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.

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 tag-in. Out of fairness to everyone, there will be no exceptions to these rules.

We are here to help you. If at any time you have a question or concern please contact the Extension Office prior to any due dates.

All Sheep Projects

Animal Health

Health certificates will not be required, except possibly for sheep purchased from outside the state of Ohio. Sheep will be checked by a veterinarian upon arrival to the fairgrounds. All sheep must show no symptoms or evidence of an infectious/contagious disease. Any sheep showing signs of, but not limited to, sore mouth, ring worm, foot rot, or rectal prolapse, will not be permitted to show at the fair and will be sent home. 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

Mulch is the preferred bedding. Shavings and straw are acceptable. Carpet is NOT permitted.

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 Fairbook, the only persons permitted to groom, feed and/or care for a 4H
animal are: The 4H-er, parents, legal-guardians, siblings of the 4H-er, other 4H members of Greene County, or an advisor. **If you need assistance in grooming your animal, it must be done prior to your arrival to the fair.** Once you are checked in (weighed-in, vet checked) the only persons permitted to groom your animal are those listed above.

**Dress Codes**

Dress codes are in place and will be enforced for both show and sale nights. Jeans, boots, and dress shirts are preferred. Please do not wear shorts or t-shirts.

**Champion Exhibitor**

All livestock exhibitors must complete the Skill-a-Thon 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 sheep), combining it with showmanship placing, Skill-a-Thon score, and livestock judging score.

**State Fair**

Please watch the Ohio State Fair website for entry deadlines (usually the first part of June). In order to register a project at the state fair, you must be enrolled and tagged-in for that project at the Greene County Fair.

**FairEntry**

FairEntry will be used again this year. It is a necessity to fill out all required information. 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 shown at the fair. If you have questions regarding FairEntry, please contact the Extension Office.

The date on which FairEntry submissions are due will be announced by the Extension Office (usually June or July). Please be aware that FairEntry submissions are confirmations of exactly which animals are coming to the fair. **At this time, animals must be declared by an exhibitor if lambs were tagged in under a family name.** Market lambs will need their tag number from weigh-in; breeding sheep will need Scrapie numbers, birthdates, breed, ewe/ram.

**Sheep Showmanship**

4H or FFA members participating in the Showmanship Class must show their own animal. Participants may not show with a halter. Exhibitors will show in their respective age group. There will be 10 market classes unless there are very few participants, in which case, classes will be combined. There will be two divisions for breeding showmanship, unless there are very few participants, in which case, classes will be combined.
Market Lamb Projects (including Homegrown)

Lambs must be born no earlier than January 1st of the current year. A weight of 50-60 pounds as of May 1 of the current year is recommended to meet weight requirements at fair time. Lambs weighing less than 90 lbs at the time of weigh in will not be sold through the sale. The minimum weight of market lambs is 90 lbs at the time of weigh in; there is no maximum.

All exhibitors are required to fill out a Drug Use Notification Form, and Producers Affidavit (if Producers is running our sale)

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 summer.

Quality Assurance

Every youth taking a market animal project must attend a Quality Assurance session. There are several sessions from which to choose. Please see the 4H 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:

The day for ear tagging market lambs has been set for Saturday, May 1st from 8:00 - 9:00 am at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors and a parent/legal guardian (if under the age of 18) MUST be present at tag-in. Homegrown market lambs must be tagged prior to April 4th. All market lambs must have an official USDA Scrapie tag prior to being tagged. The Sheep Committee will be charging $4.00 per tag. If a lamb is Homegrown, it is the exhibitors’ responsibility to contact Crissy Spracklen at 937-631-4267 to schedule an appointment to have the lambs tagged at your home. Homegrown lambs may be tagged as soon as selections have been made, but must be done prior to April 4th and must be at their mother’s side.

Please note, ram lambs must be castrated (banded) by weigh-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 death of any animal and to give the exhibitor experience in selection. Only three of the lambs may be brought to the fair with a total of one animal being sold. (The second and/or third lamb may be taken home or consigned). Lambs may be tagged under a family name if there is more than one 4H / FFA member taking a market lamb project. Lambs will be declared when FairEntry submissions are due (usually June or July).
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 call Crissy Spracklen at 937-631-4267 immediately. Animals that are not tagged 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" 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.

**Homegrown Lambs**

In order to qualify for the Homegrown Market Lamb Show, the lamb must be born and housed in Greene County from a ewe owned by the 4H/FFA member, or immediate family member (parent, step-parent, grandparent or sibling), at a location in Greene County 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.

**Open Market Class Show**

If you would like to show in the Open Market Lamb Show, you must make your entry by the deadline (available from the fair office: 937-372-8621) 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 4H 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.

FairEntry 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.

**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 animals; second year exhibitors may carry a maximum of six animals; third year exhibitors may carry a maximum of eight animals.

Only in the yearling classes are exhibitors permitted to have a helper. The helper must be a 4H/FFA member of Greene County and is allowed to help set hind legs, not control the sheep.

**Royalty**

There are positions open for a Lamb and Wool Queen, and Lamb and Wool Princess again this year along with Lamb and Wool Prince and Lamb and Wool King. The queen/king must be at least 14 years of age as of January 1 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 lamb/sheep project for at least one year.

**Barn Theme**

We will be decorating the barn again this year! Watch for emails for an updated theme. Get creative and have fun! As always, decorations are to be kept out of reach of animals and isles must be kept clear. Decorations must be appropriate and are judged on an individual basis. Pens will be judged on Saturday morning and the winner will be announced during the exhibitor’s meeting so that all will be present to receive their prizes. There will be a first, second, and third place winner.

**Sheep Decorating**

We will have a sheep decorating contest again this year with divisions for peewee, 4H age, and adult (depending on entry numbers). Get creative and decorate yourself and your sheep! As always, costumes must be appropriate. To sign up for this fun event, please see the fair office.

**Code of Conduct**

Exhibitors and their family members are required to follow the rules of the Fairbook as well as the Sheep Committee rules. Please see the Fairbook for rules and guidelines regarding grooming, behavior and other expectations.

**Updated Information**

The Sheep Committee has an Instagram page! Check us out at @greeneecosheepcommittee! The latest news and happenings will be posted on this page.
The Sheep Committee will be sending out emails as we approach fair week regarding
the fair week schedule, due dates and times, and important updates and reminders.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the Greene County Fair!

The Greene County Sheep Committee:

Danny Barron, Kim Weckler, Mike Mueller, Gail Mueller, Alan Spracklen and Crissy
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