

## DEPARTMENT – 4-H/FFA SHEEP

(Must be enrolled in the Sheep Project)

### SPECIAL RULES

1. Read General Rules. Violations of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. Market Sheep read rules applying to livestock auction.
3. All 4-H exhibitors must have a current “Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” (YQCA) certification to show at the LVCO Fair.
4. All sheep (market and breeding) must be owned and in the care of the 4-H/FFA member by May 1.
5. All market lambs/commercial ewes must be tagged by an extension agent or designee at countywide tagging day with official EID tags and registered on the Sheep Family Identification worksheet. Worksheets will be turned in on countywide tagging day. **Family Identification worksheets ARE NOT a LVCO Fair entry.**
6. Ewes tagged with an Official KS 4-H tag (EID) are allowed to be shown in the breeding classes. The ewes cannot be shown in both the market and breeding shows during the LVCO Fair. The family will have to designate whether the ewe will be market or breeding on the Family Identification Worksheet due on countywide tagging day.
7. Entries for Sheep will be completed in the FairEntry on-line system by June 30.
8. Substitutions will be allowed up to fair weigh-in if the animal is listed on the Family Identification Worksheet. Once the animal crosses the scale, all decisions are final and cannot be changed.
9. Exhibits may arrive at fairgrounds on Monday of fair week. Sheep will be weighed-in at the designated time according to the Fair 4-H Schedule.
10. An exhibitor in 4-H/FFA and Open Class can have no more than 4 animals total within the same project. (i.e Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine, Sheep) on the fairgrounds per Leavenworth County Fair Board.
11. Intact males (Rams) are not eligible to show at the county fair.
12. Each exhibitor may show no more than two animals per class or division. Market lambs will be shown by division (Black Face, White Face, Speckles, Hair) then by weight. Lambs must exhibit definite characteristics of the division or class for which it is entered. The Superintendent and/or an Extension Agent has the right to move an animal to the appropriate class or division.
14. One animal warrants a class in breeding ewes.
15. **ALL sheep** must be identified with an official USDA premise ID tag (Scrapie tag).
16. Animals used for showmanship must be owned by the exhibitor and entered in a market or breeding class. In the final showmanship drive, all showmanship finalists must show the animal they were showing when selected. Showmanship classes will be limited to a maximum of 15 animals.
17. Exhibitors ages 7-10 have the option to use a halter on lamb while showing.
18. Market Sheep weighing less than 90 lbs will not be eligible for the Livestock Auction.
19. All market lambs must be slick shorn with an even length of wool covering above the knee area. Wool length cannot exceed .2 inch. Use of artificial coloring (including, not limited, to paint or dyes) is prohibited. Lambs are to be shorn before weighing in at the fair. Lambs arriving at weigh-in unshorn will have the weight of the animal discounted 5%.
20. Sheep must be sheared or fitted by the 4-H/FFA member, another Leavenworth County 4-H/ FFA member, immediate family, legal guardian or local project leaders.
21. All sheep must have access to an adequate water supply at all times during the fair
22. Health and wellbeing of all animals brought to the fairgrounds is at the exhibitor’s risk.
23. If an animal becomes ill and requires special attention the superintendent and Extension Agent must be contacted prior to giving oral or injected treatment. Any treatment given to a sick animal must be approved by the fair Veterinarian.

24. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping the area in front of and around their pens clean. All wool that has been sheared off the lambs or breeding sheep must be removed and not left on the ground (regardless of around your pen area or in the designated grooming area). Each exhibitor is responsible for removal of their sheep's wool.
25. If an ear tag is lost, notify the Extension Office as soon as possible.

**SECTION – BREEDING SHEEP**

**CLASSES - Fall Ewe Lamb born September 1 - December 31 of the previous year  
Spring Ewe Lamb born January 1 or later of the current year  
Yearling Ewe born September 1, 2 years prior to August 31 of previous year**

**SECTION – MARKET SHEEP – Born after January 1 of the current year (90lbs or more)**

**DIVISIONS – Black Face  
White Face  
Speckles  
Hair**