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Dear Sheep 4-H/FFA Members & Advisors/Instructors:

It's project time! Just a reminder that **all project sheep must be identified**. Breeding sheep need to be registered by May 1, 2017. Organizational advisors/instructors will need to complete included form and turn in to extension office by May 1, 2017. Market lambs will be tagged on: **May 3, 2017 - 5-6:30pm in the Show Arena at the Fairgrounds**. Please make sure your sheep weigh-in card is **completed prior** to getting in line at tag-in. This helps in speeding up the process. During tagging, members must clearly identify which lambs belong to which member. The cards are available at the extension office or we will have some available at tag-in, but you need to make sure cards are complete before getting in line. Please bring a pen with you to complete cards.

Tagging Rules for 2017: Advisors/instructors please make sure members fully understand the following rules:

1. In order to show at the Champaign County Fair, a member **MUST** have their market lambs tagged. If you have a separate set of lambs going to state fair and not coming to county, you need to notify extension office of those lambs with scrapie tag number.
2. You may tag **up to 5 lambs** per exhibitor. (**Note:** a member may only show a maximum of 4 lambs at the fair.) **Only 1 lamb can sell!!**
3. Any lamb that loses its tag must be reported within 24 hours so it may be replaced. Contact: Dennis Kauffman at 663-4268 or the extension office at 484-1526
4. Note: Each lamb **must have a Federal Scrapie ID tag** in their ear to be tagged on May 3. It is required that all sheep and goats (including breeding) coming to the fair will have to have a scrapie ear tag/tattoo. Tags are available through your veterinarian. Records must be kept on the tagged animals for five years.

Requirements to complete your 4-H project for eligibility to participate at fair:

1. Attend a minimum of 5 meetings or more as set by individual clubs.
2. Complete project book and bring to Sheep Skillathon July 19, 2017 (assigned times will be scheduled).
3. Attend a Quality Assurance training program.
4. Exhibitors must complete and turn in (at the fair) a Drug Use Notification Form for each market lamb. Forms will be available for advisors to pick up and distribute to club members.

County Born & Raised Market Lamb Show: A Champaign County Born & Raised Market Lamb show will again be held this year. The show will be held on Monday August 7, 2017, along with the Jr. Fair Sheep Breeding Show and the Sheep Showmanship classes. The rules for this show are:

1. Open to 4-H and FFA members who purchase their lamb from a Champaign county breeder or a 4-H and FFA member who birthed the lamb themselves.

For a lamb to be eligible to show in the Champaign County Born & Raised show, breeders must pay a \$10/head entry fee (maximum of \$100.00). Forms are available from the Champaign County Extension Office. Forms must be signed by an extension office representative, the Breeder, the Buyer, and presented on tag-in day. The **FINAL** deadline to get County Born & Raised Certificates will be April 28, 2017 by 4:30pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** It will be the breeder's responsibility to present forms to the 4-H/FFA buyers at the time of purchase. Forms must be 100% complete at tag-in or will not be accepted. For additional information, please contact Kay North at 937/653-6412.

2. The lamb must have been born in the county and transferred directly from the breeder to the Jr. Fair member on or before May 1, to be eligible for Born & Raised. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
3. The breeder must live in the geographical boundaries of Champaign County or its school districts.
4. This show is a singles show only.
5. The Champion and Reserve Champion will sell with the Champions at the beginning of the lamb sale.
6. All Jr. Fair Market Lamb rules apply to this show.

Fair Rules Reminders:

1. All tags (other than Federal Scrapie I.D. tags) must be removed by tagging day, except lambs entered in the County Born and Raised lamb show.
2. Each member may show a pen of 2 and cannot show more than two pens of 2.
3. The Champion and Reserve Champion market lambs cannot show in the pen of 2.
4. Top 5 lambs will be placed in the Market Show and receive banners.

Good Luck to All,

Melinda Morrison

4-H Extension Educator

c: Dennis Kauffman & FFA Instructors

