

**2024 MARKET LAMB, CARCASS LAMB & SHEEP BREEDING GUIDELINES
MARKET LAMB COMMITTEE**

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Market & Carcass Lamb Weigh-In: During Check – In, Tuesday: Scales

Carcass Lambs: Ultrasound: Lamb Barn - Wednesday, August 28, 10:00 a.m.

Carcass Lamb: On Hoof Judging – Wednesday, August 28, 1:00 p.m.

(Will announce Grand & Reserve Carcass Lambs on Thursday during the Market Lamb Show)

JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP & MARKET LAMB SHOW

Thursday, August 29, 11:00 a.m.

Sheep Showmanship: Senior, Intermediate, Junior

Market Lambs: Lightweight to Heavyweight - Will place Grand & Reserve Champion Market Lamb

Announce Outstanding Exhibitor - An Outstanding Exhibitor Award will be presented to the individual who has the highest combined scores in the Market Sheep Skillathon and Sheep Showmanship.

SHEEP BREEDING to follow

Purebred or high grade may be exhibited at the Mahoning County Junior Fair. No ram lambs may be exhibited.

Class 1. Ewe Lamb Under 1 Year Old: Member must show an ewe lamb of any breed under the age of 1 year old.

Class 2. Yearling Ewe Over One Year and Under 2 Years: Member must show an ewe of any breed over the age of one and under the age of 2 years.

First and Second place winners will return to compete for Grand and Reserve Champion.

(Ewes older than the classes listed above are highly encouraged to show in the register and show in the Open Class Show.)

MARKET LAMB, CARCASS LAMB, AND SHEEP BREEDING GUIDELINES

MEMBERSHIP: Open to any Mahoning County Youth ages 8 and in the third grade to 18 years old inclusive on January 1 of the current year. Member must be enrolled in a local 4-H club, FFA chapter, Farm Bureau Youth, or a current member of the Mahoning County Market Livestock Club/Mahoning County Junior Fair. To exhibit in the Junior Fair, members must have enrolled in the Market Lamb, Carcass Lamb and/or Sheep Breeding project by March 15, 2024. Junior Fair Information and Guideline Receipt Form must be submitted online to the by April 19, 2024

REQUIREMENTS:

- **MEETING REQUIREMENTS:** Mandatory - Members taking the Market/Carcass/Breeding Lamb Project must attend at least two Mahoning County Market Lamb Meetings. Meeting dates are available on the Junior Fair Website. The Market Livestock Skillathon, Ice Cream Social, or Shearing/Showmanship Clinic will count toward meeting requirements. This does not include attendance to Quality Assurance. All market livestock members and at least one parent/guardian must attend one Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program or fulfill the optional requirements for the Mahoning County Quality Assurance Program in order to exhibit and sell their market/carcass/breeding lamb at the fair. The member will receive a Quality Assurance Certification Form for proof that this program has been completed. It may be required for the member to present this certificate at weigh-in. **All members must attend the mandatory tagging & weigh in clinic.**
- **ENTRY SHEET - MANDATORY:** To exhibit in the Junior Fair, member must complete and submit a Junior Fair Entry Form by the date specified by the Canfield Fair Office. If a Junior Fair Entry Form is not submitted, then the youth will NOT be permitted to exhibit their animal in the Junior Fair Show. Notification must be made to a committee member and Junior Fair Management no less than one week prior to fair entry day if an animal is not going to be exhibited at the fair. If no notification is given, Junior Fair participation in this project can be denied the next year.
- **EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY** Each exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming, and preparation of their animal(s) prior to and during the 2024 Mahoning County Junior Fair; and to comply with the "Exhibitor Only" policy, which encourages youth to be the primary individual responsible for this market animal and to properly represent agriculture to the public.
- **COMPLETED RECORD BOOK & THANK YOU ARE MANDATORY:** All members taking a Market Lamb & Carcass must complete and submit record books by 6:00 p.m. Thursday following the Junior Fair Show to the Market Lamb Committee at the Junior Fair Clean Up. **Members must notify a committee member if they have a conflict with this time.** Members not complying can expect a \$25.00 deduction from their market check. The funds deducted will be donated toward the Jim Baer Scholarship Fund. No check will be given until the requirements are fulfilled. Completed books will be available for pick-up at Check Night.
- **2024 MARKET SALE PICTURE POLICY:** All members planning to exhibit Market Livestock in the Junior Fair Show **MUST SUBMIT A PICTURE Form online that can be found on the Junior Fair website on the Market Lamb page.** Pictures should include the youth and the animal they plan to exhibit by August 15. If the member has not chosen their final animal when photos must be submitted, then the member must submit photos with each animal and submit the youth's name and animal identification with these photos. Photos should be landscape and saved as a jpeg file. Pictures must be clear with a quality of at least a 300 dpi. Youth must be dressed appropriately, and animals must be clean and represent a final market project. If the photo submitted is not a quality photo, the member will be notified to resubmit the photo. **PHOTOS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK. IF NO PHOTO IS SUBMITTED, THE ANIMAL WILL BE SOLD AT THE END OF JUNIOR FAIR MARKET LAMB SALE and WILL BE LISTED IN THE SALE BILL AS HAVING NO PHOTO AVAILABLE.** Youth without photos will also not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Keep in mind that our buyers look forward to these photos to show pride in their purchase. A photo is a simple way to thank your buyer.

