



May 2, 2024

Dear Breeding Sheep project member and 4-H advisors,

As you work on your project, we wanted to be sure that you have available the information you need. Included you will find information you need to know if you choose to participate in the Delaware County Fair, Ohio State Fair, or Hartford Fair. Please look into the exhibitor's handbook for all the rules in particular to your project.

### Delaware County Fair

- **Entry deadline August 23**
- You need to have possession of your Sheep by June 1
- Leasing of breeding sheep is approved - if you are leasing animals, you must turn in your lease agreement by **June 7** at <https://go.osu.edu/dcflease>.
- **You are required to attend a Quality Assurance training by July 1.** Please email Jacci [smith.11005@osu.edu](mailto:smith.11005@osu.edu) for questions.
- Mandatory project interview judging is the Saturday before the fair.
- You may show 2 sheep per class.
- An approved form of Scrapie Identification (ex. Scrapie tag) is required.
- Check-in is 2-11 pm the Friday before the fair and 6:30-8:30 am the first Saturday of fair.
- Delaware County Fair schedule has some slight modifications. Please check <https://go.osu.edu/jrfairschedule> for updates.
- Fans less than 100 watts will be permitted.
- The Sheep show begins **at 3 pm** on Sunday of fair in the pig and lamb barn.
  - **Show order:** Pee Wee showmanship, Showmanship (oldest to youngest), Adult Showmanship, Breeding Sheep Show, Individual Market Lambs (lightest to heaviest), and Pen of 2 Market Lambs (lightest pen to heaviest pen)
- Breeding sheep will be broken into 3 breed groups: purebred wool breeds, purebred meat breeds, and crossbreds (commercial and Wether-type)
  - Each breed group will offer the following classes: yearling ewes, ewe lambs, yearling rams, and ram lambs.
    - Ewe lambs and ram lambs must be born after October 1 of the previous year.
    - Crossbred ewe lambs and purebred meat ewe lambs will be broken into early ewe lambs (born 10-1 through 2-14) and late ewe lambs (born 2-15 and after).
- Ewe lambs that are entered in the Market lamb classes can not show in the breeding sheep portion of the show.
- Breeding sheep are released 8am-4pm on Wednesday.

If you have any questions, please talk to your advisor or call the Extension office. Enjoy your projects!

Sincerely

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## Ohio State Fair

- Please visit the following website for Breeding sheep rules and entry form:  
<https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>

## Hartford Independent Fair

- May exhibit 5 entries in the Junior Fair Breeding sheep
- Possession date May 1
- Must have approved USDA Scrapie tag in all Breeding Stock
- QA required by June 1
- Entries are due June 28
- Not a sale animal
- May show ewes or rams.

## 2024 Quality Assurance Opportunities

(Please contact the county before attending any Quality Assurance Session that is not your own county for possible changes.)

### Quality Assurance

10AM	<b>April 6</b>	**New location Extension Office
6:30PM	<b>May 16</b>	Extension Office Large meeting room
6:30PM	<b>May 28</b>	Extension Office Large meeting room
6:30PM	<b>May 30</b>	Ag. Center DCF Fairgrounds
6:30 PM	<b>June 3</b>	Extension Office Large meeting room

\*The QA session on June 3 is after the deadline for the Hartford Fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors.

\*All Livestock Exhibitors will be required to attend a QA session by July 1 in order to show at Delaware County Fair.

### NO PREREGISTRATION IS NEEDED

#### In person Quality Assurance Test

Email or call to schedule a convenient time for you! **No tests will be administered after July 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Quality Assurance test is offered for youth 4-H ages 12 years and older who have previously completed Quality Assurance programming. Participants must pass by at least 70%. Participants can receive QA credit for multiple years, depending on their age. The test may be taken once each year, any participants who do not pass will be required to complete a Quality Assurance program to receive QA credit.

#### Nearby Quality Assurance Training Dates:

- Most dates are early March through the end of May

#### COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Delaware County, 740-833-2030

Knox County, 740-397-0401

Licking County, 740-670-5315

Marion County, 740-223-4040

Union County, 937-644-8117



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## Quality Assurance 2024 - Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who must attend Quality Assurance?** All 4-H and FFA members taking **Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Breeding sheep, Market and Breeding Rabbits, All Poultry, Goats (including Pygmy and Pack goats) and Dairy Cattle** **MUST** attend a Quality Assurance program in order to exhibit at the Delaware County or Ohio State Fair. Completing the quality assurance requirement **each year** is mandatory by state law for junior exhibitors.
- **When is the Quality Assurance attendance deadline?** For the Delaware County Fair this deadline is on or before **July 1**. Hartford Fair deadline is on or before **June 1**. For Ohio State Fair this deadline is **June 1**. Ohio Department of Agriculture requires exhibitors to have participated or tested out of a Quality Assurance program within 45 day prior to the opening day of the exhibition.
- **Does it matter which Quality Assurance I attend?** There are 5 QA programs offered in Delaware County this year. Credit will be given for QA attendance regardless of which program you attend.
- **What if I arrive at a Quality Assurance program late?** It is important for each 4-H or FFA member to receive all the training in order to meet Ohio Department of Agriculture requirements. **Anyone arriving more than 10 minutes late will not receive credit for attending the QA session.** For the virtual sessions we will have a moderator letting individuals in from a waiting room. Attendance will be taken via the chat feature at the beginning and the end of the session. If you experience technical difficulties during the session email Jacci at [smith.11005@osu.edu](mailto:smith.11005@osu.edu).
- **What happens if I am unable to attend any of the Delaware County Quality Assurance programs?** If you have a conflict with each of the listed Quality Assurance options on the reverse of this sheet, you may contact other county offices to see if you can participate at their offerings. If you know you will have conflicts with the Delaware County dates, call as soon as possible because many counties have earlier QA dates. **Also, an asynchronous online session can be taken. YQCA online version is the only type of online QA accepted in the state of Ohio.** Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance>
- **What about the Hartford Fair?** Exhibitors at the Hartford fair taking **any** market or breeding projects must attend a Quality Assurance program on or before **June 1**. Call the Licking Co. Extension office with questions. **The QA session on June 3 is after the deadline for the Hartford Fair and will not meet the requirement for exhibitors.**
- **Can I Test Out of Quality Assurance?** Yes! Delaware County offers in person opportunities for youth to test out of their Quality Assurance. Youth ages 12 and above may take a Quality Assurance test to see how well they know the material. Youth passing the test may potentially fulfill their QA requirement for multiple years, depending on their age. Email Jacci at [smith.11005@osu.edu](mailto:smith.11005@osu.edu) or call the Extension office to schedule a time to take the test or if you have additional questions (740-833-2039). **Tests will NOT be scheduled after July 1<sup>st</sup>!** You can now also take the YQCA online test out option. You must email Jacci at [Smith.11005@osu](mailto:Smith.11005@osu) your completion certificate. Information on how to complete this can be found on our website- <https://delaware.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/quality-assurance>

