

2026 CLARK COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SHEEP

CAREFULLY READ ALL RULES AND GUIDELINES. EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE MOST CURRENT JR. FAIR RULES FOR EXHIBITION!

SKILLATHON/PROJECT JUDGING & PREMIER EXHIBITOR

Skill-a-thon Pre-registration: Tue., June 23	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Skill-a-thon: June 25 ONLY	Time: 5 PM – 9 PM	Location: Mercantile Bldg.
Premier Exhibitor Results Posted: Thurs., July 30	Time: Noon	Location: Sheep Ar./Youth Bldg.
Premier Exhibitor Awards: Thurs., July 30	Time: 3 PM	Location: Expo Center

CONTESTS

Jr. & Sr. Ambassador		
Entry Deadline: June 15	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Interviews: June 25	Time: 6 PM-8 PM	Location: Mercantile Bldg.
Announced: Sat., July 25	Time: 10:30 AM	Location: Sheep Arena

Scholarship

Entry Deadline: July 1	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Interview: July 14	Time: 3 PM-7 PM	Location: Arts & Crafts
Announced: Sat., July 25	Time: 10:30 AM	Location: Sheep Arena

MARKET LAMBS

Exhibitor Reg: May 1	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-line
Tag-In: Sat. May 9	Time: 6:30 AM – 9 AM	Location: Sheep Arena
Quality Assurance Deadline: June 1		
Arrival Deadline - Fri., July 24	Time: 5 PM	Location: Sheep Barn
Weigh-In: Fri., July 24	Time: 5 PM-7 PM	Location: Cattle Pavilion
DUNF: Fri., July 24	Time: by 30 minutes after weigh-in	Location: On-Line
Showmanship: Sat., July 25	Time: 11 AM	Location: Sheep Arena
County Born & Raised: Sat., July 25	Time: 5:30 PM	Location: Sheep Arena
Market Lamb Show: Mon., July 27	Time: 9 AM	Location: Sheep Arena
Released to Go Back Home: Mon., July 27	Time: Conclusion of Show	Location: Sheep Barn
Load on Packer Truck: Thurs., July 30	Time: 7:30 PM	Location: Cattle Pavilion

Note: If you plan to show in the Open Class Market Lamb Show, you must make entry by the Open Class Show Deadline visit <http://clarkcoag.com> for entry details.

JR. FAIR AUCTION

Entry Deadline: June 15	Time: 11:59 PM	Location: On-Line
Declaration Form Deadline: July 25	Time: 5 PM	Location: Sales Office
On-Line Auction Photograph		
Taken by Exhibitor: Fair Week	Time: Prior to Midnight July 30	Location: Fair Backdrops
On-line Auction Photograph		
Uploaded by Exhibitor Deadline: July 30	Time: By Midnight	Location: On-Line
Champions & Live Auction: July 31	Time: 9 AM	Location: Cattle Arena
On-Line Auction: Aug. 3, 9:00 AM – August 7, 11:59 PM		Location: On-Line

Senior Fair Board Members: Stuart Waddle, Ray Adams, Emily Bumgardner, Dan Hilty

Junior Fair Board Members: Jordyn Blue, Paige Moore, Elizabeth Price

4-H Youth Development Extension Educator: Patty House and Jeremy Elleman

FFA Instructor: Brooklyn Barger

Sheep Committee Officers:	Chair – Charlie McNier	Vice Chair – Jennie Bishop
	Secretary – Christie Phillips	Treasurer – Kristi Hirtzinger
Sheep Committee Members:	Pete Bollinger, Brittany Caupp, Bill Phillips, Ruth Ann Rahim, Taylor Workman	

