Chautauqua County
4-H Sheep Program
2017-2018

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**Sheep Project**

A. **Purpose**

The 4-H sheep program is designed primarily to teach youth responsibility in addition to learning more about the sheep industry. Correct management means responsibility for the animal’s care and health in addition to learning how to keep detailed records of costs for feeding and health care.

B. **Rules and Procedures**

1) To complete the Sheep Project, first and second year project members must physically attend 5 of the project meetings. Third year and above must physically attend at least 3 of the project meetings. **Members must be present for the entire meeting to get credit for attending.**
   - a) College Students: If you are attending college you have a choice of either:
     1. Attending 1 meeting and doing a presentation on sheep. The presentation can be given at the project meeting or at Fair either in the 4-H Building or Sheep Barn.
     2. Or, you must physically attend 3 project meetings. You must be present for the entire meeting to get credit for attending.

*** If attendance requirements are not met and the project will not be complete. 

2) Program Records must be submitted to the 4-H Office by SEPTEMBER 15, including a photo copy or carbon copy of thank you sent to your buyer and other award sponsors. Members that do not complete the project will not be eligible to enroll in the Sheep Project the next year, and they will be notified before the first meeting.

3) Lambs must have been born after January 1st of this year (2018) and may be purebred, grade or crossbred lambs. Lambs must be 90 days old to receive a rabies shot.

4) Members may weigh-in & show TWO market lambs, however, can sell only one at the Sale. Only wethers or ewes may be sold in the sale. Wethers will have testicles removed. If you have two lambs in market classes, the lamb with the highest ribbon must sell. (i.e. one of your lambs has a blue ribbon and one has a red – the blue ribbon must sell. If you have two lambs with the same color ribbon, you may pick which will sell).

5) BETWEEN MAY 1st AND June29th, 2018 lambs MUST be checked by a veterinarian and found free of any contagious or infectious diseases and receive a rabies shot. This information MUST be made an official part of the health certificate (CVI), which must be with the animal when it arrives at the fair grounds. Consult the fair premium book for specific date requirements.

6) All 4-H animals must be on the fairgrounds by 12:00 PM on the Sunday before Fair begins, unless prior arrangements are made with the barn superintendent. The lamb must weigh at least 80 pounds at fair weigh-in on Sunday to sell at the auction on Friday.

7) The 4-H Sheep show is Wednesday in the show arena starting with the showmanship class. No farm names or logos displayed during 4-H show. Appropriate dress is required.
8) During market lamb & showmanship classes the only people allowed in sheep barn are committee members and the 4-Hers on deck for the next class. There will be NO halters used for showing in market lamb or showmanship classes. Halters may be used in sheep breeding classes.

9) Showmanship is MANDATORY with the exception of a 4-Her who has previously won Champion Sheep Showman. A 4-Her who has previously won Champion Sheep Showman may opt out of the Showmanship classes.

10) The committee STRONGLY advises that ALL fitting of market lambs and breeding sheep should be done by the 4-H member.
   a) All meat breed sheep must be shorn prior to arrival at fairgrounds. Shearing day is offered for market lambs only.

11) Purebred ewes, grade ewes, and purebred rams may be shown in the breeding classes.

12) Only tagged lambs can be shown in the 4-H market lamb show.

13) At County Fair it is the member’s responsibility to feed, water, and check bedding by 10:00 AM Sunday through Sunday. If they cannot fulfill the above duties, they must make prior arrangements and inform the adult superintendents.

14) The open class sheep show is TUESDAY afternoon and evening. 4-Hers are eligible and encouraged to enter. See official open class fair book for entry forms and details and entry deadlines.

15) All sheep will have blankets removed following the Wednesday 4-H show.

16) Official sale weights will be done on Thursday before the barn opens.

17) Each 4-H member is encouraged to secure at least two bidders.

18) There is no longer a replacement lamb policy. If a lamb replacement is needed it will be at the discretion of the Sheep Committee. Please note that records must still be turned in to participate in the project the next year.

19) Rules are for everyone’s benefit. Anyone caught cheating will be disqualified from all sheep projects.

20) During the project, the advisory committee member(s) may be making periodic visits to weigh and observe the progress of the lamb’s growth. They will also offer suggestions and answer any questions you might have.

21) All market lambs MUST have a scrapie ear tag at weigh-in. Any market lamb that does not have a scrapie tag will not be eligible for the project.

22) All breeding sheep MUST have a scrapie ear tag to be shown at the fair.

23) Check the marker board (in the sheep barn) daily during the week of fair.
24) Don’t forget to send a thank you to your buyer and award sponsors as soon after Fair as possible. Remember to include a copy of your thank you(s) in your records.

