

SRI 4-H Fair Sheep



Sheep Guidelines:

1. Ownership or Management Deadline: July 1st.
2. 4-Hers must bring management papers to fairs that occur before July 1st.
3. Fitting and Showmanship are judged on the appearance of sheep (blocking & fitting for the show), cleanliness and condition of the animal; handling- showing, holding, and moving of sheep in the ring; attitude, appearance & sportsmanship of the exhibitor and his/her knowledge of his/her sheep project. Judging starts when the exhibitor enters the ring and ends when they exit the ring.
4. Show clothes: Solid-colored black, khaki, tan, green, or white pants/jeans with a belt and a white shirt or blouse. All shirts must be tucked in.
5. A 4-H member may exhibit sheep of any recognized breed (“registered”) or a crossbred of breeds (“unregistered”). Separate classes will be provided for registered and unregistered.
6. The exhibitor is limited to one animal per class.
7. Each exhibitor must show his or her own project sheep alone in the single classes and be on the head of his/her animal. Other 4-Hers may help the exhibitor if the animal is extremely large, becomes unruly, or the 4-Her has a disability. Discuss with the superintendent before the show!
8. Halters are optional. However, they are strongly suggested for young or inexperienced exhibitors. When used, animals should be trained to lead on halter.

Sheep Show Classes:

1. Yearling Ram (born between 8/31/2024 and 9/1/2025)
2. Senior Ram Lamb (born between 9/1/2025 and 12/31/2025)
3. Intermediate Ram Lamb (born between 1/1/2026 and 2/15/2026)
4. Junior Ram Lamb (born after 2/16/2026)
5. Aged Ewes (born before 9/1/2024)
6. Yearling Ewe (born between 8/31/2024 and 9/1/2025)
7. Senior Ewe Lamb (born between 9/1/2025 and 12/31/2025)
8. Intermediate Ewe Lamb (born between 1/1/2026 and 2/15/2026)
9. Junior Ewe Lamb (born after 2/16/2026)
10. Pair of Lambs (same sex)
11. Flock (1 ram, 2 ewes of the same breed)
12. Best Fleece
13. Market Lamb
14. Registered Ewe Bred and Owned
15. Fitting & Showmanship
 - Novice (never shown an animal)
 - Cloverbud (5-7)
 - Junior (8-10)
 - Intermediate (11-13)
 - Senior (14-18)