- home upon notification by the Sheep Committee Chairperson, Fair Board or Fair veterinarian.
6. **Authorized Showman:** You must show your own animal(s) in the ring. If you have more than one animal in a class, another currently enrolled Clark Co. 4-H/FFA member may show one of the exhibitor's animals.
 7. **Authorized Show Ring People:** Only exhibitors, the judge, show personnel and a designated ring-person(s) permitted in the show ring. Parents and/or other adults must remain outside always of show ring.
 8. **Grooming Rule:** Prior to the show, exhibitors are not permitted to use any artificial coloring (such as shoe polish, paint, etc.) or any appearance modifications (such as, but not limited to, placement of ice, ice water rags on the animals, or any similar type of practices). See 901-19-13 and 901-19-33 of the Livestock Tampering Rules.
 9. **Barn Rules:**
 - A. No use of electricity permitted in or around the wash area.
 - B. All grooming and preparation of sheep on show day must be performed within the confines of the sheep barn and the perimeter of the surrounding driveways and cattle barns (west side).
 - C. The exhibitor, immediately following load out, must clean his/her pens. Exhibitors must tear down and stack pens by club/chapter. Exhibitors found in violation by the Sheep Committee will have a \$10 deduction from their auction check.
 - D. Exhibitors are responsible for caring for their animals until loaded onto the packer truck or released to go home. Exhibitors in violation of this rule will forfeit all auction rights including packer bids and/or auction premiums.
 10. **Animal Dismissal:**
 - A. Market lambs going back home will be released Monday, July 27 at the conclusion of the show.
 - B. Lambs going on the packer truck will be loaded out at 7:30 PM on Thursday, July 30 in the Cattle Pavilion.
 - C. Exhibitors may not remove market lambs early without written approval from the Fair veterinarian and notification to the Jr. Fair Sheep Committee Chairperson.
 11. **Open Class Entry:** Jr Fair market lamb exhibitors who wish to show in the Open Market Lamb Show must make entry by the required Open Class deadline, pay required entry fees, and purchase an exhibitor's ticket.
 12. **Resolution Committee:** The Junior Fair Sheep Committee reserves the right to rule on items or interpretations of all rules and items not stated. When satisfactory evidence by at least three members of the Junior Fair Sheep Committee has observed a sheep rule violation(s), barring exhibition at the Clark County Jr. Fair for at least one year may result for the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family.
 14. **Jr. Fair Auctions:**
 - A. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have met membership and entry requirements, complete a 4-H or FFA market project, met minimum and maximum project weight requirements and participated in their respective Junior Fair Shows to be eligible to sell in the Live Sale or the On-Line Add-ons.
 - B. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are **limited to one entry in the Clark County Jr. Fair Livestock Auctions.**
 - C. **4-H and FFA market animal exhibitors must register for the Premium Market Sale beginning May 1, 2026. At entry, exhibitors must determine if they will participate in the Live Auction or the Online Add-On Sale and project species. Registration MUST be completed prior to June 15, 2026.**
 - D. **Exhibitors that are participating in the online add-on sale will be required to upload their own photo by midnight Thursday, July 30. The photo must be taken during the week of fair in show attire. Various locations will be available with backdrops.**
 - E. **4-H and FFA exhibitors MUST complete a declaration form stating whether their project is going home or on the packer truck. This form must be completed and turned into the sales office no later than 5 pm on Saturday, July 25. NO DECLARATION CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED once the form is turned in. Not fulfilling your declaration will forfeit your auction entry.**
 - F. **Exhibitors will only receive packer resale for those animals declared on the declaration form to go on the packer truck.**
 - G. **For complete CLARK COUNTY JR. FAIR SALE RULES, go to <https://ccjrfairsales.com/>**
 15. **Rule Observance:** Ignorance of rules is no excuse for violation. All rules and regulations found within the digital Jr. Fair Book, 4-H Project Selection & Requirement Guide, and/or the Clark Co. Fair website <http://clarkcoag.com>. Failure to adhere can result in disqualification from show and/or auction and/or withholding or overturning premiums, awards and/or auction check from the exhibitor.
 16. **Protests:**
 - A. **The appropriate species committees and/or Jr. Fair Auction Committee, Junior, and Senior Fair Boards will handle protests specific to department rules governing shows, events, contests, and auction.** Protests must be made in writing accompanied with a \$50.00 check made payable to the Clark County Fair Board and presented to the chairperson of the specific Junior Fair Department, refundable if the protest is allowed.
 - B. In the event of a protest arising over the interpretation of 4-H exhibitor eligibility requirements (i.e. – skill-a-thon completion, age/grade requirements, club meeting requirements, activity fee requirements, dual projects, etc.), such protest must be made in writing, accompanied with a \$50 check, refundable if protest is allowed and filed in the 4-H office at the Youth Building. The Clark County 4-H Extension Educator and the Clark County 4-H Advisory Committee's Resolution Committee will review and act on any protest.
 - C. The team of Agri-science instructors govern FFA exhibitor eligibility and interpretation. FFA exhibitors must file written FFA protests accompanied with a \$50 check in the FFA office of the Youth Building for review,

