

New 4-H Member Packet

Sheep

1. Who should I contact if I have questions?

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2. How do I know what 4-H class to enter my animal in, in order to show at the Showcase?

You will need to know the breed, whether your animal is registered/not registered, a breeding or a market animal & the birthdate to determine which class to enter in. A list of the different classes can be found in the most recent copy of the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book. There are no entry fees associated with 4-H Showcase entries.

3. What is showmanship, is it mandatory, and how do I know what showmanship class to enter in?

Showmanship is a class where you're judged on how well you handle your animal, present your animal & know about your animal. It is best to have your animal clean, dry & clipped before entering the show ring. You should also keep in mind some general information about your animal (birthdate, breed, name, body parts & what you feed your animal) as the judge may ask you these questions. You will also want to make sure you maintain eye contact with the judge while you're in the ring.

It is mandatory for every 4-H member who is exhibiting an animal in the 4-H Showcase to enter in a showmanship class for each species (unless you have previously won Master Showmanship for that species last year- then you will have the option to show).

Showmanship classes will be located under the Sheep Fitting and Showmanship Category Those specific Showmanship classes will be located under the species classes in the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book for the current year

4. What should I wear to show my animal?

For showing sheep it is recommended that you dress presentable. Nice jeans, boots, and a nice shirt. You should not wear a hat and your hair should be combed. You do not want anything too blingy that would take the judges attention off of the animal and onto you.

5. What supplies should I bring into the show ring with me?

All you need to bring to the show ring is your lamb. You can also show with a halter if you are more comfortable that way.

6. What supplies do I need to bring with me to the 4-H Showcase?

When preparing for Showcase you want to be sure you have your necessities for your lambs

- Enough hay & feed
- Feed pans
- Water Bucket
- Rope halters
- Bedding for your animal. You can use straw or shavings to bed your pen

These next items are things that not every family owns and most of the time you are able to borrow from another 4-H member or get with others from your club and delegate these things for each family to share during the week.

- Wheelbarrow
- Pitchfork
- Shovel

7. When do I arrive/ show my animal?

Refer to the 4-H Showcase Premium Book to find out when animals should arrive and when shows are. Animals are expected to stay until 5pm the day they are showing.

8. Do I need a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection for my animal? When does it need to be completed by?

Yes, any sheep coming to the fairgrounds need to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection stating your animal is free of contagious diseases. The CVI can be obtained any time after May 1 of the current year. Your lamb will also need a rabies vaccine.

9. Does my animal need a specific tag in order to come to the Showcase?

Your lamb is required to have a scrapie tag. If your lamb does not have one, please contact the breeder you purchased your lamb from in order to obtain one. Market animals will be tagged at weigh in with a 4-H tag for the sale.

10. How/Where do I weigh my animal?

Your market lamb will be weighed upon arrival at the Showcase. Breeding sheep do not need to be weighed.