May 12, 2021

TO: Junior Fair Sheep Exhibitor:

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

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, 2021. 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](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.

**Tag-In Information**

- All market and breeding **MUST** tag in on June 12, 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.
- 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 identifiers, 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.
Important Information
1. The sheep skill-a-thon is mandatory. The exhibitors must complete one of the skill-a-thons offered at tag in, to be determined 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. Brown County Born and Raised has been added on Thursday at 9 a.m. for sheep.

Breeding Class Information – Breeding ewes and ewe lambs must be tagged but do not have to be weighed. All breeding will be weighed at the fair check-in and shown by weight in their age category. 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 two ewe lambs for this class
- Each exhibitor can show two ewe lambs
- Breeding ewe lambs cannot show in any other class
- Two females will constitute one (1) project
- 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 26th 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 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 filled out and a parent’s signature is required.
- 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 JUNIOR FAIR SALES. PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH YOUR BUYERS BEFORE THE FAIR STARTS.