interpretation, and action.

17. **Fair Suspension:** When satisfactory evidence has been obtained by the Clark County Agricultural Society Board of Directors that any individual(s) have been suspended from participation in a fair or exposition, the individual(s) is suspended from equivalent participation at the Clark County Fair for a congruent period. Any person, so suspended, may appeal said suspension to the Clark County Agricultural Society Board of Directors by filing for such an appeal in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the opening of the Clark County Fair. (Enacted 3/25/92 – Clark County Fair Board).

Department – Jr. Fair Sheep

Division 900 – Market Lambs

Shows on Monday, July 27, 9 AM, Sheep Arena

Class 100 Market Lambs

Awards:

1st-5th Place – Rosettes

Weight Division Champion and Reserve Winners – Small Banners

Grand Champion Market Lamb – Banner Reserve Champion Market Lamb – Banner

3rd -5th Overall Lamb - Banners

Market Lamb Rules and Guidelines:

1. Animal Requirements for Market Lambs:

- A. Market lambs must have been born after December 1st of the previous year and be in possession and under ownership of the exhibitor by May 1st of the current year. 100% ownership of the animal is required and will be considered lost if, the animal is consigned or sold in a Junior Fair Auction or any type of other transaction even if the member buys back his/her animal.
- B. Market lamb exhibitors must register all market lambs coming to the Market Lamb Tag-In by midnight May. 1 on-line using the Clark County Jr. Fair Market Lamb Exhibitor Registration Survey. Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairmarketlambexhreg>
- C. Market lambs registered by each exhibitor must come to the Market Lamb Tag-In on Sat., May 9, 2026, 6:30 am to 9 am on the Clark County Fairgrounds, Sheep Arena. A maximum of five (5) market lambs may be tagged by an individual exhibitor. The cost is \$5 per lamb paid by the exhibitor at the May Tag-In.
- D. All market lambs, ewes, and wethers must have a scrapie tag. **Lambs must have a premise identification** (Scrapie tag) by the May 1st on-line exhibitor registration. Scrapie tags will be checked at lamb tag-in and any lambs that do not have a premise/scrapie tag will not be tagged with a Clark County Fair Tag at the May Tag-In.
- E. Each exhibitor may show all five (5) tagged lambs.
- F. Market lambs may be either ewes or wethers (no rams allowed).
- G. All market lambs must meet minimum weight of **95 lbs.** at Fair weigh-in. Underweight (86 lb. to 94 lb.) lambs are eligible to show and sell at packer bid, but are not eligible for Champions and are not an auction eligible project. Exhibitors with any lamb weighing (85 lbs. and less) will be required to take their lamb home at the conclusion of weigh-in.
- H. Proper castration required for all market wethers. The fair vet will examine any lamb in question and make a ruling for qualification. No Cryptorchids (retaining of one or more testes in the abdomen) allowed.