C) Helpful Hints

1) Count on your lamb gaining between .5 and .7 pounds a day.
2) Try to purchase your lamb early to mid April, weighing 40-60 pounds, depending on the breed characteristics. Lambs should be at least 45 days old.
3) Remember water is the most important nutrient of feeding. Make sure there is always fresh, clean water available.
4) Rabies shots and CVI last date so sheep/lambs can come to Fair is June 29, 2018.
2017-2018
4-H MARKET LAMB & SHEEP BREEDING PROJECTS

MEMBER ENROLLMENT FORM

DUE IN 4-H OFFICE BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

1. 4-H Member’s Name:__________________________________________________________

2. Address:__________________________________________________________________

3. Phone Number:______________________________________________________________

4. Birth Date:_______________________________________________________________

5. Age as of January 1st, 2016:________________________________________________

6. Years in 4-H:________________________________________________________________

7. Years in this project:_______________________________________________________

8. Check here if you will be showing a **MARKET LAMB** at the County Fair:

9. Check here if you will be showing **BREEDING SHEEP** at the County Fair:

10. E-mail Address:___________________________________________________________

Send or deliver form to the following address:
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Frank Bratt Ag Center
Attn: 4-H Department
3542 Turner Road
Jamestown, NY 14701

**NOTE:** Failure to have this registration form in by **TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018** may result in disqualification from this year’s project.
Acknowledgement of Risk Form – 4-H Member
This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs and related activities.

This form may be completed during 4-H enrollment for the full program year for 4-H activities and events designated below at the club, county, state and national level.

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club and/or activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:
I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child’s participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child’s participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property. I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risk and dangers and I hereby accept these risk and dangers.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of 5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular 4-H members required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of County
DATE(S): 4-H Program Year: October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018
4-H CLUB ACTIVITY (Select anticipated program participation):
☐ All 4-H activities and events for program year
☐ Working with dogs
☐ Physical Fitness programs
☐ Shooting Sports
For Cloverbuds (youth 5-8 years old only):
☐ Cloverbud activities
☐ Cloverbud working with equine or other animal programs

I have read the above and by signing it I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated activity and I understand and accept the risks involved.
This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child’s participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County where the County Extension office is located.
I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

PARTICIPANT’S NAME (print) ________________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: __________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________

PARENT GUARDIAN NAME (print): ________________________________

SIGNATURE: __________________________ DATE: __________________

This form must be kept on file until participant reaches age 21.
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MARKET LAMB REGISTRATION FORM
Due at Weigh-In

Members may show up to two Market Lambs at the Fair, but are limited to selling one lamb at the 4-H Meat Animal Sale

ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH MARKET LAMB RAISED

I. FOR 4-H MEMBER TO COMPLETE

1. 4-Her’s Name: ___________________________ Age as of 1/1/18: ___________________________

2. Parent Names: ____________________________

3. Address: __________________________________________

4. Name of Club: ____________________________

5. Check appropriate box for Showmanship classes:
   Junior (Under 14 as of 1/1/18) ____________________________
   Senior (14 and over as of 1/1/18) ____________________________
   First Year Junior ____________________________
   First Year Senior ____________________________
   Second Year Junior ____________________________
   Second Year Senior ____________________________
   Third Year & Over Junior ____________________________
   Third Year & Over Senior ____________________________

6. Animal’s Name: ____________________________

II. FOR SELLER TO COMPLETE – INFORMATION REQUIRING BREEDER VERIFICATION

7. Date of Lamb’s Birth (Must be after 1/1/18): ____________________________

8. Date Purchased: ____________________________ Weight when Purchased: ____________________________

9. Purchase Price or Value: ____________________________

10. Lamb has been properly docked: ____________________________

11. Lamb has been properly wormed: ____________________________

12. Lamb has been treated for external parasites: ____________________________

13. Lamb has been properly wethered: ____________________________

14. Lamb’s Scrapie tag number is: ____________________________

BREEDER’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________ TELEPHONE: ____________________________

The 4-H Sheep Committee reserves the right to withhold lambs from the sale because of insufficient finish. In addition, lambs may be dropped from the program at any time for improper feeding, health, or any reason determined that may not lead to producing a quality lamb.

4-H MEMBER’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________

PARENT’S SIGNATURE: ____________________________


**Going to Fair**

- HEALTH PAPERS: CVI and Rabies. ALL TAG NUMBERS should be on the health papers. You should have the vet out to give shots between May 1, 2018 and July 8, 2018. Animals that arrive at fair without a Scrapie tag **in their ear** will not be allowed to unload.

- Buckets for water

- Feed pans or buckets

- Feed/Grain/Hay

- Leads/Halters

- For show day: Clean shirt and pants (best to tuck shirt into pants). Sturdy shoes. Have hair neat and away from face.

- Make sure your animal is clean (this includes ears, under their legs, hooves).
  - Market lambs should be sheared
  - Hooves should be trimmed
  - They should not enter the arena wet. Make sure to wash them ahead of time so that they have time to dry.

