



2024 Greene County Fair Sheep Exhibitor Letter and Rules

Welcome, sheep exhibitors! Please read and be aware of the following rules and information regarding sheep projects as there have been changes made from previous years.

Any/all pre-fair requirements (i.e., QA, pictures, pen assignments, etc.) **MUST** be completed by posted due date(s). Failure to complete any/all requirements, as required, will result in the exhibitor not being allowed to bring, able to show and/or sell livestock projects.

All exhibitors and parents must be aware of these rules and sign for their acknowledgement and agreement to follow these rules at the time of the exhibitor's lamb tag-in. Out of fairness to everyone, there will be no exceptions to these rules.

Should a situation, question, or concern arise that is not specifically referenced in these rules, the Greene County Ohio 4-H/ FFA Sheep committee will work together to find a solution/make a decision. The Greene County 4-H/FFA Sheep Committee further reserves the right to determine unforeseen matters not covered by these rules, to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment may determine.

The rules listed below are expected to be followed, along with rules cited by the USDA, ODA, and Ohio Revised Code regarding livestock exhibition.

We are here to help you make this a successful and fun year. If at any time you have a question or concern, please contact the extension office prior to any due dates and they will put you in touch with a committee member that can help you.

All Sheep projects

Animal health

Health certificates will not be required, except for out-of-state lambs which must be accompanied with a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days preceding the exhibition opening date (per, 'Redbook', see page 64). Sheep will be checked by a veterinarian upon arrival to the fairgrounds. All sheep must show no symptoms or evidence of any infectious/contagious disease. Any sheep showing signs of, but not limited to, sore mouth, ringworm, foot rot, or rectal prolapse, will not be permitted to show at the fair and will be sent home immediately. All animals must be checked by the fair veterinarian prior to unloading. Any animal requiring medication during fair week must have it administered by the fair veterinarian. Exhibitors must comply with Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules. The sheep committee will provide a copy of chapter 901-19 upon request, but it is available anytime on the USDA website.

Bedding

Shavings, Straw, and mulch are all acceptable forms of bedding. Carpet will not be permitted. All exhibitors' pens must have clean, dry bedding at all times until animals leave the grounds.

Neglect of this could result in potential removal from the grounds.

Grooming

In adherence to the Ohio Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules chapter 901-19, exhibitors are not permitted to use any artificial coloring (such as shoe polish, paint, hair dye, etc.) or any appearance modifications (such as, but not limited to, placement of ice, ice water rags on the animal, or any similar type of practice). In addition, in accordance with the fair book, the only persons permitted to groom, feed and/or care for the 4-H/FFA members sheep are: The 4-H/FFA member, parents, legal-guardians, grandparents, siblings of the 4-H/FFA member, other 4-H/FFA members of Greene County, or an advisor/sheep committee member. If you need assistance in grooming your animal, it must be done prior to the arrival to the Greene County Fair. Once you have completed lamb weigh-in, the lambs have been checked by the Greene County Fair appointed Veterinarian and released to members assigned pen for the fair, the only persons permitted to groom your sheep are those listed/referenced above. Any violation to grooming rules the exhibitor may be subject to discipline action as described in *section 901-19- 21 under the OH livestock tampering exhibitor rules.*

Dress Code

Dress Codes are in place and will be enforced for both show and sale events for all exhibitors. Jeans, closed toe shoes/boots, and dress/show shirts are preferred. Please do not wear shorts, t-shirts, or open toes shoes in the show/sale ring.

Champion Exhibitor

All livestock exhibitors must complete the skillathon to be eligible to compete for champion exhibitor project at the Greene County Fair. The champion exhibitor project is determined by taking the class placing (of your highest placing lamb), combining it with showmanship placing, skillathon score, and livestock judging score.

Fair Entry

Fair Entry will be used, and it is necessary to fill out all the required information completely and correctly. If a sheep committee member needs to modify or complete your entry after the due date, there will be a \$20.00 fee assessed per change. If the fee is not paid, the animal will not be permitted on the grounds or able to be shown at the fair. If you have questions regarding your submissions to Fair Entry, please contact a sheep committee member. The date on which Fair Entry submissions are due will be announced by the Greene County Extension Office (most likely you will see this in June or July). Please be aware that Fair Entry submissions are confirmations of exactly which animals are coming to the fair. At this time, animals must be declared by the exhibitor if tagged under your family name (child specific).