2. Animal Replacement:

- A. If a tagged lamb dies more than 60 days prior to the first day of the Fair, the member may replace the lamb providing that the exhibitor notifies the Extension Office, call **937-398-7599** or e-mail house.18@osu.edu or call **937-398-7606** or e-mail elleman.30@osu.edu and a Junior Fair Sheep Committee member inspects the dead lamb. Notify the Extension Office within 24 hours or the first working day after the lamb dies. If the tagged lamb dies after 60 days prior to the first day of the Fair, the member may not replace the lamb due to the required 60-day possession requirement by ODA.
- B. If a lamb dies less than 60 days prior to the first day of the Fair, an exhibitor may exhibit, show, and sell a tagged lamb of a sibling from the same household. Household means the permanent residence address of the exhibitor.

3. Youth Quality Assurance and Drug Use Notification (DUNF):

- A. The exhibitor must have completed an annual Youth Quality Assurance program **by June 1** to exhibit his/her market lambs at the Clark County Jr. Fair.
- B. The exhibitor and/his/her parent/legal guardian must complete, sign, and submit an on-line Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) on each of his/her market lambs by 30 minutes after weigh-in on Fri., July 24. **Failure to complete timely and submit an accurate DUNF forfeits your right to show. The DUNF link will go live on Monday, July 20 for exhibitors and parents to start completing.**

4. **Market Lamb Fair Entry:** Jr. Fair Management will make on-line entry (Fair Entry) for the Jr. Fair Market Lamb Show for all 4-H and FFA members based on the Jr. Fair Market Lamb Exhibitor Registration On-Line Survey and the May Tag-In.

5. Weigh-In and Division of Classes:

- A. Market lambs will be weighed once by a weigh master determined by the Senior Fair Board, Friday, July 24 from 5 PM to 7 PM in the Cattle Pavilion. No re-weighs!

- B. Clean, dry, and slick shorn market lambs with any cover removed must walk onto and off the scales.
 - C. Market lambs will show in weight classes. Weight classes will be determined by weights taken at the Fair Weigh-in. The Sheep Committee will place market lambs into classes based on weigh-in weights.
 - D. Classes & divisions determined by number of head weighed-in at the Fair.
- 6. Grooming and Prohibited Practice Requirements:**
- A. Lambs must be clean, dry, and slick shorn prior to crossing the fair scales. Slick shorn accomplished when the wool is no longer than ¼ inch in length.
 - B. All animals giving evidence of any unacceptable practices or prohibited grooming practices as outlined in 901-19-13 and 901-19-33 of Ohio's Livestock Tampering Exhibition Rules will be barred from competition at the Clark County Fair.
 - C. Wash lambs thoroughly before Fair. Fair washing facilities are available for touch up and clean up only.
 - D. Drenching of livestock at an exhibition is a prohibitive practice except as permitted for a medical condition when diagnosed by a licensed veterinarian. Drenching means the act of using an instrument, including a bottle, placed in an animal's mouth to administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
- 7. Auction Eligibility:**
- A. Grand and Reserve Champion Market Lambs must sell in the Sale of Champions and be harvested. If an exhibitor has multiple champions, they will sell all champions.
 - B. Overall Premier Exhibitor may sell in the Sale of Champions but are not required to do so unless also one of the Champions.
 - C. Exhibitors with an auction eligible market lamb may participate in the live or on-line sale.
 - D. For complete **CLARK COUNTY JR. FAIR SALE RULES**, go to <https://ccjrfairsales.com/>

Department – Jr. Fair Sheep

Division 901 – County Born & Raised

Shows on Saturday, July 25, 5:30 PM, Sheep Arena

Class 100 County Born & Raised Market Lambs

Awards:

1st Place – 5th Place – Rosette

Weight Division Champion – Small Banner

Grand Champion – Director's Chair

Weight Division Res. Champion – Small Banner

Reserve Grand Champion – Director's Chair

1. Animal Requirements for County Born and Raised Market Lambs:

- A. The market lamb must have been born and raised on the property of a Clark Co. Sheep Producer prior to selling to an exhibitor. The lamb must transfer directly from the Clark Co. Sheep Producer to the exhibitor.
- B. The Clark County Sheep Producer must live within the geographical boundaries of Clark County or its school districts and must have tagged/tattooed the lamb with an official U.S.D.A Scrapie tag.
- C. The same market lamb must show in the Clark County Born & Raised Show as the Clark County Junior Fair Market Lamb Show.
- D. County born and raised market lambs are required to have a Scrapie tag/tattoo at time of exhibitor pre-entry on the Jr. Fair Market Lamb Exhibitor Registration Form due by midnight on May 1 and scrapie tags will be verified at the May tag-in when lambs are tagged with a Fair Tag. No Scrapie tag/tattoo, No entry, No exceptions!
- E. Members may tag five (5) County Born and Raised lambs and show five (5) lambs in the County Born & Raised Classes.
- F. All Junior Fair General, Sheep and Market Lamb Rules apply to animals shown in this show.

2. Entry Requirements:

- A. Exhibitors wanting to compete in the Clark County Born & Raised Show **must provide county producer information** as part of their Jr. Fair Market Lamb Exhibitor Registration on-line survey <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcojrfairmarketlambexhreg> due by midnight **May 1**. No entry, No exceptions!
- B. The county sheep producers will be contacted to verify they are the producer of lambs entered into the County Born and Raised show by exhibitors.
- C. Fair Management will use this information in combination with the May Tag-In information to make Fair entry for each exhibitor for the County Born & Raised Market Lamb Show.

3. Weight Classes: County Born & Raised market lambs will be divided into show classes according to weights at fair weigh-in at the discretion of the Sheep Committee.

Department – Jr. Fair Sheep

Division 902 – Sheep Showmanship

Shows on Saturday, July 25, 11 AM, Sheep Arena

- Class 101 Age 8 and in the 3rd grade**
- Class 102 Age 9**
- Class 103 Age 10**
- Class 201 Age 11**
- Class 202 Age 12**

- Class 301 Age 13
- Class 302 Age 14
- Class 401 Age 15
- Class 402 Age 16
- Class 403 Age 17
- Class 404 Age 18

Beginner ShowmanshipWinners from classes 101-103, ages 8 & in 3rd grade, 9, 10

Junior Showmanship ...Winners from class 201 & 202, ages 11, 12

Intermediate Showmanship Division Winners from classes 301 & 302, ages 13, 14

Senior Showmanship Division Winners from class 401-404, ages 15 and older

Awards: All Participants – Ribbons
Overall Sheep Showman – Award

1st Place – Trophy

2nd-5th Place – Rosette

Showmanship Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Age Eligibility:** All ages are based on the exhibitor’s age as of January 1st of the current year.
2. **Class Splits:** The Sheep Committee reserves the right to split classes at their discretion.
3. **Registration:** 4-H and FFA members must make entry for showmanship using Fair Entry On-line at <http://clarkohjfair.fairentry.com> by July 1st.
4. **Designated Animal:** The exhibitor must use his/her market lamb in the showmanship contest.
5. **Show Order:** The showmanship show will begin with the youngest age to the oldest age.
6. **Overall Showman:** The beginner, jr. intermediate and sr. division winners will compete against each other for Overall Sheep Showman.
7. **Showman of Showmen Eligibility:** The Senior Showmanship winner will represent the sheep division in the Showman of Showmen contest. If the Senior Showman Division winner declines or has already competed as the Showman of Showmen representative for Sheep, the eligibility goes to the 2nd place Senior Showmanship Division exhibitor and continues through 5th place of the Senior Showmanship Division only.

