



May 2, 2025

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 22**
- 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 for questions.
- The Sheep committee will host a clinic on **June 28 at 6:30 pm** at the pig and lamb barn.
- 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)
- **All rams will show in their respective classes, then all ewes will show in their respective classes. Order will be Wool breeds, Meat breeds, Crossbreds.**
- 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 rams, ram lambs, yearling ewes, and ewe lambs,
 - Ewe lambs and ram lambs must be born after October 1 of the previous year.
 - Crossbred ewe lambs and purebred Meat breeds 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 27
- Not a sale animal
- May show ewes or rams.

2025 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	April 5	**New location Extension Office
6:30PM	May 20	Extension Office Large meeting room
6:30PM	May 28	Extension Office Large meeting room
6:30PM	May 29	Extension Office Large meeting room
6:30 PM	June 5	Extension Office Large meeting room

***The QA session on June 5 is after the deadline for the Hartford Fair and will not meet the requirement for those exhibitors.**

***All Livestock Exhibitors are 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 1st.** 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 2025 - 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, Hartford Fair or Ohio State Fair. Completing the quality assurance requirement **each year** is mandatory by state law for junior exhibitors. Pet Rabbit and Companion Goat members do not need to complete Quality Assurance.
- **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 days 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.**
- **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 5 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 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 1st!** You can now also take the YQCA online test out option. You must email Jacci at 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>



Checklist

Breeding Sheep

2025 Delaware County Fair Project Checklist

Use the checklist below to help ensure that you complete all important dates and deadlines in order to show your livestock project at the Delaware County Fair. Your May letter and the August newsletter will give you more information on these responsibilities.

Subject to change

Critical Project Responsibilities	Date
4-H Enrollment	15-Apr
Quality Assurance (QA) Session	Due 7-1- See flyer
Animal Possession Deadline	1-June
Animal ID Submission- Lease Agreement if applicable	NA (lease due 6/7 if leasing)
Delaware County Fair Entries	8/22/2025
Delaware County Fair Jr. Fair Sale Photo	NA
Mandatory Livestock Interview Judging	9/6/2025
Skillathon (Optional)	9/6/2025
Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)	NA
Pen Use Agreement Form	9/13/2025
Delaware County Fair Check-in	9/12 & 13/2025
Weigh-in and Animal Destination declared	NA
Show	9/14/2025
Sale	NA
Delaware County Fair move out and clean pen	9/17/2025
W-9 to Sr. Fair Office- Deadline	NA