- **POST FAIR CLEAN UP:** NO STRIPPING OF GOAT PENS MONDAY EVENING. The Market Lamb committee is requesting members and families to come Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. to clean and put away pens. If unable to attend Thursday evening, members must clean (completely strip) their pen prior to 6:00 p.m. Thursday following the Junior Fair exhibition or make arrangements within your club and/or another exhibitor to make sure your pen is cleaned. Manure should be taken to the manure pit. Manure pits should only contain manure, straw & sawdust. Garbage (paper, pop cans, plastic, etc...) should be disposed of in garbage cans. We highly recommend bedding remains in the pen until Tuesday a.m., so animals still have bedding until they are hauled. **PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors not cleaning/stripping their pen following the Junior Fair Show will be notified of their negligence and fined a \$25.00 stall cleaning fee WILL BE CHARGED. These funds will be deposited in the Jim Baer Market Livestock Scholarship Fund.**

SHOW/SALE ATTIRE: All exhibitors are required to wear appropriate dress for both handling and showing of animals. For safety reasons, all youth must wear closed toe shoes/boots and jeans. As we are in the public view, dress code while working with animals should be reflective of the agricultural industry. During fair weigh-in, the show, and the sale; exhibitors are expected to dress in their best jeans/show pants, Market Livestock shirt for weight classes; and/or Market Livestock shirt, clean t-shirt or collared shirt, or nice button show shirt; closed toe, leather shoes/boots. No casual footwear such as sneakers, sandals, flip-flops, or rubber barn boots may be worn in the show ring. Low cut shirts, tank tops, torn clothing, novelty t-shirts, cut-offs, low cut jeans and like style clothing will not be tolerated and are not considered appropriate show attire. Exhibitors dressed in such clothing shall not be permitted to enter the show/sale ring. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!

MANDATORY: ALL YOUTH WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MARKET LIVESTOCK CLUB SHIRT COMPLIMENTS OF MILSEK FURNITURE POLISH, INC. THIS T-SHIRT WILL BE REQUIRED ATTIRE IN EACH MARKET CLASS. THIS T-SHIRT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN SHOWMANSHIP OR DURING THE SALE.

Please be reminded of the following: No individual club shirts may be worn to show Market Livestock. Individual club shirts may be worn during the sale & for pictures. If a youth does not have a club shirt or special attire for pictures, then it is highly recommended they wear their new Market Livestock shirt.

SECURING MARKET & CARCASS LAMBS: PLEASE NOTE: Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show and intended to be sold for slaughter in the current project year, **MAY NOT** be exhibited in any other county junior fair market livestock show intended for sale.

1. Lambs must be born between January 1, 2024 and March 31, 2024.
2. Lambs must be secured and in member's possession by the date of mandatory tagging & weigh-in. The member will be responsible for all care on and after this date. Market livestock animals which are tagged to be exhibited in the Mahoning County Junior Fair Show and are intended to be sold for slaughter in the current project year, **MAY NOT** be exhibited in any other state/county junior fair market livestock show intended for sale.
3. Animals must be housed at the place where the member resides. A written letter requesting permission to house animals away from your own residence must be submitted to the sheep committee, prior to registration. Member's name, address, and phone number of house residence must appear on the letter.
4. Members are highly encouraged to request Official Scrapie's Identification from the original breeder or place of purchase. At this time the member should also question method of castration and check for evidence of testicular removal.
5. In the event of accidental tag removal from the animal project, a sheep committee member must be notified immediately.