Department - Jr. Fair Sheep

Division 903– Sheep Contests

Class 100	Sr. Sheep Ambassador	2025	Sr. Sheep Ambassador – None
Class 200	Jr. Sheep Ambassador	2025	Jr. Sheep Ambassador – Ella Hillard
Class 300	4-H Sheep Scholarship	2025	Sheep Scholarship – Ellen Getz

Sheep Ambassador Rules and Guidelines:

Awards: Sash and Tiara or Hat

1. **Requirements:**
 - A. Youth must be a resident or student in Clark County and currently enrolled with a 4-H or FFA sheep project.
 - B. **Two age divisions:** Jr. Ambassador, age 8 and in 3rd grade to age 13 and Sr. Ambassador, age 14 to 18 as of Jan. 1 of the current year.
 - C. Applicants should be knowledgeable of the sheep industry.
 - D. Applicants must complete and submit on-line survey application by midnight June 15. Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkcoirfairanimalambassadoreentry> to apply.
 - E. Applicants must participate in an interview on June 25 at skill-a-thon.
2. **Responsibilities:**
 - A. Assist with Sheep Shows at the Clark County Fair.
 - B. Serve as a youth representative on the Sheep Committee if at least 13 years of age.
 - C. Assist with Sheep events and activities throughout the year including but not limited to Sheep Tag-In, Clinics and other competitive or educational programs.
3. **Winners Announced:** Announced at 10:30 AM prior to the beginning of the Clark Co. Jr. Fair Sheep Showmanship Show on Saturday.

4-H Sheep Project Member Scholarship:

- A. Applicants currently enrolled in the Clark County 4-H Program with a sheep project.
- B. Submit application by July 1 on-line and additional supporting documentation to the Extension Office. Go to <https://go.osu.edu/2026clarkco4hscholarshipapp> to apply.
- C. **Applicants must participate in an interview on Tuesday, July 14, between 3 PM and 7 PM in the Arts & Crafts Bldg., Clark County Fairgrounds. Sign up for interview time on your application.**
- D. Winner announced and awarded \$500 scholarship at the Clark Co. Jr. Fair Market Lamb Show by the Clark County 4-H & FFA Sheep Committee.

Department – Jr. Fair Sheep**Event – Market Lamb Premier Exhibitor**

Class 100	Beginner Premier Exhibitor	Ages 8 & in the 3 rd grade, 9, 10
Class 200	Junior Premier Exhibitor	Ages 11, 12
Class 300	Intermediate Premier Exhibitor	Ages 13, 14
Class 400	Senior Premier Exhibitor	Ages 15 to 18

Awards – Presented at the Showman of Showmen Contest, Thursday, July 30, 3 PM, Expo Center

1st Place each age – Cash Award and Certificate

Sponsored by Clark Co. 4-H Committee

Age Division Winner – \$50 Cash Award & Plaque

Sponsored by Clark Co. 4-H & FFA Sheep Com.

Overall Winner – \$100 Cash Award & Plaque

Sponsored by Clark Co. 4-H & FFA Sheep Com.

Overall Premier Exhibitor – *Eligible to Sell in the Sale of Champions*

Results Posted in the Sheep Arena and the 4-H Awards Board in the Youth Building by Noon, Thurs., July 30

Premier Exhibitor Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Eligibility:** Any 4-H or FFA member currently enrolled with a market lamb project may compete if they participate in the Clark County 4-H Sheep Skill-a-thon/Project Judging on June 25, Mercantile Bldg.
2. **Criteria:** Competing members earn points from Sheep Skill-a-thon/Project Judging, Market Lamb Showmanship and Class Placing in the Junior Fair Market Lamb Show. Skill-a-thon Score worth 30%, Project Interview 10%, Project Book 10%, Showmanship 25% and Class Placing 25%.
3. **Tie Breaker:** The following criteria determines tie breaks:
 - **First Tie Breaker:** Overall Skill-a-thon Score,
 - **2nd Tie Breaker:** Total Tie-Breaker Points in Skill-a-thon,
 - **3rd Tie Breaker:** Showmanship Placing,
 - **4th Tie Breaker:** Highest Overall Animal Rank in the Show.