monday, 4:00 p.m., Hog Barn**
July 15	**Market Lamb & Production Ewe Show: Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Hog Barn**
July 15	**Non-Sale Market Lamb Release: Wednesday, 11:00 p.m., Sheep/Goat Barn**
July 18	**Sale of Champions: Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Fairground-LEC** **Sale order: All grand champions & reserve grand champions, goat, lamb, beef, poultry, rabbit, dairy & swine** **No equipment or projects are to be moved during the junior fair livestock sales.**

Identification of Sheep
OFFICIAL USDA SCRAPIE TAGS MUST BE IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF ENTRY

All sheep exhibited at Ohio fairs must have an official USDA scrapie ear tag. The junior fair member's records must include the animal's official ID and the name and address of the flock where the animal was born and where and when it was sold.

Market Lamb & Production Ewe
Arrival & Check-In

All market lambs & production ewes must arrive during the official arrival and check-in times as designated on the schedule. All animals must have an official USDA scrapie ear tag; must not show any sign of fungus, foot rot, sore mouth, or other communicable disease; and market wethers may not show any evidence of testicular tissue. Any animal not meeting these requirements will not be permitted to enter the barn, nor show and/or sell at the fair.

PRODUCTION EWE LAMBS & YEARLING EWES
All first and second place animals will return for their respective division and champion drive.

1. All animals must be in the possession of the Jr. Fair member no later than May 1.
2. Individual project ownership is determined at time of entry due no later than May 1.
3. No more than one entry per class may be made by an exhibitor.
4. All recognized breeds may be shown.
5. All lambs should be fitted/trimmed, sheared and show ready.
6. Sheep & Goat Committee reserves the right to combine classes based on participation/exhibitor entries.
7. Production Ewe Lamb project may not be shown in the Market Lamb Show.

MARKET LAMBS

Must be a minimum of 100 lbs and less than one year of age at the time of show.
Exhibitors may enter four market animals and show four market animals.
All first and second place animals will return for their respective division and champion drive.

1. All market lambs must be slick shorn ENTIRELY (other than top knot and legs) **by weigh in.**

2. No drenching or use of bottles.

3. Lambs will be shown by weight. After the lambs are on the grounds, they will be weighed and placed in classes based on weight. The Sheep & Goat Committee will have final decision on all class divisions.

4. Market lambs must weigh at least **100 pounds** to be eligible to sell in the Jr. Fair market lamb sale. Under-weight lambs will show for grade only.

5. Exhibitors wanting to sell market projects to United Producers will need to turn in a weigh card to the Goat/Sheep Committee. Instructions will be shared during the barn meeting.

6. Pen assignments will be made by the Sheep & Goat Committee. Absolutely no pens are to be changed without approval from the Sheep & Goat Committee.

7. Each Jr. Fair exhibitor is responsible for his or her animal. Pens must be properly bedded, and aisles kept clear at all times. No hay or straw will be permitted in the aisles. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning their own pen(s) at the conclusion of their show. Designated areas to dump waste will be announced. Bedding partitions are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

8. The county fair veterinarian will have the final decision on the proper care of the animal to the point of excusing a member from showing and determination of the animal's fitness to show.

9. Sheep & Goat Committee reserves the right to combine classes based on participation/exhibitor entries, including showmanship.

Show Order:

Production Yearling Ewes – by weight

Production Ewe Lambs – by weight

Market Lamb Start-Up Class – See Market Lamb Start-Up Program guidelines below. This class will not be considered toward Overall Market Lamb Outstanding Exhibitor Award points, but will be used for the Outstanding Market Lamb Start-Up Exhibitor Award points. Champion and reserve will be selected. Animal must also be shown in regular Market Lamb Classes.

Market Home Grown Class - Exhibitors may show one homegrown lamb in the homegrown class. The animal will be considered one of the exhibitor's four market lamb entries. To qualify to show in the homegrown class: the lamb must be owned by and in the possession of the exhibitor's immediate family and born on the property of the residence of the exhibitor's immediate family, at the time of the lamb's birth. Lamb must be raised on the immediate family member's farm. Champion and Reserve will be selected. Homegrown lambs will also be entered to show in their respective weight class in the regular Market Lamb classes to compete for overall Grand and Reserve Market Lamb. (Refer to the approved definition of immediate family in the Project Grooming Rules section of this book.)

Market Lambs – by weight

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship participants must show his/her own designated Junior Fair project animal.
All first-place showmen will return for their respective division showmanship champion drive.
The current senior market showmanship division winner will represent the sheep department in the Clinton County Sweepstakes Showmanship Contest.