Market lambs will need their tag numbers from tag in, along with the coordinating Scrapie information. The breeding sheep will need the Scrapie numbers, age (yearling or lamb), breed, sex of lamb (ewe or ram). Again, please make sure all fair tags and Scrapie tags match to each animal.

Sheep Showmanship

4-H and FFA members participating in the showmanship class must show their own animal. Exhibitors will show in their respective age group and will not be permitted to show with a halter. There will be 3 market divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) There will be two divisions for breeding showmanship, unless there are very few participants, in this case, classes will be combined. A novice class will be offered to all, first year sheep exhibitors. There will be no age limit in this class.

Market Lamb Projects

All sheep being shown at the Greene County Fair in market lamb classes must be born no earlier than January 1st of the current year. A weight of 50-60 pounds as of May 1st of the current year is recommended to meet weight requirements at fair time. Sheep weighing less than 90 pounds will be eligible to sell through the 4-H / FFA sale but will need to weigh 90 pounds or more to compete for the champion lamb at time of weigh in of the Greene County Fair.

All exhibitors will be required to fill out the online drug use notification form. If you need help locating this form, please feel free to reach out to a sheep committee member or 4-H / FFA advisor.

Market lambs showing any evidence of testicular tissue will be ineligible to show in a market class. This should be checked when the lambs are purchased as well as throughout the project year.

Quality Assurance

Every participant taking a market lamb project must attend a quality assurance session. There are several sessions from which you are able to choose from. Please see the 4-H calendar for QA possibilities. We strongly encourage all livestock exhibitors to take extra care to keep accurate medication records and follow withdrawal times closely. Remember that some of the commercial feeds are medicated and withdrawal times will need to be adhered to.

Tagging

Market lamb tag-in will be from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM on May 4, 2024. Watch for details to be printed in the Greene Clover and posted on the Greene County 4-H/FFA Sheep Committee Facebook page on the exact location. Exhibitors and a parent/legal guardian (if under the age of 18) must be present at tag-in. All market lambs, **including homegrown**, will be tagged at this time. All market lambs must have an official USDA Scrapie tag prior to being tagged. The Sheep Committee will be charging **\$5.00** per tag. If a lamb is homegrown, the online homegrown form must be completely filled out, following all rules described on the form, and submitted online by April 15th. **Homegrown lambs will not be tagged at the farm.** When submitting the online homegrown form, a photo of the lamb at the mother's side showing a readable scrapie tag in the lamb's ear is required. If a photo is not submitted or submitted correctly, the lamb will show

in the regular market class only. Please note, ram lambs must be castrated (banded) by tag-in. (According to the state of Ohio, castration in lambs should be done by the time they are 75 pounds).

An exhibitor may have a maximum of four lambs tagged. The extra animal is tagged to compensate for the death of any animal and to give the exhibitor experience in selection. Only three lambs may be brought to the fair with one of those being sold through the 4-H / FFA sale. The second and/or third lamb(s) may be taken home or consigned through the Greene County sheep market sale. Lambs that were tagged under the family name will need to be declared when Fair Entry (pen assignments) submissions are due (generally June or July). Each child will need to advise of what tag number will be in their name, as the family name can no longer be used after this point or a child with four lambs will need to pick the three to go to fair.

Do not remove ear tags unless for a medical emergency. If a problem arises due to an infected ear or if a tag is pulled out, please contact Danny Barron 937-604-9213 immediately. Sheep that are not tagged will not be eligible to show at the fair. Sheep that do not have both the coordinating Scrapie tag and the Greene County Fair RFID tag, will not be eligible to show at the fair.

Shearing

It is recommended that the lambs be rough sheared in May and again two weeks prior to the fair. For showing, all market lambs must be slick shorn, Wool must be less than ¼ inches in length, and must be shorn of equal length above the hocks. Any lamb not in compliance will be allowed to show for grade only. Grooming areas must be kept clean at all times. No wool is to be left on the ground or surrounding areas in the barns or outside.

Homegrown Lambs

In order to qualify for the homegrown market lamb show, the lamb must be born on land or facilities that are owned, rented, or leased by immediate family members and housed in Greene County from an ewe owned by the 4-H/FFA member, or immediate family member (parent, step-parent, grandparent, or sibling). Lambs that have been claimed as homegrown may be subject to random unannounced spot checks. These lambs are to be part of the exhibitor's market sheep project and will need to follow all regulations pertaining to the market lamb project. The lamb(s) will be shown in the regular market lamb show according to the classifications and weight. It will be counted in the total number of lambs allowed to be shown during the fair.

