

Ontario County 4-H

2025-2026 Meat Animal Lamb Regulations

- Market lambs are weathers (castrated males) or ewes (females) that may be either purebred or crossbred. Animals should be born in January or February.
- Starting your project: Local breeders may have suitable lambs for sale; contact them early in the year to reserve animals. The 4-H office has reference materials available to aid you in selection, feeding and showing your animal. Contact Amy at anr32@cornell.edu if you need assistance.
- A participant may tag/weigh-in up to 2 animals for the meat animal lamb program. At weigh-in time at the fair, the 4-H will need to designate which animal will be their animal for the Livestock Auction.
- Lambs must be selected and in your possession for this project by May 1st. You must bring your lamb to the Ontario County Fairgrounds to be officially weighed and identified on May 1st.
- Only 1 lamb may be shown and sold in the meat auction animal division by each participant.
- Lambs SHOULD weigh between 35# and 75#
- Lambs must weigh between a minimum of 90# at the final weighing at the fair in July.
- Lambs fleece must be reasonably dry at the time of official weigh-ins. Lambs must be shorn within 10 days of the final weigh-in.
- Meat lambs are to be shown clean and dry.
- Participants are required to provide feed and bedding for their lamb while on exhibit at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors are expected to help keep the barn aisles swept and looking presentable for the public.
- Participants are required to show their own animals in the auction market class and must participate in showmanship.
- The Livestock Meat Animal Auction will take place on Friday, July 25th!