

April 28, 2021

To: **ALL SHEEP MEMBERS, ADVISORS & FFA ADVISORS**

It's project time! Just a reminder that **all project sheep must be identified**. Breeding sheep will need to complete a form listing scrapie tag numbers and other identifying tattoo or numbers. Market lambs will be tagged on :

May 5th
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Show Arena at the Fairgrounds

All market lambs will need a tag-in card. These are available at the Extension Office or when you arrive for tag-in. Please make sure your sheep cards are **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.

Tagging Rules for 2021

- ❖ All market lambs **MUST** be tagged with a special Champaign County fair tag in order to be eligible to show at the fair.
- ❖ You may tag **up to 5 lambs** per exhibitor. (**Note:** a member may only show a maximum of 4 lambs at the fair.)
- ❖ Any lamb that loses its tag must be reported within 24 hours so it may be replaced. Contact: the Extension Office at 937-484-1526.
- ❖ Note: Each lamb **must have a Federal Scrapies ID tag** in their ear to be tagged on May 5th. It is required that all sheep and goats (including breeding) coming to the fair will have to have a scrapies ear tag/tattoo. Tags are available through your veterinarian or contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Records must be kept on the tagged animals for five years.

Requirements of completing your project and eligibility to compete at fair.

1. Attend a minimum of 5 meetings or more as set forth by individual clubs.
2. Complete project book/packet and turn in at skillathon.
3. Attend a quality assurance program.
4. Exhibitors must complete the Drug Use Notification Form for each market lamb prior to weigh-ins at the fair. Details of how to complete the forms on-line will be distributed when we receive our county codes for on-line access.

“Born & Raised Market Lamb” Show: A Champaign County “Born & Raised Market Lamb” show will be held on Monday of fair 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 lambd the lamb themselves.
2. The lamb must have been born in the county and transferred directly from the breeder to the Jr. Fair member.
3. The breeder must live in the geographical boundaries of Champaign County or its school districts.
4. This show is a single lamb 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

For a lamb to be eligible to show in the Champaign County Born & Raised show, breeders must pay a \$10/head nomination fee (maximum of \$150.00). 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 Born & Raised Certificates will be April 30th by 4:30 P.M. **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 Lee Meyers.

Reminders:

1. All tags (other than Federal Scrapies I.D. tags) must be removed by tagging day.
2. Market lambs must be slick shorn to show and ½ inch or less and dry to weigh in.
3. Each member may show a pen of 2 and may not show more than two pens of 2.
4. The Champion and Reserve Champion market lamb cannot show in the pen of 2.

Good Luck to All,

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