

GENERAL SHEEP AND LAMB INFORMATION:

Follow all Junior Fair Livestock Regulations & Market Animal Committee Guidelines:

https://ashtabula.osu.edu/sites/ashtabula/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Info_and_Forms/MACG_guidelines%202023%20Revisions.pdf

Scrapie/tamperproof tag required on all lambs/sheep. See Sheep and Goat Identification document for all requirements. <https://ashtabula.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-project-information-guidelines/livestock>

Project Book Page Requirements:

Beginner: Members aged 8-11 years old or first year taking the project as of January 1st.

- Breeding Book Requirements: 3-9, 24-27, 28-29(opt.), 30-42, 44-52, 55.
- Market Book Requirements: 3-6, 12-14, 18, 20-24, 26-27, 29-30, 35-41.

Intermediate: Members aged 12-15 years old as of January 1st.

- Breeding Book Requirements: 3-4, 9, 11-16, 24-27, 28-29 (opt.), 30-42, 44-56
- Market Book Requirements: 3-4, 7-8, 12-14, 18, 20-24, 26-27, 29-30, 35-41.

Advanced: Members aged 16 and older as of January 1st.

- Breeding Book Requirements: 3-4, 9, 14-19, 22, 24-27, 28-29 (opt.), 30-42, 44-57.
- Market Book Requirements: 3-4, 9-14, 18, 20-24, 26-30, 32-41.

Skillathon:

- Skillathon: All Junior Fair members are required to participate in the Skillathon on Super Saturday. Skillathon is the evaluation of the youth's knowledge based on components from the Ohio 4-H #194R Project Resource Book and Ohio 4-H Sheep Learning Lab kit. Failure to participate will result in an incomplete project. Members are required to have their current project book and completed record book on hand for the skillathon. All members taking a market sheep project must complete Skillathon to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Project Exhibitor.
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- Skillathon ages follow those outlined above in project book requirements.
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- **Why is Skillathon important to me?** Your skillathon is a score that will be used as a part of your Total Score. Each member's Total Score is calculated to determine our Grand and Reserve Project Exhibitors. Total Score includes scores from: 40% Skillathon, 20% Animal Score and 40% Showmanship Score.

Showmanship:

One showmanship contest will be held and includes showmanship judging for both Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep Projects. To compete for Grand and Reserve Champion Project a member must participate in showmanship. All members must show their own animal per the

Market Animal Guidelines. Market exhibitors who have had their animal sent home or participated in the carcass show may still compete in showmanship using another market type animal owned by another exhibitor. See MAC guidelines for additional information, must be followed, and forms filled out.

- Experienced Showmanship
- Inexperienced Showmanship

Market Lambs:

Important: *This list includes ONLY a few highlights, you MUST be familiar with the entire MAC Guidelines.*

Market Lambs should be born between January and February of the current year.

Market lambs must be meat breed type ewes or wethers (no rams permitted). Popular breeds used for this project are Suffolk and Hampshire's. For reference see the OSU Extension #194R Resource book for other breed options. The animal must be a wether or ewe.

Tagging: Any animal that is being used as a market project must be tagged at our MAC tag-in date. Confirm exact date on extension website. Each member may tag up to 4 animals and each family may also tag one family lamb. Scrapie or tamperproof tag required on all market lambs. Non-castrated males will not be accepted for tagging. No castrating at tagging will be permitted.

Drug Use Notification Forms: Market Lambs must have completed electronic Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) and Breeding lambs a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection upon arrival to the fairgrounds.

Quality Assurance: All youth (4-H/FFA) taking Jr. Fair Market and lactating dairy animals must have Quality Assurance completed by June 1st. More information on QA requirements and opportunities may be found at the bottom of [this page](#).

Weigh in: All market animals must be weighed in on Sunday prior to the fair week: Market lambs are encouraged to arrive between 2-4 p.m. on Sunday (Check/Confirm with each years updated MAC GUIDELINES for date, time and all weigh in and arrival requirements).

Market Sheep Weight Requirements:

- Minimum 90lb.
- Maximum 150lbs.

Weight Classes: Can only be determined after weighing in and prior to the show. Typically, sheep will be placed in classes:

- light weight
- medium weight
- heavy weight

Breeding Sheep:

Breeding Classes: Will be determined after check-in and before the show, will be sorted by age and/or breed dependent upon quantity of entries. If you have more than one animal in the class, only another Junior (4-H or FFA) member may show for you. Ewe market lambs or market wethers are not eligible for breeding classes.

- Breeding Ewe Lamb (less than 1 year old)
- Yearling Ewes (1-2 years old)
- Breeding Ewes (2 years old or older)

Breeding animals may arrive to the fairgrounds between the hours of 2–8 p.m. on Sunday & 10-3p.m. on Monday. All animals must be on the fairgrounds by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday of fair week.

Breeding Projects are to be in member possession by May 1 of current year.

Leased Breeding Projects required to complete the 4-H/FFA Breeding Animal Lease

https://ashtabula.osu.edu/sites/ashtabula/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/Jr_Fair_Forms/Animal%20Lease%20-%20Breeding%20Animal%2012.17.21.pdf

Show Day Good to Know Tips from questions from our members and families:

- **What do I wear?** Please wear long pants (dark wash preferred), closed toe shoes or boots, and a nice shirt/club shirt/official dress (i.e.: collared/button-down shirt).
- **Where do I go?** Show schedule will be posted in our species information center. If you have any questions, ask.
- **What's an exhibitor meeting?** This is a meeting that as a species we will hold, we will gather before the show, either the eve before or morning of, to go over show day details & answer questions.
- **How do I prepare my project for show day?** The best preparation is from the time you obtained your project and every day in-between then and the show day. Practice, practice, practice. Practice showing, sheering, washing, feeding, grooming, etc. Is your animal comfortable with all show day items?
- **How do I prepare me for show day?** Eat a good breakfast, get a good night sleep, prepare your show day outfit beforehand, make sure you have everything you will need for you and your project. If you don't know, ask someone, find a resource person, etc. All that practice with your project, that is practice for you also.
- **Show day will move very quickly! Be ready for all upcoming classes and our champion drives. Classes CANNOT and will NOT be held for late arrival to ring.**