Ontario County 4-H Auction
2026-2027 Meat Animal Lamb Regulations

- Market lambs may be wethers (castrated males) or ewes (females) and may be either purebred or crossbred.
- Lambs should be born in January or February.
- Members are encouraged to contact breeders early to reserve animals. Assistance including educational resources and breeder lists are available through the 4-H Office. Contact Taryn (tjb322@cornell.edu) or Becky Snyder with questions.
- Members may weigh in up to two (2) lambs for the Meat Animal Lamb Program.
- Lambs must be purchased, owned, and in the member's possession by April 30 and brought to the Ontario County Fairgrounds for the official weigh-in and identification.
- Lambs should weigh 35-75 pounds at the initial weigh-in.
- Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds at the final fair weigh-in.
- At the final weigh-in, members must designate which lamb will be entered in the Livestock Auction.
- Only one (1) lamb may be shown and sold in the 4H Livestock Auction by each participant.
- Lambs must be reasonably dry at weigh-ins and shorn within 10 days of the final weigh-in.
- Lambs must be shown clean and dry.
- Exhibitors are responsible for providing feed and bedding during the fair and helping maintain a clean and presentable barn area.
- Members must exhibit their own lamb in the 4H Auction market class.
- Each 4H member must participate in the 4H Sheep Show including the showmanship class.
- The Ontario County 4-H Livestock Auction will be held on Friday, July 30th.
- Before the 4H Auction animals leave the fairgrounds, each participant must coordinate with Becky Snyder, regarding (after the fair) housing, care, and transportation of auction animals to the processor.