

## **DEPARTMENT 17 - SHEEP**

July 22 @ Sales Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

Senior Fair Board: \*Travis Mick, Scott Dunham

Junior Fair Board: \*Chairperson: Levi Wilson  
\*Co-Chairperson: Dylan Ely



\*\* A sheep exhibitor meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19 at 3 PM in the Show Arena. Attendance is mandatory.

**Each animal is to be drug free at the fair when they cross the scale.**

**Feeders, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, in addition to all previously tested Champions and Reserve Champions, will be drug tested at the 2026 Fayette County Fair.**

**Sale means "I want to enter my animal into the auction."**

**Truck means "I have an extra animal that I need to get rid of because my project is over."**

**Home means "I want to take my animal home because I want to compete elsewhere or I plan on using for a breeding animal."**

All sheep must be in the barn for weigh-in by 3 PM on July 19. Weigh-ins will begin at 5 PM on July 19.

All animals must remain in their assigned pens between 11 PM-5 AM. Animals cannot be outside the gates of the fair (i.e. campground or midway) at any time. Animals are to remain around the barn areas.

**The use of muzzles on lambs is prohibited while on the Fayette County Fairgrounds. The use of artificial coloring, painting or changing the breed qualities of a lamb shall be considered fraud and deception and will not be permitted at the Fayette County Fair Junior Market Lamb Show. All market lambs entered in the junior fair and open class market lamb show must be free of all drug residue of any type, including prescribed and illegal, at the time of show and be eligible for immediate harvest following the show. Clear adhesive is acceptable - NO POWDER.**

### **Division A - Market Lamb Showmanship**

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- All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Market Showmanship to be held Wednesday, July 22, following the breeding sheep show.
- Entries will be taken at lamb weigh-in on Sunday, July 19, starting at approximately 5:00 PM after the goats.
- Showmanship contestants may only show a market lamb that he/she owns that has been weighed and tagged. Contestant must be an eligible market lamb exhibitor enrolled in a market lamb project.

Classes:

- SH1. Senior Showmanship: Grades 10, 11 & 12
- SH2. Intermediate Showmanship: Grades 7, 8 & 9
- SH3. Junior Showmanship: Grades 4, 5 & 6
- SH4. Beginner Showmanship: Grade 3

### **Division B - Market Lamb**

July 22 @ Sales Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

- Ownership deadline for all market lambs is May 2 of the current year.
- All market lambs must be ear tagged on May 2, 2026, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the Sheep Barn on the Fayette County Fairgrounds to be eligible for exhibition at the fair. All male lambs must be wethered or banded at the time of tagging. PERFORMANCE Lambs must be weighed at tag-ins. Must have scrapie tag.
- **All market lambs will be identified by ear tags only, received at market lamb tag-in on May 2, to be eligible to compete.**
- **If there is more than one class, the first and second place pens will show for Overall Grand and Reserve pen.**
- All lambs must be in place by 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 19, 2026. A mandatory barn meeting will be held at 3:00 PM prior to weigh-in.

- All lambs will be weighed Sunday, July 19 immediately after the goats at 5 PM. No re-weighs are permitted. It is suggested that lambs be clean and shorn with no more than ¼" of wool above the knees.
- All members may tag in 5 lambs and show 3.
- All sheep must have approved scrapie identification.
- Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 lbs. in order to be eligible for the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.
- Lambs will be shown by breed. No registration papers are required. Classification of breed will be done at Sunday's weigh-in. ALL RECOGNIZED BREEDS in addition to Crossbred, natural colored, and white-face cross (brockle) are included and will be treated as breeds if the minimum of 5 head or 3 exhibitors is met.
- All lambs weighing 90 lbs. and up will show by weight within their classified breeds.
- All exhibitors will be given a card for each market lamb they are exhibiting. Exhibitors must fill out each card with his/her name, both Fayette County fair ear tag number and scrapie tag number, and the breed of his/her lamb. These cards are to be brought to the scales at the time of weigh-in to be processed for weight, breed and sales destination.
- Classification will be done by three individuals evaluating lambs on the breed characteristics of each lamb using guidelines/criteria of breed associations. If the classifiers disagree with the breed the exhibitor designated on his/her card, they can give the exhibitor the choice of going into the breed class in which it actually represents, or defaulting to the crossbred division. There will be no re-classifications.
- Classes will be broken by weight within each breed classification.
- Must be a minimum of 5 lambs or at least 3 different exhibitors in order to make a breed class. Any breed not meeting this will show in All Other Breeds (AOB).
- First and Second Place lambs in each weight class within a breed division will show for Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed must show for Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb.
- Only the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lambs are required to sell in the Fayette County Junior Livestock Sale. Show results will determine sale order.
- Any exhibitor having more than one lamb in a weight class or any Champion drive may have any other eligible Fayette County 4-H or FFA exhibitors show the lamb(s).

Classes:

SH5. Market Lamb

#### **Division C - Fayette County Born & Raised Sheep Contest**

July 22 @ Sales Arena, 3:00 pm

Again this year there will be a Fayette County Born and Raised Sheep Contest. Competition will be limited to Fayette County Junior Fair project exhibitors within the species.

Fayette County born and raised lambs are those lambs born in Fayette County and either raised by the junior fair exhibitor or sold by a breeder to a junior fair exhibitor within Fayette County.

All lambs will be verified with their respective breeders with the scrapie tag number that was provided. Lambs will be shown by weight and will show in their own weight class. The top two lambs from each weight class will come back and compete in the championship drive for Fayette County Born and Raised Champion, Reserve Champion, and Third Overall banners.

The Fayette County Born & Raised Lamb Show is sponsored by Prime Meats & Deli and Rutherford Club Lambs.

#### **Division D - Breeding Sheep**

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- Judging will be held on Wednesday, July 22 beginning at 3:00 PM.
- Breeding sheep must be purebred and recorded with their association; crossbred ewes may be non-registered purebred or crossbred animals. Registration/Entry of breeding stock must be confirmed at weigh in. Animals must be registered in the exhibitors or family name only. All breeding sheep must have a USDA approved scrapie tag to be admitted to the fair.
- Breeding Promotion-- To qualify for a premium, an exhibitor must exhibit the breeding project at the Fair.
- Lambs shown in the breeding show cannot show in market classes.
- Classes will be judged by breed. All recognized breeds may show. Classes will be divided based on participation.
- All lambs must remain in the pens between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM.

Classes:

- SH7. Purebred Ram 1 - 2 years old
- SH8. Purebred Ram Lamb - under 1 year old
- SH9. Grade Ram 1 - 2 years old
- SH10. Grade Ram Lamb - under 1 year old
- SH11. Supreme Ram - any age
- SH12. Purebred Ewe 1 - 2 years old
- SH13. Purebred Ewe Lamb - under 1 year old
- SH14. Grade Ewe 1 - 2 years old
- SH15. Grade Ewe Lamb - under 1 year old
- SH16. Supreme Ewe, any age

**Division E - Breeding Sheep Showmanship**

July 22 @ Sales Arena, see Jr. Fair Schedule

- The Breeding Sheep Showmanship contest will follow the judging of the Breeding Sheep contest.
- Breeding project exhibitors are encouraged to participate.
- Contestants must own their breeding project and have completed a sheep breeding project.

Classes:

- SH17. Senior Sheep Showmanship - grades 10, 11, and 12
- SH18. Intermediate Sheep Showmanship - grades 7, 8, and 9
- SH19. Junior Sheep Showmanship - grades 4, 5, and 6
- SH20. Beginner Sheep Showmanship - grade 3