Show Order:
Pee Wee Showmanship
4-H Cloverbud age and below on Jan. 1 of current year - for participation only.
Senior Showmanship Division
18 to 14 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.
Intermediate Showmanship Division
13 to 12 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.
Junior Showmanship Division
11 to 10 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.
Beginner Showmanship Division
9 to 8 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.
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OUTSTANDING MARKET LAMB & BREEDING SHEEP EXHIBITOR AWARD

The Outstanding Exhibitor Award recognizes the exhibitor who excels in sheep knowledge, showmanship, and class placings. Based on a total point system of ninety (90) points; 1/3 will be based on the exhibitor's skillathon placing; 1/3 will be based on the exhibitor's showmanship placing, and 1/3 will be based on the highest placing of the exhibitors' class placings. Points will be awarded to the three areas as follows:

Placing Points:
1st.....30
2nd.....25
3rd.....20
4th.....15
5th.....10
6th.....5

Ties will be broken as follows:
First tie breaker - skillathon score, second tie breaker - highest showmanship placing, third tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's highest class placing, fourth tie breaker - placing of the exhibitor's second highest class placing. If a tie still exists, an interview will be conducted between the individual exhibitors and the designated members of the Sheep & Goat Committee.

A Senior (14-18 years) and Junior (8-13 years) division Outstanding Exhibitor Award will be presented in each project based on number of participants in the project.

Awards will be presented at the Sale of Champions Saturday, July 18 at 1:00pm.

Sheep & Goat Committee reserves the right to combine awards based on participation/exhibitor entries.

2026 Market Lamb Start-Up Program

- This program is for first time market lamb exhibitors.
- Youth wanting to participate in the program must contact the OSU Extension Office at 937-382-0901
- The price for the Market Lamb Start-Up Program is $200 and due at time of registration. (The checks are to be made payable to the Clinton County 4-H Committee)
- Registration is due by March 15 or until the program is full.
- Exhibitors must sign up for a market lamb project (198) when completing 4-H/FFA enrollment.
- A minimum of 5 participants. Exhibitors will be notified of acceptance by the OSU Extension Office.
- Limited to one animal per exhibitor.
- Exhibitors must show the same animal in the market show by weight and sex.
- This class will be eligible for Outstanding **Market Lamb** Start-Up Exhibitor **Award.**
- Exhibitors may attend any county Quality Assurance (QA) program, and it is encouraged to be completed before project pick up.
- Market lamb pick up and clinic is April 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in the Goat/Sheep Barn.
- A Start Up Grooming Clinic will be offered on June 13 at 8:00 a.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds in the Goat/Sheep Barn.
- Exhibitors will draw numbers for the selection order on the pick up day.
- Only members that have registered for the Market Lamb Start-Up Program may exhibit this project.

- This project counts as one of the lambs tagged by the exhibitor.
- The member may exhibit four market lambs at the Clinton County Junior Fair and the Market Lamb Start-Up Program lamb must be one of the exhibited animals.
- The Market Lamb Start-Up class will have a minimum weight limit of **100 lbs.**
- All other market class and junior fair rules apply.
- The Market Lamb Start-Up class will be shown on market lamb show day.
- Sheep and Goat committee has the discretion to split/combine classes based on participant numbers.

NOTE: Additional rules are under Junior Fair Rules and Livestock Rules

Outstanding Start-Up Market Lamb Exhibitor

The Outstanding Exhibitor Award recognizes the exhibitor who excels in sheep knowledge, showmanship, and class placings. Based on a total point system of ninety (100) points; 1/4 will be based on the exhibitor's Skillathon placing; 1/4 will be based on the exhibitor's showmanship placing, 1/4 will be based on the **highest** placing of the exhibitors' class placings, and the final 1/4 will be based on Rate of Gain. Points will be awarded for Skillathon, Showmanship, and Highest Placing as follows:

Placing Points:

1st	25
2nd	21
3rd	17
4th	13
5th	9
6th	5

Rate of Gain- All Start-Up lambs will be weighed at pick up date. That weight will be recorded on the entry form of the exhibitor. The final weight will be collected at the Clinton County Jr. Fair Sheep and Goat weigh in. Points will be rewarded as follows:

Placing Points:

1st	25
2nd	23
3rd	21
4th	19
5th	17

	6th	15
	7th	13
	8th	11
	9th	9
	10th	7

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