MARKET & CARCASS LAMB EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:

1. **MANDATORY!** All market & carcass lamb projects, which are to be shown at the Canfield Fair and are intended for inclusion in the Market Livestock Auction, must be weighed and identified on the SPECIFIED DATE OF MANDATORY TAGGING & WEIGH-IN!
2. Only one animal in each division, Market Lamb and Carcass Lamb, can be exhibited at the Mahoning County Junior Fair. A youth member may register up to four lambs per member to be used in market and/or carcass classes. Each animal **MUST** be registered to said member. Lambs to be shown must be declared in specific division either market lamb or carcass lamb before crossing the scale at the fair for official weigh in. Once the animal is in the weigh in area and set to be placed on the scale the specific division designation (market or carcass) is final and no changes from the selected designation may occur. A lamb registered with an immediate family member be substituted with a bonafide reason that is approved by the lamb committee PRIOR the first day of the Fair. Members not following these rules will not be permitted to show their lambs at the fair.
3. Lambs must be a minimum weight of 90 lbs., except Corridales, Montadales, and Southdowns with a minimum weight of 85 lbs. The maximum weight for any lamb is 155 lbs. at the time of weigh-in at the Mahoning County Junior Fair. Lambs under weight and over 155 lbs. will be sold at the end of the sale and **WILL NOT** be considered for Grand and Reserve Champion. **There will be no re-weighs.** Animals not of market quality as determined by the Lamb Committee will be sent home Tuesday evening prior to the opening day of the Junior Fair Show. Animals should be representative of the size and weight of the breed shown to be Market Quality.
4. All sheep must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI, or Health Paper) issued within **60 days** prior to the opening date of the fair. Youth should record the Official USDA Scrapie's Identification Tag Number and Market Livestock Animal ID Tag Number as the animal identification which is requested on Health Papers, Junior Fair Entry Form, and Drug Notification Form.
5. Exhibitors should check in with the Market Lamb Committee at the Market Lamb tent before unloading their project. **Youth should bring one extra copy of their health paper for their animal to show at time of registration, and this health paper is to then be stapled on animal's pen.** Exhibits are to be in place by 6:00 p.m. Entry Day, Tuesday. The exhibits will be released at 9:00 p.m. Monday evening. Anyone taking their animal from the exhibit area prior to 9:00 p.m. will forfeit their premium and may not be permitted to exhibit the following year.
6. The committee will check for evidence of testicular tissue removal and docking at mandatory tagging & weigh-in. If there is **any evidence of testicular tissue or retained testicles,** the animal will be barred from the show and sale.
7. All market & carcass lambs must be completely slick sheered and freshly shorn one week before the day of the show.
8. The Market Lamb Committee reserves the right to measure the length of the tail on lambs and all lambs brought to the ring for show must be clean and presentable for the show. Animals not following these rules as determined by the Lamb Committee may be sent home or disqualified.

MARKET CARCASS LAMB GUIDELINES

Members enrolled in this project must complete all of the following project requirements and follow the guidelines to be able to sell the animal and receive awards.

1. Members must be enrolled in the Market Carcass Lamb Project to learn about meat quality, meat science, and carcass evaluation.
2. Members must complete and submit a record book with entries consistent with their respective division. NO record book will be accepted that fails to include a completed profit and loss statement.
3. Carcass Lambs will be weighed following Market Lambs. **There will be no re-weighs.**
4. Each member will be responsible for a \$5.00 fee for the sonoray, unless a flat rate is charged by the judge. If needed, the committee reserves the right to deduct this fee from the member's sale check.
5. Exhibitor must adhere to all of the Market Lamb Guidelines.

The results of the Carcass Lamb Class will be based on the results of the following:

Sonoray: 50 %

On Hoof: 25%

Rate of Gain: 25%

SHEEP & GOATS

MANDATORY USDA ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

ALL SHEEP AND GOATS TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE CANFIELD FAIR MUST BE identified by official USDA identification (USDA approved tags or USDA recorded tattoo for identification in the Scrapie's program). FOR CANFIELD FAIR, THIS REQUIREMENT WILL INCLUDE ALL EWES/DOES, RAMS/BUCKS AND WETHERS REGARDLESS OF AGE. EACH INDIVIDUAL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ANIMALS' SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION. THIS OFFICIAL USDA IDENTIFICATION MUST BE IN ANIMALS' EAR TO BE EXHIBITED & THE TAG/TATTOO NUMBER WILL NEED TO BE DOCUMENTED ON ANIMAL HEALTH PAPER, CANFIELD FAIR ENTRY FORM FOR OPEN CLASS EXHIBITION; AND FOR JUNIOR FAIR EXHIBITION ON ANIMAL HEALTH PAPER, DRUG NOTIFICATION FORM, AND JUNIOR FAIR ENTRY SHEET. Exhibitor should have record of farm of origin to correspond with this USDA tag/tattoo. These records should be maintained by exhibitor for 5 years. This record is kept to monitor Scrapie, which is a disease found in sheep and goats. **THIS SCRAPIES IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN MANDATED BY THE USDA. RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
SHEEP/GOATS WITHOUT OFFICIAL USDA IDENTIFICATION (TAG AND/OR TATTOO) WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXHIBIT.

