

# LEAVENWORTH COUNTY FAIR 2026

## 4-H / FFA SHEEP

Superintendent: Becky Stewart

Exhibit Check In: Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 7am – 7:45am; South End of the Goat Barn

Exhibit Judging: Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>; 9am; Show Arena

The 4-H sheep project is a hands-on educational program for youth to learn about raising, managing, and showing sheep. It teaches responsibility and animal science through either market lamb or breeding projects. Members gain skills in nutrition, health, grooming, and showmanship.

### General Sheep Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation 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. All sheep must be owned and in the care of the 4-H/FFA member by **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May**.
3. 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.
4. Intact males (Rams) are not eligible to show at the county fair.
5. **ALL sheep** must be identified with an official USDA premise ID tag (Scrapie tag).
6. Exhibitors ages 7-10 have the option to use a halter on lamb while showing.
7. Market Sheep weighing less than 90 lbs will not be eligible for the Livestock Auction.
8. All sheep must have access to an adequate water supply at all times during the fair
9. 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.
10. 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.

### Market Lamb Rules

1. 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May).
2. 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.
3. All market lambs must be slick shorn with an even length of wool covering above the knee area. Wool length cannot exceed .2 inch. 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%.

## **Breeding Ewe Rules**

1. 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.
2. A minimum of 2 head will be required to make a breed. If less than 2 head are exhibited at the fair, they will be combined in an All Other Breeds (AOB) class. If less than 2 head are in the AOB class, they will be added to the crossbred class.

## **Classes**

### **BREEDING SHEEP**

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

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

1. **Black Face**
2. **White Face**
3. **Speckles**
4. **Hair**