

Important Dates 2024

- **4/1 Enrollment Deadline**
- **Tag Information:** Must be submitted in Blue Ribbon by June 1st and any other reporting that is directed to be completed.
- **Attend ONE Quality Assurance training** (all animals exhibiting at the fair must attend one of these sessions)
 - 3/12 6:30-7:30pm at Fairgrounds
 - 3/16 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
 - 4/13 9:00-10:00am at Fairgrounds
 - 4/21 5:00-6:00pm at Fairgrounds
- **Enroll in Fair Show Classes via Blue Ribbon** from May 1st – June 1st.
- **Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon** (July 13th 8am- noon)
- **Fair Move in on 7/14th from 9am-2pm**
- **Fair Weigh-in on 7/14th at 6:00pm**
- **Show at the Ottawa County Fair- July 15th at 9:00am**
- **Livestock Sale on 7/19**
- **Barn Meeting –**

Remember to thank your buyer(s) after the sale!

Sheep Committee Contacts

Questions about your Sheep project?

Contact a member of the Ottawa County 4-H Sheep department

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Species Guide for First Year Projects



Sheep



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Are you Considering a Sheep Project?

The following are project requirements and guidelines for Ottawa County 4-H Sheep Projects.

Members must:

- ☐ Enroll in 4-H by the April 1st deadline
- ☐ Possession date of May 1st of current year
- ☐ Attend Quality Assurance training
- ☐ Complete Project Book and attend Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon (July)
- ☐ Complete registration for fair exhibits Blue Ribbon [online](#) (register between 5/1-6/1)
- ☐ Bring sheep to the fair at scheduled time
- ☐ Provide Scrapie ID or Registration papers (if applicable)

Recommended Items

- Purchase a Sheep Resource Book

Review the Ottawa County Fair Book for all exhibition rules and requirements

Resources for Sheep Projects

[Ottawa County 4-H Handbook on OSU](#)

Website – <https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/4-h-handbook-0>

[Ottawa County Fair Handbook on OSU](#)

Website <https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ottawa-county-fair>

[Sheep Resource Handbook –](#)

available for purchase at the OSU Extension office. This book contains essential information for project evaluation.

[Scrapie Tag information/Goat ID](#)

Information can be found at <https://ottawa.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/ottawa-county-fair/species-specific-information>

Equipment & Cost Considerations

- Costs of sheep can vary
- Cost of feeds can vary and sheep can eat on average 3-4% of body weight in feed per day
- Sheep grow best when they have at least a three-sided shelter to provide them with protection from sun, wind, and rain.
- Shavings and straw should be used for bedding especially in early spring when temperatures are cold.
- A clean continuous water supply is needed.
- Sheep should be wormed 2-3 times during the project

Exhibiting a Sheep Project

Items Needed for the Fair:

- Registration papers (if applicable)
- Must provide your own waterer
- Show box that locks to keep your supplies in
- Feeder, feed tub or pan
- Brushes
- Lead
- Shampoo
- Shavings
- Hoof Trimmers
- Clippers

Dress code: Tie shoes or boots (no open toed shoes) long pants and plain, short sleeve or long-sleeved shirts.

Sheep Project Categories

197- Carcass Lamb Project

198- Market Lamb Project

199- Sheep Breeding Project

Additional Information

Ottawa County offers classes for:

- ❖ There will be both ewe and wether classes at the fair
- ❖ Ottawa County Bred, Born & Raised class at the Fair.