If a lamb is homegrown, the online homegrown form must be completely filled out, following all rules described on the form, and submitted online by April 15th. **Homegrown lambs will not be tagged at the farm.** You will bring them to normal tag-in at the fairgrounds from 8:00-9:00 AM on May 4, 2024. When submitting the online homegrown form, a photo of the lamb at the mother's side showing a readable scrapie tag in the lamb's ear is required. If a photo is not submitted, the lamb will show in the regular market class only. Please note, ram lambs must be castrated (banded) by tag-in. (According to the state of Ohio, castration in lambs should be done by the time they are 75 pounds).

Open Market Show Class

If you would like to show in the market lamb open show, you must make your entry by the deadline and pay the appropriate fees. If you are showing a breeding ewe lamb, you may also show that same ewe lamb in the open show (not the 4-H show, but the open show).

Breeding Sheep

Breeding sheep are to be in the possession of the exhibitor by June 1st of the present year. Fair Entry submissions must be filled out completely and on time in order to show at the fair and secure a spot in the barn. Official USDA Scrapie tags are required for all sheep entering the Greene County Fair.

Breeding Classes

Breeding classes are as follows: Yearling Ram, Ram Lamb, Yearling Ewe, Ewe Lamb. Sheep shown in the breeding show may not show in the market show (except ewe lambs may be shown in the open market show). A champion will be selected from each breed and will be called back to compete for supreme breeding ewe and supreme breeding ram (there will be two supreme breeding sheep – one ewe and one ram). There is a maximum of two entries per class per breed per exhibitor. First year breeding sheep exhibitors may carry a maximum of four Sheep; second year exhibitors may carry a maximum of six sheep; third year exhibitors may carry a maximum of eight sheep. Only in the yearling classes are exhibitors permitted to have a helper. The helper must be a 4-H / FFA member of Greene County and is allowed to help set hind legs and will not be in control of the sheep.

Royalty

There are positions open for the Lamb & Wool Queen/King, as well as the Lamb & Wool Princess/Prince. The queen/king must be at least 14 years of age as of January 1st of the present year. The princess/prince must be 13 years or younger as of January 1 of the present year. Both must be actively involved in a sheep project for at least one year.

Barn Theme

There will be a barn theme. Watch for emails for an updated theme. Get creative and have fun! Decorations are to be kept out of reach of sheep and isles must be kept clear. Decorations must be appropriate and are judged on an individual basis. Pens will be judged on Sunday morning of fair week and the winner will be announced during the costume class so that all will be present to receive their prizes. There will be a first, second, and third place winner.

Sheep Decorating

There will be a sheep decorating contest with divisions for peewee, 4-H age, and adult (depending on the number of entries). Get creative and decorate yourself and your lamb! Costumes must be family/fair appropriate. Sign up will be in the sheep barn at 11:00am day of show. A \$5.00 entry fee will be required at registration

Code of Conduct

Exhibitors and their family members are required to follow the rules of the Greene County Fair Book as well as the Greene County Ohio 4-H / FFA Sheep Committee rules. Please see the Greene County Fairbook for rules and guidelines regarding grooming, behavior, and other expectations.

As listed under Ohio Livestock Tampering Rules 901-19-13 subsection (B) Hitting, striking, beating, or otherwise impacting livestock that induces swelling or enhances, transforms or changes the true conformation, configuration, or appearance of the livestock will not be permitted. If such an act is witnessed the exhibitor and their family will be asked to leave the grounds immediately.

The exhibitor and parent/guardian are responsible for knowing the guidelines, rules and laws set forth by ODA, the Senior Fair Board, 4-H, and FFA programs., and are responsible to abide by these rules. The exhibitor and their families are absolutely liable for any unlawful or unacceptable practice done to livestock. Ignorance of the law or rules will not be accepted. To maintain a high degree of confidence in livestock show, the aforementioned entities reserve the right to disqualify any animals that are found not to be free of unlawful substance or an unacceptable practice. All animals, and exhibitors and families involved given evidence of such treatment, will be barred from competition at the Greene County Fair.

Greene County Ohio 4-H / FFA Sheep Committee has a Facebook page! The latest news and happenings will be posted on this page. The sheep committee will be sending out emails and posting on Facebook as we approach fair week regarding fair week schedule, due dates/times, and important updates and reminders.

On behalf of the Greene County Ohio 4-H / FFA Sheep Committee we want to Thank you for your interest in Sheep and look forward to seeing each one of you at the 2024 Greene County Fair!



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