



# 2025 Breeding Sheep Project Guide

## Noble County



**4-H Project Book:** #199 Sheep Breeding or paper copy Livestock Record Book (required) \*First year members should use project book. FFA – AET Records

**Resource Guide:** #194R Sheep Resource Handbook

### Project Animal Requirements:

\*Ewes (all ages) and Rams (born in 2025 only)

\* No Jr. Fair Market Animals (**\*Sheep tagged as Market Lambs CANNOT show in the Breeding Show**)

\*An exhibitor may exhibit only three breeding animals per species with no more than 2 animals in a specific class. (ie. Only two animals in the Ewe Lamb class)

**Classes** are: Spring Ewe Lamb – born 2/1/25 and after, Winter Ewe lamb – born 12/01/24 – 1/31/25

Fall Ewe lamb – born 9/1/24 – 11/30/24, Yearling Ewe – born 9/1/23 – 8/31/24

Aged Ewe – born before 9/1/23, Ram Lamb – born 1/1/25 and after

**All breeds listed will compete in separate classes: Suffolk, Hampshire, Cheviot, Southdown, Dorset, Katahdin, All Other Breeds, Crossbred. The breed champions will compete for overall Champion and Reserve Breeding Ewe & Ram.**

**\*Possession: By June 1st**

*\*Must have USDA approved Scrapie Tag (Do not purchase a lamb with a BLUE slaughter only scrapie tag).*

**Pre-Fair Tag-In: NONE**

**Quality Assurance:** Exhibitor and one parent/guardian **must** attend one of the sessions offered in Noble County or any other Ohio County **OR** youth must be tested out or completed the YQCA On-Line certification.

\*See 4-H Newsletter available at the Extension Office or online at <http://noble.osu.edu> for **dates, times and locations**.

**Fair Stall Reservations Due:** Exhibitor must let your club advisor know how many animals you will bring to the fair. A maximum of THREE Breeding Sheep animals only can be brought to the fair. Stall assignments are due **by August 7<sup>th</sup>** to your club advisor. On the stall assignment you will be asked to enter the **Class and BREED** for each animal. **Classes** are: Spring Ewe Lamb – born 2/1/25 and after, Winter Ewe lamb – born 12/01/24 – 1/31/25, Fall Ewe lamb – born 9/1/24 – 11/30/24, Yearling Ewe – born 9/1/23 – 8/31/24, Aged Ewe – born before 9/1/23, and Ram Lamb – born 1/1/25 and after

**Showmanship Sign-up:** If you plan to show in showmanship, a sign-up sheet will be included as part of the Stall Assignment sheets. Sign-up prior to fair with your club advisor; due **by August 7<sup>th</sup>** to your club advisor. \*You will also be able to sign up for showmanship at the fair. Sign up sheets will be located on the bulletin boards on the porch of the Jr. Fair Office.

### What happens at the Fair?

**Time to be on Fairgrounds** – Sheep can be brought to fairgrounds from **Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> @ NOON til Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 AM – Must be on grounds by Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 AM.** \*Tack and bedding **only** can be brought in starting Thursday, August 21st and Friday, August 22nd. Grooming Stands/Tents/Tack only can be brought in after 9:00 AM on Saturday and all day Sunday and Monday – **No sheep until after NOON on Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**Health Requirements:** No health papers required. The Fair Veterinarian will visually inspect animals in their pens. If they find an animal that does not meet the health requirements for exhibition (ie. Sore Mouth, Lice, Fungus, etc), your animal may be disqualified and sent home. Decisions of the Fair Veterinarian are FINAL.

- Shows –Showmanship** - Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM – (determined by age - Senior Division first)
- **Breeding Classes** – Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – immediately following Jr. Fair Sheep Showmanship - (*determined by age and breed of animal*). Jr Fair Sheep Breeding exhibitors may have a “Helper” to set the feet of their sheep during the Breeding Sheep Show only.
- ✓ **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** *Using any substance to enhance or change the color of the livestock, including the livestock’s hide or hooves. Adding any substances externally to build up, change or alter the shape or conformation of the livestock, including by way of example but not limited to rope, false hair, graphite, hemp and powders; liquids or gas to change shape or degree of firmness; use of ice water enemas or ice packs; adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels. Using pigmented grooming aids or materials such paints, dye, powder, non- clear adhesive & foam or shoe polish. **Transparent grooming products only may be used.** Additionally, the member should be present while the animal is being groomed. **The use of muzzles on sheep is prohibited while on the grounds of the Noble Co. Fair. The use of electrical shock to make lambs appear harder to the touch as a result of a conditioned response is prohibited. Syringe feeding or bottle feeding of lambs is prohibited at the fair.***

**Dress Code Guidelines for Sheep Exhibitors:**

- Full-length pants, belts are strongly encouraged. No shorts. Dark jeans.
- Hard soled shoes or boot are suggested. No clogs, slides, sandals, or athletic shoes.
- Shirts should have collars, sleeves, and be tucked in. No halter-tops, tank tops, or bare midriff.
- Equipment: No special equipment needed

**What is the Premier Exhibitor Award?**

High scoring exhibitor from skillathon/interview (project book required), showmanship and breeding & market class placing. Special awards, cash awards, etc.

Skillathon: *Skillathon is **OPTIONAL** for 4-H & FFA members.* Skillathon will be held August 4th at the Fairgrounds. Sign-up Genius will be used to schedule a time – more information to be shared.

**What happens after the Fair?**

**Premium money** – exhibitors are paid \$8.00/project (not animal) for completed project shown at the Fair; up to a total of 4 projects. This money will be given to you by your club advisor.

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