



Brown County Junior Fair

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TO: Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitor:

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

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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 - All members in market beef, sheep, swine; members in dairy cattle, dairy & meat goats, meat chickens, turkeys, meat rabbits, ducks and geese, are required to complete a Quality Assurance Program. QA programs are being offered live virtually or you may choose to do the modules online. Dates and times are being sent by email and are on the website here: <https://brown.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance>

Pending we can have face-to-face meetings after July 6th there will be one Quality Assurance offered in person in July. The deadline to complete QA has been extended to August 1st. If you choose to attend QA through a different county or approved source, you are responsible for any associated fees and must submit your completed paperwork by the deadline of August 1st.

**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.

Any youth wishing to exhibit at the **Ohio State Fair MUST complete Quality Assurance prior to the start of the state fair (2020 only).**

Tag-In Information

- All market and commercial lambs and breeding sheep **MUST** tag in on July 25th, 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 July 18th, 2020.
- 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.
- Prior to tag-in, please remove all tags from your lamb's ears **except the scrapie** identification tags. These are federal USDA tags and it is illegal to remove them. All lambs **MUST** have a scrapie tag in one ear at tag-in. If you 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.
- The fair veterinarian will be standing by, at tag-in, to make sure your lambs are docked and castrated. Please make sure this is done before tag-in to alleviate the stress on your animal. If you do not have this done by tag-in, the veterinarian will dock and castrate, at your expense.

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Important Information

1. The sheep skill-a-thon is **mandatory**. The exhibitors must complete one of the skill-a-thons offered at tag in, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. or on Sunday of fair check in, immediately after the barn meeting. This must be completed for the exhibitor to qualify to show.
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. A new class may be added on Thursday for sheep that are Brown County Born and Raised.

Breeding Class Information - Commercial ewe lambs and breeding ewes must be tagged but will not be weighed. All ewe lambs must have scrapie identification tag by June 1st, in order to tag-in.

- Commercial ewe lamb class
 - Each exhibitor can tag-in two ewe lambs for this class.
 - Each exhibitor can show two ewe lambs.
 - Breeding ewe lambs cannot show in any other class.
 - The first place commercial ewe lamb can show for Supreme Champion Ewe.
 - Two females will constitute one (1) project, whether they are breeding and/or commercial ewe lambs.
- Breeding ewe lambs will be born after October 1, 2019
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- Supreme Champion Ewe will be determined by showing the breeding sheep champion against the commercial ewe lamb champion.

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.

Fair Check-In

- Check-in for the fair will be Sunday, September 27th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. At this time, a weigh master will weigh-in your lamb, and you will be assigned to a pen.
- Your lamb must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds to stay on the fairgrounds. 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 filled out and a parent's signature is required. Therefore, it is important that a parent/guardian be with you. A parent/guardian being present will also help those of you who have several trips to make and will aid you if your lamb is underweight and is sent back home.
- 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

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 FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.