



Brown County Junior Fair

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TO: Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitor:

FROM: Christie Bailey, Superintendent, Brown County Junior Fair Sheep Department *CMB*

Exhibitors: Please keep this letter. It contains valuable information pertaining to your Sheep project. Share this information with your parents/guardians.

This letter contains information you need regarding your Sheep Project (market and/or breeding) for this year.

Quality Assurance - Any youth wishing to exhibit an animal at the fair is required to complete Quality Assurance. An animal project will be defined as any animal project that is exhibited at the fair EXCEPT: Companion Animals: dogs, cats, and projects taken through the Pet Rabbit or Pocket Pet projects. All Quality Assurance must be completed, and documentation submitted to the OSU Extension office by July 1, 2024. Those wishing to show at the State Fair must complete QA by June 1st.

QA information can be found on the website here: <https://go.osu.edu/brownqa>

Quality Assurance may be taught by a school's Agriculture Education teacher. If you are in an Agriculture Education class, check with your teacher to confirm.

If you choose to attend QA through a different county or source, you are responsible for any associated fees and must submit your completed paperwork by the deadline of July 1st.

Leasing of breeding animals will be allowed, following the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Brown County Fair guidelines. Animal leasing guidelines are included with this letter and can also be found by going to <https://brown.osu.edu/exhibitorletters>.

Tag-In Information

- All market and breeding **MUST** tag in on June 1, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds in Georgetown, to show at the Brown County Fair. All lambs must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor by June 1 of the current year.
- Prior to tag-in, please remove all tags from your lamb's ears **except the scrapie** identification tags. These are federal USDA identifiers, and it is illegal to remove them. All lambs **MUST** have a scrapie tag in one ear at tag-in. If you have purchased a lamb and it doesn't have the tag, check with the breeder prior to tag-in.
- You may tag-in 5 market lambs and show 3 lambs but only sell one in the sale. At the fair, your other lamb(s) may be put on the stockyard truck, taken home, or sold private treaty.
- **New for 2024**, you may tag in 5 breeding ewes and show 3.
- After tag-in you will be receiving information on how to select your classes for the fair. You will be required to log-into an online system and select your classes.
- Your lambs must be docked and castrated.

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Important Information

1. The sheep skill-a-thon is **mandatory for all exhibitors**. All exhibitors are required to complete one skill-a-thon and one project record book check for a project in which they are enrolled. Skill-a-thons and book checks will be offered September 4th, 5th, and 7th in Rhonemus Hall on the fairgrounds. Specific times will be announced closer to the date. If you are exhibiting an animal that requires skill-a-thon, you **MUST** complete that skill-a-thon, additional skill-a-thons are optional, but encouraged.
2. If an exhibitor cannot show due to another Brown County Junior Fair scheduling conflict, they must make prior arrangements with another **Brown County Junior Fair Exhibitor** to show their sheep. They must wear the back number of the owner that coincides with the sheep tag number. Please advise superintendent of such conflict by Tuesday noon of show week.
3. Brown County Born and Raised has been added on Thursday at 9 a.m. for sheep.
4. Closer to fair, you will be receiving information on completing your **required** Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF). These **MUST** be completed, or you will **NOT** be eligible to show. Please pay close attention to this information.

Breeding Class Information – Breeding ewes (Yearling & Senior) must be tagged and weighed at the time of tag in. All breeding will be weighed at the fair check-in and shown by breed. All breeding must have scrapie identification tag by June 1st, in order to tag-in.

- Yearling ewe lambs will be born after October 1, of the previous year.
- Senior ewes will be born before October 1, of the previous year.
- Each exhibitor can tag in five ewe lambs for this class.
- Each exhibitor can show three ewe lambs.
- Breeding ewe lambs cannot show in any other class, except showmanship.
- Supreme Champion Ewe will be determined by showing the breeding class winners.

Class Information - ALL lambs that win first or second in class, will be required to show for champion. First and second place lambs will wait in the make-up area.

All Market Champions must sell.

- Grand and Reserve Junior Fair Market
- Production Champion
- Grand and Reserve Born and Raised Market

Fair Check-In

- Check-in for the fair will be Sunday, September 22nd from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. At this time, a weigh master will weigh-in your lamb.
- Your lamb must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds to show in the junior shows. If your lamb weighs less than 100 pounds, it will be able to stay and show in Underweight Grade Only class. You will be permitted to show the lamb in showmanship class. Underweight lambs will not be allowed to sell during the premium sale.
- There will also be a drug use form that must be completed online prior to Fair Check-in Day.
- Please be sure to bring a picture of you and your lamb to check-in. This will be put on your buyer's card.
- Remember, we encourage you to invite buyers to support all members at the Junior Fair Sales. When visiting buyers, thank them for their support in the past, and ask them to join us again for the Junior Fair Sales this year.
- Should something happen to your lamb project prior to the fair, you may bring a poster or display and be interviewed by a judge at the fair to complete your project.

Sheep Department Dress Code To Be Followed On Both Show Day & Sale Day

1. A button/snap and collared shirt (Western or Polo) closed within one button from the top.
2. Shirts must be tucked in all the way around.
3. Shirt may be long or short sleeved (NOT sleeveless).
4. No logos or advertisements on shirts other than company tags (eg. Western, Levi, etc.)
5. Long pants – neat and clean with no rips or tears.
6. Wear a sturdy, closed toed shoe for health and safety.
7. No hats, no T-shirts and no shorts in the show or sale ring.
8. No skin is to be showing – midriff, leg or chest areas.

JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITORS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ASKED NOT TO SOLICIT BUYERS DURING THE JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.