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Dear Market Lamb 4-H exhibitors and 4-H advisors,

As you begin your projects for this year, please find enclosed some important fair rules for market lamb exhibitors. Included is information that will be helpful for exhibitors at the Delaware County Fair (DCF), Ohio State Fair, and the Hartford Independent Fair. A more complete listing of rules for each fair will be available in each fair's exhibitor handbook once it is published.

Please note the Delaware County Fair market lamb identification will be online like last year. Having an approved Scrapie ID is mandatory for all market lambs. You **must use the full-length scrapie ID** on your "tagging" form. Hartford tags will not be accepted as your ID. This identification is mandatory for Delaware County Fair participation. Each exhibitor can ID up to 4 lambs but only show 2 at the fair. Use this link or the QR code to identify your market lambs by **June 7**: <https://go.osu.edu/dellambid>. Family identification will be honored at entry time. Late ID forms are accepted for one week with a \$50 late fee per exhibitor.



Quality assurance is mandatory for market lamb projects. Email Jacci Smith.11005@osu.edu for questions.

Please note that this year the Ohio State Fair possession date for market lambs is May 23.

NEW THIS YEAR- for Delaware County Fair-

- There will be a Sheep clinic on June 28 at the pig and lamb barn at 6:30pm
 - Registration link coming soon
 - Bring your own lamb
 - Topics: showmanship, brace training, nutrition, exercise
- Reminder that ice, and cold compresses are not allowed at the fair per the Ohio Administrative Code, unless used in guidance from the Fair Veterinarian

DCF exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out their pens. Since a second show moves in after-sale night pens need to be cleaned by Thursday morning. The penalty fee is a \$25 per pen.

The DCF sale committee is planning to continue having youth digitally submit a picture of themselves and their project before coming to the fair for the sale. **This year it will be uploaded with your entries in August.**

If you have any questions, please contact your project advisor or call the Extension office. Best of luck with your market lamb project this year!

Sincerely

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Market Lamb Exhibit Information

All Market lambs regardless of their age will be required to have an approved Scrapie ID. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure the animal has proper identification prior to exhibition at the fair. **When you buy sheep, they should have a scrapie ID from the breeder. Check to make sure they do!**

For Delaware County Fair Market Lamb Exhibitors

- **A more complete listing of rules will be available in the exhibitor handbook once it is published.**
- All 4-H and FFA members who wish to exhibit market lambs at the county fair must have their animals in their possession by **June 1st**.
- **All sheep exhibiting at the fair must have an approved form of scrapie identification.**
- Market lambs must be identified by submitting pictures and their official scrapie identification number online by **June 7** in order to exhibit at the Delaware County Fair. A member may identify up to 4 market lambs to be tagged. Late identification is accepted for one week with a \$50/ exhibitor late fee.
- Members may identify upto 4 lambs. Exhibitors may enter and bring up to 2 lambs to the county fair.
- Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit a market project in up to 2 departments if they meet the conditions outlined by the Fair Board. Please see the "Fair General Rules" section of the Exhibitors handbook posted on the Delaware County Fair's website (www.delawarecountyfair.com).
- Interview judging for Market Lamb exhibitors will be held Saturday, **September 6** from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Members should bring their project books completed up to that date. Livestock exhibitors who are unable to be interviewed on that date should schedule an interview with your advisor.
- In addition to traditional black-faced club lamb classes, a class specifically dedicated to white-faced crossbreeds will be offered
- All market lamb exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance program by **July 1**.
- Members must complete a fair entry form to exhibit at the county fair. Junior fair entries are due by Friday, **August 22** online.
- Market lambs must be sheared to the hide (slick sheared ¼" or less) at weigh in. Shearers will not be available at the fairgrounds. Check with your advisor if you need assistance finding a shearer.
- Champion and Reserve Champion market lambs are not eligible for Pen of Two market lambs. Champion and Reserve champion exhibitors are eligible to show for the remaining top 5 overall market lambs with their second lamb.
- Pen of two champion and reserve champion will sell through the Jr. Fair Sale. Each exhibitor will sell the pen of two as a lot not as 2 separate sheep.
- The Champion and Reserve champion individual lambs as well as the Champion and Reserve champion pen of 2 lambs will all be harvested after the sale at facilities that are determined by the sale committee.
- Market lambs must weigh between 95-155 pounds to show for champion and go through the Jr. Fair Sale.
- All exhibitors and parents agree to sign a form that they understand the rules prior to fair weigh in.

- The Senior Fair Board shall have the right to examine or test an animal for any illegal substance that changes the conformation or temperament of the animal. Exhibitors who may be found in violation of this rule may face forfeiture of any and all premiums from that year's fair and potential banishment from that and future fairs as well as disciplinary action as the Senior Fair Board may deem to be appropriate.
- If any problems arise from the packer with a project animal, the exhibitor will be held financially responsible.
- Only animals entered at the Delaware County Fair will be permitted on the fairgrounds.
- The show will begin at 3pm on Sunday of the fair.
- Exhibitors are responsible to ensure their pens are cleaned out by Thursday morning. There will be a \$25 per pen penalty fee for those that are left uncleaned.
- Exhibitors selling through the Junior Fair Auctions will not be permitted to take that project home.
- Show ring attire requirements are a collared shirt with no logo and not sleeveless, long pants without rips or tears.
- No ice or cold towels allowed on sheep- per OAC 901-19, **using ice, ice packs, cold packs, or cold compresses internally or externally is an unacceptable practice**, unless to relieve heat stress or a medical condition diagnosed and prescribed by the official veterinarian.
- Fans less than 100 watts will be permitted
- Tents, chairs, stands, and other fitting equipment should not be placed any closer than 10' within any barn. Tents in violation will be removed by the show committee as appropriate.
- Animal exhibitors will be asked to acknowledge that they are willingly placing their animals in the Delaware County Fair's stall/pen/cage.

