198 Market Lamb General Requirements

All dates are listed on the Tuscarawas County Fair Livestock Requirement Summary.

1. All livestock projects must be owned, in continual care of the exhibitor, and registered by specified dates. An exhibitor is eligible to register a back-up animal.

2. All market lambs must be weighed-in, tagged, and tattooed by specified dates. Once a lamb is designated as a market lamb (whether it be a single lamb, back-up lamb, or the second lamb in a pair), it may not be exhibited in a breeding lamb class. There shall be no replacement for any reason of the lambs declared at registration.

3. A pair of market lambs consists of the member’s single market entry plus a second lamb which is similar in likeness to the market entry. Only the single market lamb will sell through the Market Livestock Sale.

4. If you have a brother, sister, or half-brother or half-sister who are members of a Tuscarawas County 4-H club and reside in the same household, who have also registered lamb at the same time can designate a back-up lamb that may be shown by yourself or any of the above mentioned individuals. Those individuals (siblings) eligible to exhibit the back-up lamb must be so named at the time of tagging. (Example – If there are 2 (or more) members in your family, they tagged in 1-3 lambs per child, the extra lamb can be used as a back-up for any of the children, but must be so named at the time of tagging.)

5. Market lambs can be either ewes or wethers. All lambs must be properly castrated and dehorned.

6. All members must have a working knowledge of Sheep Quality Assurance (QA) issues and are required to attend one QA session.


8. All livestock exhibitors are required to attend Interview Judging in order to exhibit their animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair. Interview judging in this project will reflect individual's project experience. Members are to bring completed (to date of Interview Judging) 198 Market Lamb Project and Record Book. If a conflict arises, a member may attend Pre-Judging by appointment only. Members are not eligible for county interview placing if they attend Pre-Judging.

9. Member should know for Interview Judging: 4-H Pledge, 4-H Motto, 4-H Colors, Pillars of Character, and show ring ethics.

10. Please add a feed tag each time you change feed.

11. All members must fill out a Health Treatment Form and maintain health and feed records. These records must be kept in the record book. Must bring project/record book to interview judging completed to date. No sections in the record book are optional.

12. In order to exhibit your animal at the Tuscarawas County Fair, a fair entry must be made (available from the Tuscarawas County Fair Book received at Interview Judging) and submitted to the Extension office by the deadline. NO LATE FAIR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
13. Members can only exhibit two (2) large animal projects which must be in different classes as indicated in the Tuscarawas County Fair Book. Members taking feeder calf, beef breeding, sheep breeding, or horse production may exhibit a third animal if they are enrolled in the corresponding market/horse project. Members are only eligible to receive money from a maximum of two revenue generating livestock sale projects at the fair, regardless of number shown.

Each exhibitor may exhibit at county fair 1 single market lamb and they may use that single lamb to pair up with their second lamb to be shown in the pair class. Only the single market lamb will be eligible to be sold at the market livestock auction. An award will be presented to the champion and reserve champion pairs.

14. All fair exhibitors are responsible to provide their own bedding for their animals and all pens MUST be kept dry and clean throughout the fair. Water must be available for your animal at all times. Following the loading out of animals, all exhibitors are responsible for a thorough cleaning of their pen. Make sure ear tag is clean and readable!

15. If weight requirements are not met, you are not eligible to exhibit. You are not eligible to sell your animal and it must leave the fairgrounds immediately.

16. It is best to select a meat breed of sheep for this project. Lambs need to weigh a minimum of 90 pounds at county fair.

17. Members must show their own animals in all confirmation classes unless an emergency arises and then a written permission form must be granted by the 4-H professional. The form must be on file during the show. Only another Junior Fair exhibitor can then exhibit that animal. Showmanship Classes – will be held immediately following conformation classes and is open to all Junior Fair Livestock exhibitors. No pre-entry is required and classes are determined by member’s age as of January 1 of current year. Members MUST fit and show his/her own animal but during the course of the contest may be asked by the judge to show some other animal. Showmen are not allowed to have any helpers in the ring during the contest. Fair tabloid will give details of classes and further explanations.

18. The DUNF must be turned in at fair. This form can be picked up at the Extension office when the Fair Entry Form is turned in.

19. All market lambs must be slick shorn with five days prior to the show.

20. Each 4-H'er may exhibit two large livestock projects of which they must be in different classes. (In beef & sheep breeding a member may exhibit a third animal if they are enrolled in the corresponding market project). Members are only eligible to receive money from a maximum of two revenue generating livestock sale projects at the fair, regardless of the number shown.

21. **It is suggested that large gifts are not to be given to your buyer following the sale of your animal.** Some buyers have to park far away (possibly off the fairgrounds) or may not be able to fit everything into their vehicle. **Remember, your animal may not be the only one they purchase.** Instead, thank your buyer personally at the fair, then make a follow-up visit with them to bring any items you may wish to give them.

22. **Sale checks will be distributed in October.** Check with your advisor or our web site (http://tuscarawas.osu.edu) for dates, times, and location. To receive your sale check, bring completed 198 Market Lamb Project and Record Book along with your buyer thank you card (properly addressed with postage). Please write legibly!

If you have any questions regarding your project and your advisor is unable to answer your questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Extension office at 330-339-2337. Kiersten Heckel, 4-H Extension Educator, heckel.13@osu.edu Chris Zoller, ANR Extension Educator, zoller.1@osu.edu

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