To obtain Official Herd Scrapie's Identification Tags or Tattoo registration, first contact herd of origin.
If not available, contact 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).

ANIMAL CARE DURING THE FAIR: Each Lamb Club member is responsible for feeding, watering, bedding, cleanliness, grooming, and fitting of their lamb(s) from check-in until 9:00 p.m. of the final day of the fair. Any member who violates this rule may be prohibited from exhibiting the following year. Discipline is listed under the Guidelines for Fitting, Showing and Showmanship below.

******Project animal(s), the stall, and the area around your lamb pen must be completely cleaned each day during the fair before 9:00 a.m.** Lambs must be fed twice daily and given fresh water three times daily. Spot checks will be made during the fair. Members not cleaning pens will be given two warnings. The third warning will be considered animal neglect, and the lamb will be disqualified from the Junior Fair Show. Exhibitor may also be barred from future participation in Junior Fair activities.

CLEAN AREA AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOUTH

MAINTAINING A CLEAN STALL, CLEAN AREA AROUND THE STALL, FEED TUBS PUT AWAY AFTER FEEDING, & FRESH CLEAN WATER PROVIDED, ANIMAL KEPT CLEAN IN APPEARANCE.

\$5.00 per day will automatically be deducted from the sale check of any member who does not comply with the above animal care requirements.

VETERINARY CARE: Any veterinary measures requested by the owner to maintain animal health, are the responsibility of the owner. Each youth showing Market Livestock should have a Permission to Treat Form on file, so the Junior Fair has permission to provide emergency treatment for your animal. All veterinary treatment required after Drug Notification Form is submitted on entry day, must be recorded at the Junior Fair Office to update Drug Notification Information. Any preventative veterinary measures requested by the buyer following the sale, are the responsibility of the buyer; and must be approved by the Market Lamb Committee.

SELLING & SHOWING:

1. Market Lamb & Carcass Lamb Project animals will be weighed Wednesday. There are **NO RE-WEIGHS.**
2. All Market Lambs and Carcass Lambs must be sold at auction in the order of their placing in the show ring during the 2024 Junior Fair Show. Grand & Reserve Champion, Showmanship, Skillathon Winners and Rate of Gain Winner will be placed at the top of the sale order. The 2024 Market Lamb Show has been designated as a partial terminal show, which requires that at least the Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lamb and the Grand and Reserve Champion Carcass Lamb must be slaughtered.
3. Carcass lambs will be ultrasound Tuesday or Wednesday of the Junior Fair Show and then shown on the rail depending on the availability of the judge.
4. Market Lambs will show approximately 30 minutes following the Market Swine Show (approximately 11:30 a.m.) and will sell Thursday of the Mahoning County Junior Fair prior to the Market Swine.
5. **Member must show and sell his/her own market livestock animal.** Exceptions will only be made for exhibitors who have submitted in writing the reason for need of a substitute. The name of the substitute must be included in this letter. Permission must be approved by the specific Market Livestock Committee. The member must be present for either the show or the sale. **They may not request a substitute for both.** Substitute exhibitors must be a current livestock club member and enrolled in the same species. The name of the person selling for the youth will be documented by the Key Leader. If the member or the substitute is not present at the time of the auction, the project will **not** be sold. If the member is not present to show and sell their animal, and they have not submitted a written request as mentioned above; then the youth will forfeit the right to show and the right to sell their market livestock animal in the sale. Unexpected emergencies, such as illness...etc., must be reviewed and approved by the committee.

A commission charge of not more than 2% will be withheld from the selling price of the animal sold.

Market Lamb Skillathon and Showmanship Divisions (Subject to change if too many in one class):

Sheep Showmanship:

1. Open to all sheep project members.
2. Each member will fit and show their animal. The member may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.
3. Fitting will count fifty percent and showmanship fifty percent.
4. Fitting will include condition, quality, finish, cleanliness, and general appearance of animal.
5. Showmanship will include cleanliness and appearance of exhibitor and ability to handle the animal.

MARKET LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON GUIDELINES

1. All Market Livestock Club members are eligible to participate in the Skillathon.
2. Each skillathon will be handled by the specific subcommittee.
3. Scoring for the skillathon will be dependent on the number of stations offered, which will be determined by the subcommittees.
4. Awards for the skillathons will be selected according to total scores. Each species will select Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Skillathon winners, and the Market Lamb Committee will use the skillathon scores in determining the Outstanding Exhibitor Award, through a combination of skillathon and showmanship points. In an event of a tie, the judge during the Junior Fair Show will be asked to question the youth to determine the Outstanding Exhibitor.
5. The skillathon winner will be announced during the Market Livestock Sale and will be moved to the top of the sale order.