For Ohio State Fair Market Lamb Exhibitors

- The Ohio State Fair exhibitors' handbook will be posted to the Ohio State Fair website. Please visit the following website for rules and entry form at <https://www.ohiostatefair.com/p/get-involved/livestock/livestock-competitions>
- Possession date is May 23

For Hartford Fair Market Lamb Exhibitors

- May exhibit up to 5 animals (one Pen of 2 and three singles)
- Market lambs cannot be shown in the breeding sheep show at Hartford Fair
- Possession deadline: May 1
- Tagging on May 17 from 9 AM until noon at the fairgrounds. Up to 6 lambs may be tagged at that time (Fee: \$3/animal)
 - Must COMPLETE ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION.
- Scrapie Identification is required
- No rams allowed.
- Animals must be slick shorn one week or less prior to the fair.
- All lambs must weigh a minimum of 95 pounds (except Southdown and Cheviots which must weigh 85 pounds).
- Exhibitors must attend a Quality Assurance Program prior to June 1
- Fair entry deadline: June 27
- Details are available at <http://www.hartfordfair.com>

2025 DELAWARE COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR SALES/AUCTION

1. 4-H members taking a market animal to show and sell at the fair will be required to take a picture with their animal and upload it with their fair entry. (*information will be sent out with fair sign-up information*). Each species requires a submission. Photo requirements must follow sales & show arena rules:
 - The animal should be clean and groomed for show and the exhibitor should be dressed neatly as well.
 - A button/ snap collared shirt closed to within one button from the top or Department approved shirt (such as a lab coat), long or short sleeves permitted.
 - No sleeveless shirts allowed.
 - No bare midriffs allowed.
 - No logos/ads on shirts other than 4-H or FFA.
 - Long pants or skirts whose length is below the knee shall be worn, no shorts.
 - Footwear should be sturdy shoes or boots.
 - No sandals, open toed or open heel shoes.
 - Clothes must be neat in appearance with no rips or tears.

Please use a plain/solid background with little distractions/clutter. (ex: building wall, pine tree, etc.)

These pictures will be printed and given to the buyers during the auctions, so please plan to take a great picture as a thank you to your buyer.

2. Junior Fair exhibitors may enter and exhibit a market project in up to 2 departments if they meet the conditions outlined by the Fair Board.
 - **Exhibitors will still only be allowed to sell ONE market project through the sale.** Please see the “Fair General Rules” of the Exhibitors handbook posted on the Delaware County Fair’s website (www.delawarecountyfair.com)
3. W-9 forms will be required from all market exhibitors. These forms are to be filled out and turned into the Sr. fair office (236 Pennsylvania Ave.) by December 31st. Sale checks will be mailed when available to those who have turned in their W-9 forms. Exhibitors who sell in the Jr. Fair Sale with gross proceeds greater than or equal to \$600 will receive a 1099 tax form from the fair.
4. The sale order is established by having the species that sold last in the previous year sell first in the current year.
 - The sale order for the 2025 Tuesday sale shall be Beef, Baked Goods, Dairy Products, Rabbits, and Poultry.
 - The sale order for the 2025 Wednesday sale will be: Pigs, Goats, and Lambs.
5. Delaware County Fair has a Buyers Club to help support the sales. The purpose of the Buyers Club is to provide an opportunity to participate in the sale for those businesses, organizations, or individuals who are interested in contributing to a pool of resources or unable to attend the sale. The committee that oversees the Buyers Club is seeking additional members. Anyone interested in participating on this committee should contact Cheryl Hagerty at 614-595-1562.
6. All exhibitors selling a market animal or product through the Junior Fair Sales at the Delaware County Fair must submit a thank you note, card or letter to the Junior Fair Office (drop box), **located on the fairgrounds**, by October 31. The envelope should be sealed with a stamp affixed and the exhibitor’s name listed with the return address. Thank you notes and tokens of appreciation given to buyer’s at the sale do not count toward this requirement.

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

Market Lambs

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- Pictures	7-June
Delaware County Fair Entries	8/22/2025
Delaware County Fair Jr. Fair Sale Photo	8/22/2025
Mandatory Livestock Interview Judging	9/6/2025
Skillathon (Optional)	9/6/2025
Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)	9/13/2025
Pen Use Agreement Form	9/13/2025
Delaware County Fair Check-in	9/12 & 13/2025
Weigh-in and Animal Destination declared	9/13/2025
Show	9/14/2025
Sale	9/17/2025
Delaware County Fair move out and clean pen	9/17/2025
W-9 to Sr. Fair Office- Deadline	12/31/2025