

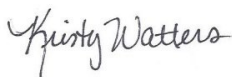
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MEMORANDUM

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To: 4-H and FFA Sheep Exhibitors



From: Kristy Watters, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development

pc: 4-H Club Head Advisors and FFA Advisors

Enclosed find information of interest to you and your family regarding the 2025 Adams County 4-H Market Lamb and Sheep Breeding project and fair opportunities.

Scrapie ID—All sheep (market lambs and breeding sheep) shown at the Adams County Fair MUST have a USDA scrapie tag. Be sure the breeder tags your lambs BEFORE you pick them up and take them home. The purpose of the tag is to be able to track an animal back to its farm of origin if necessary. Sheep with blue, slaughter-only/meat scrapie tags (purchased through an approved livestock market) cannot be used as fair projects, will not be tagged, and will not be admitted to the fairgrounds for exhibition.

Breeding Sheep Fair Entries—All breeding project animals that you plan to show at the Adams County Fair *must* be entered online at <https://go.osu.edu/breedingsheep> on or before May 1. Youth must have been properly enrolled in a breeding project (199) by the February 15 enrollment deadline to exhibit animals in the Sheep Breeding Show at the Fair.

Market Lamb Tag-In—Market lambs will be weighed and tagged as on feed for the Adams County Fair on **Saturday, May 3 from 10-11 a.m.**, at the fairgrounds. You may tag and exhibit three market lambs this year, including family animals.

Family Animal Rule - Each large animal exhibitor will be required to designate at least one animal in his/her name. A family can tag an additional two animals of that species per Junior Fair member as “family” animals. Each exhibitor will have access to no more than three total animals in that species, including “family” animals. State Fair steers and heifers cannot be registered as a family animal. Market rabbit exhibitors must tattoo in 1 pen (2 rabbits) in his/her name. A family can tattoo one additional pen of rabbits as a “family” pen. Each exhibitor will have access to no more than two pens of market rabbits, including “family” pens. This rule does not apply to market poultry. Family is defined as junior fair eligible youth who are legally siblings, half-siblings or step-siblings.

Fair Rules—Please review the following Adams County Junior Fair Market Lamb and Sale rules for 2025. This is **not** a complete list of rules:

1. Record books or Livestock Record Supplement must be submitted prior to show.
2. Market lambs should be 6-8 months old at time of fair check-in and must have all milk teeth intact.
3. Youth may show and sell wether or ewe lambs. *All wethers must be castrated by pre-fair tag-in.*

4. Lambs weighing less than 95 pounds at Fair weigh-in may be shown in designated market class and in showmanship but may not compete for champions and may not be sold in the Livestock Sale. No top weight limit for market lambs.
5. Each class shall have 6-8 lambs at the discretion of management. If there are 54 or more entries, there will be nine classes, three in each division.
6. All non-sale and sheep that will be returning home will be released from the fairgrounds at 10 p.m. on Thursday.
7. Exhibitors **may sell only one Sale unit** unless they have multiple qualifying champions, which must be sold. A sale unit may be one steer, one market swine, one market goat, one market lamb, one pound of butter, one pound of goat milk fudge, one meat pen of rabbits, one meat-type turkey or duck, one pen of meat-type chickens, or one grand or reserve champion baked good. Qualifying champions must be sold- OME's are no longer qualifying champions. The exhibitors of such champions will not be eligible to sell any additional units in the Sale unless those units were also designated as qualifying champions in their respective shows. (See Sale rules for complete details and a list of qualifying champions.)

Sheep Project Guidelines— A table listing the 2025 Sheep Project and Fair Requirements is available on our webpage at adams.osu.edu. The table includes dates and show times of interest to all sheep project members.

Skillathon and Quality Assurance— All 4-H sheep exhibitors are required to participate in the Skillathon. Participation in the Skillathon is *optional* for FFA exhibitors but required for those wishing to compete for OME. This year's skillathons will be held May 6 and 7 at the fairgrounds. Quality Assurance will also be offered several times for those still needing 2025 certification (required to show at the Adams County Fair, state fair, etc.). Check the calendar for dates and times. Please note: Youth 12 and older may have the opportunity to test out of quality assurance at school this year. Check with your FFA advisor for details.

Questions? Don't hesitate to ask. Contact me via email at watters.92@osu.edu or call me at the Extension Office at 937.544.2339.