- Listen to judge when he/she gives instructions/suggestions for showing your animal.

- Keep an eye on the judge and your animal. Make sure to keep your animal set-up properly at all times while in the show arena. Try to be calm and confident (even if your animal is acting up continue to show the best that you can).

- Always assume you are being judged, even if the judge is not looking your way. From the time you enter the arena until you are back in the barn, you should be showing your animal as if the judge is looking right at you.

- Always keep you animal between you and the judge.

- BE A GOOD SPORT: Win with Class – Don’t gloat or brag. Lose with Grace – Don’t complain or throw tantrums. Win or Lose – Tell other 4-Hers “Good Job”.

- Thank the Judge after one of your classes – shake their hand.
Chautauqua County 4-H
Market Lamb & Sheep Breeding Projects 2017-2018

The following project awards are presented during Fair week, and are over and above the awards that are presented for:

- Market Lamb
- Showmanship
- Sheep Breeding Classes
- Lead Line
- Make it with Wool

A. Outstanding Sheep 4-Her Award: ***
Every 4-Her earns points for each of the activities they participate in while at Fair. This award is presented at the awards ceremony on either Saturday or Sunday.

Outstanding Sheep 4-Her Award Point System:
Every 4-Her earns points for participating in events at the Fair. The points are accumulated and the 4-Her with the most points at the end of the Fair wins. The point system is as follows:

1. **Sheep Breeding Project (Market Lambs do not qualify)**
   10 points for participation

2. **Market Lamb Project**
   - Grand Champion: 15 points
   - Reserve Champion: 12 points
   - Blue Ribbon: 10 points
   - Red Ribbon: 5 points
   - White Ribbon: 0 points

3. **Showmanship (placing in class)**
   - 1st: 20 points
   - 2nd: 18 points
   - 3rd: 16 points
   - 4th: 14 points
   - 5th: 12 points
   - 6th - 10th: 10 points
   - 11th +: 5 points

4. **Livestock Judging**
   - 1st: 10 points
   - 2nd: 9 points
   - 3rd: 8 points
   - 4th: 7 points
   - 5th: 6 points
   - 6th: 5 points
   - 7th: 4 points
   - 8th: 3 points
   - 9th: 2 points
   - 10th +: 1 point

5. **Presentation**
   20 Points

6. **Costume & Halter**
   5 points for participation

7. **Lead Line**
   - 1st: 20 points
   - 2nd: 18 points
   - 3rd: 16 points
   - 4th: 14 points
   - 5th: 12 points
   - 6th - 10th: 10 points
   - 11th +: 5 points
   - Pages 5 points
   - Announcer 5 points

8. **Poster Contest**
   - 1st: 20 points
   - 2nd: 15 points
   - 3rd: 10 points
   - 4th +: 5 points
B. **Poster Contest:**
   This is a project **requirement for all first and second year project members**, but every 4-Her is encouraged to make a poster promoting the sheep industry. The posters are submitted for judging prior to Fair. The posters are returned at the barn meeting on Sunday before the Fair starts, so that they can be displayed over the pens. The awards will be presented at the barn meeting on Sunday prior to Fair.

C. **Rookie Of The Year:**
   This award will presented to the first year Junior or Senior who has the highest point total in the Outstanding Sheep 4-her competition. This ward will be presented at the awards ceremony on Sunday.

D. **Helping Hands Award:**
   This award is presented to the 4-Her, who during the course of the project year and Fair, has been the most helpful toward the project and other 4-Hers. This can be helping keep the barn neat and clean, helping set up the show arena, or helping the younger project members with their lambs as well as going above and beyond during the project year. This award will be judged by the Committee Members and will be presented at the awards ceremony on Sunday.

***In the event of a tie, the attendance record at the monthly meetings will be used as the tie breaker.***
4-H Sheep Project
Poster Contest

Create a poster pertaining to the sheep industry or project to display at the fair this year. Many people who walk through the sheep barn don’t know much about farming and the sheep industry. Your poster will give the public a chance to learn more about the sheep and the industry. It could give you the opportunity to learn more about sheep also.

**Making a poster is mandatory for 1st and 2nd year sheep project participants. All participants are encouraged to make a poster**

This is a project requirement for all first and second year members, but open to all 4-H members. The poster can be a maximum size of 24”x48”. Remember to put your name on the back of the poster and make sure your wording is large enough to be legible for the public to read.

Suggested Topics:
- Growth and development of a market lamb
- Breeding, gestation, and lambing
- Cuts of lamb
- Photographic history of your lamb project
- Breeding history
- Wool

Posters should be turned in at the sheep barn on the Saturday or Sunday before Fair begins. You can also enter your poster in the 4-H Building for judging and then bring it to the barn for credit and judging through the sheep program.

Be creative, prizes will be awarded!!