EXHIBITOR ONLY POLICY: GUIDELINES FOR ALL LIVESTOCK FITTING, SHOWING, AND SHOWMANSHIP

- (A) A junior livestock show exhibitor shall be responsible for the continuous care, grooming and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior fair livestock show.
- (B) An exhibitor may receive **assistance** in the care, grooming, and preparation of the livestock entered in the junior livestock show, provided that the **assistance shall be limited to explanation and/or demonstration** provided by the following:
- (1) Family members;
 - (2) Household members;
 - (3) Members of the exhibitor's 4-H club, FFA chapter, or other youth organization. Members providing assistance must be active youth members of the youth organization.
- (C) **Assistance will be limited to explanation and minimal demonstration, or for safety purposes.** Explanation and minimal demonstration refers to explaining and/or showing a youth how to perform the task at hand and is restricted to this assistance. **Youth exhibitors are expected to complete the task.**
- (D) Member must show and/or sell his/her own animal. **Coaching or assisting by any person outside the show ring, while the exhibitor is showing their animal, is prohibited.** ONLY YOUTH EXHIBITORS AND/OR JUNIOR FAIR DESIGNEES AND/OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSISTING WITH THE SHOW MAY BE IN THE RING DURING THE SHOW. Any exceptions must be approved by the committee. Any violation may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor.
- (E) All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain a respectable and professional demeanor throughout the project year; and especially during the Junior Fair Show. The project year will be considered from the time an individual enrolls in their project until the next enrollment deadline. **Foul language, disrespectful, unsportsmanlike, unruly behavior and/or animal neglect will not be tolerated.** Discipline will be any or all of the following:
- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be security escort of the individual from the premises.
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the Activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years.
- (F) **All youth exhibitors, parents, family members, advisors, adult volunteers, or other individuals involved in these projects are expected to maintain respectable demeanor in the use of social media with regards to the youth involved in the Junior Fair Program. Social Media use which is deemed unlawful, abusive, threatening, defamatory, obscene, harassing, creates a hostile environment, or creates a negative image of the Junior Fair Youth Program will not be tolerated.** Discipline will be any, or all of the following:
- (1) One verbal warning to discontinue behavior
 - (2) Second warning will be removal from events/activities
 - (3) Third warning will result in the barring from exhibition, and/or participation in the activities held during the year, and/or other Junior Fair Livestock events/activities, and/or Junior Fair Show for up to three years or a length of time determined by the committee, Manager of Junior Fair, and/or Senior Fair Directors involved in the Junior Fair Show.

IMPORTANT: In extreme situations, where the safety of any individual has been threatened and/or is in question, and/or if there is any evidence of the use of alcohol, drugs, or violence; the committee may waive the right of the first and/or second warning; and may immediately seek assistance in the removal of an individual from the premises. This individual will be placed on probation and the situation will be reviewed as to further participation referring to section (E) number (3) above.

This guideline shall be referred to as the "EXHIBITOR ONLY" guideline. Any additional adult assistance required by a youth exhibitor must be approved by the committee and/or Junior Fair Supervision. Infractions of this guideline shall result in the following:

- (A) If an infraction has been reported and confirmed, one verbal warning will be given immediately to the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian. Exhibitor will be expected to adhere to the guidelines.
- (B) If exhibitor refuses to adhere to the guidelines, a second warning will **result and include a \$50.00 penalty**, which the exhibitor must pay immediately or must agree that the \$50.00 penalty will be deducted from his/her sale check. Penalty monies will be paid to the Market Livestock Committee. The penalty and/or agreement to deduct the penalty from the sales check will be attached to a signed, written agreement which states the exhibitor will adhere to the above guidelines.
- (C) A third refusal will be termed as tampering and/or misrepresentation, and will result in the immediate disqualification of the exhibitor and their animal from the Junior Fair Show. After the situation is reviewed by the Senior Fair Board, this disqualification may result in the barring of this exhibitor from the Junior Fair Show for a period of up to three years.

Neither the Mahoning County Agricultural Society nor any other youth organization involved in Junior Fair and their volunteers assume responsibility for exhibits/projects, including livestock, any article lost or stolen, or any injury during the fair, or any damage of person or possessions on the grounds, or the neglect of any exhibitor, patron, or employee, nor provide liability insurance to cover the exhibitor nor livestock.

ANY OF THESE GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE.