

# **Paulding County Junior Fair**

## **Sheep Department Guidelines – 2024**

Show Date and Time: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm

### **New Rule Changes**

The minimum weight for market lambs is 90 lbs., as it has been in the past. Rule was updated to correct a publication error from 2023.

### **Lambing Dates**

#### **Breeding – Purebred (All)**

Ewe Lamb – Lambed on or after September 1, 2023

Yearling Ewe – Lambed between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023

Aged Lamb – Lambed on or before August 31, 2022

Ram Lamb – Lambed on or after September 1, 2020

Yearling Ram – Lambed between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023

Aged Ram – Lambed on or before August 31, 2022

#### **Breeding – Commercial/Crossbred**

Junior Ewe – Lambed July 1, 2023 thru January 31, 2024

Intermediate Ewe – Lambed February 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023

Senior Ewe – Lambed March 1, 2022 thru January 31, 2023

### **Market**

Market Lamb – Lambed between December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023

### **Possession Dates**

#### **Breeding – Purebred (All)**

Ewe Lamb – April 6, 2024

Yearling Ewe – April 6, 2024

Aged Lamb – April 6, 2024

Ram Lamb – April 6, 2024

Yearling Ram – April 6, 2024

Aged Ram – April 6, 2024

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Intermediate Ewe – April 6, 2024

Senior Ewe – April 6, 2024

### **Market**

Market Lamb – April 6, 2024

### **Classes – with descriptions**

## Showmanship

### 1. Senior Showmanship

- a. Exhibitors age 14 and up (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year) will register for this showmanship class unless one of the following apply:
  - i. First year completing the project
  - ii. Are not yet 14 but have won Junior Showmanship in the past
- b. Once an exhibitor wins Senior Showmanship for the species being exhibited, they may not compete in Senior Showmanship for that species in the future. The youth, regardless of age, will move to the Champion of Champion Showmanship class.
- c. The exhibitor that wins Senior Showmanship may enter the Champion of Champion Showmanship class for their species on the same day they win Senior Showmanship. This exhibitor will be asked if they want to show in the Champion of Champion class during the show.

### 2. Junior Showmanship

- a. Exhibitors beginning at 8 years of age (as of January 1 of current year) thru 13 years of age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year) will register for this showmanship class unless one of the following apply:
  - i. First year completing the project
  - ii. Have won Junior Showmanship in a previous year.
- b. Once an exhibitor wins Junior Showmanship for the species being exhibited, they may not compete in Junior Showmanship for that species in the future. The youth, regardless of age, will move to the Senior Showmanship class.

### 3. Beginning Showmanship

- a. This class is for an exhibitor who is exhibiting a species for the first time, regardless of age.
- b. Exhibitors may only show in beginner showmanship the first year they exhibit the species. After the first year exhibiting, they will follow the guidelines set for Junior or Senior Showmanship.

### 4. Pee Wee Showmanship

- a. A fun showmanship class for youth who are no older than 7 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- b. Registration in a project is not required but interested youth must register before the show to indicate their interest in showing in this class
- c. A parent/guardian must sign a release of liability waiver before the start of the show for the youth to participate

### 5. Champion of Champion Showmanship

- a. Exhibitors who have won Senior Showmanship for this species in the past are the **only** exhibitors who are eligible for the Champion of Champion Showmanship class
- b. There are no age requirements for this class
- c. Winners of this class will be eligible to show in the Showman of Showmen contest in the year they won this class.

## Market Lambs

### 1. Market Lamb

- a. Lambs showing in this class must be a castrated male (wether) or an ewe lambbed within the recommended lambing dates
- b. Lambs shown in this class must meet the minimum weight requirement of 90 lbs.
- c. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a market lamb project.

### **Commercial/Crossbred Breeding Lambs**

- 1. Junior Ewe
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambbed within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - c. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - d. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale
- 2. Intermediate Ewe
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambbed within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - c. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - d. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale
- 3. Senior Ewe
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambbed within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - c. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - d. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale

### **Purebred Breeding Lambs – Classes will be broken by species**

- 1. Yearling Ewe
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambbed within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. Lambs showing in this class must be purebred.
  - c. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - e. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale
- 2. Yearling Ram
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambbed within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. Lambs showing in this class must be purebred
  - c. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - e. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale
- 3. Ewe Lamb
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambbed within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. Lambs showing in this class must be purebred
  - c. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class

- d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - e. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale
- 4. Ram Lamb
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambled within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. Lambs showing in this class must be purebred.
  - c. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - e. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale
- 5. Aged Lamb
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambled within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. Lambs showing in this class must be purebred.
  - c. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - e. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale
- 6. Aged Ram
  - a. Lambs showing in this class must be lambled within the recommended lambing dates.
  - b. Lambs showing in this class must be purebred.
  - c. There is no minimum or maximum weight requirements for this class
  - d. Exhibitors wishing to show in this class must complete a breeding lamb project.
  - e. Entries in this class will not sell at the livestock sale

## **Scrapie Tags**

1. All sheep that are exhibited at the Paulding County Fair must have a Scrapie ID.
2. Do not purchase a sheep to use as a project animal unless it has a scrapie tag.

## **Project Requirements**

1. Exhibitors must complete the appropriate project for the class they are wishing to exhibit in.
2. All exhibitors of livestock are required to attend a yearly Quality Assurance training.
3. All exhibitors in this department are required to complete the Sheep Skillathon, which is held the last Wednesday in May every year.

## **Livestock Entries**

1. No livestock entry can be shown at the Paulding County Junior Fair that has been shown in another county junior fair show.
2. All livestock entries for the sheep department must be entered into FairEntry no later than 11:59 pm on May 10, 2024. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Exhibitors must register for the appropriate showmanship class by the deadline noted above.
4. Market classes are limited to 2 entries in a single class.
5. The same animal cannot be exhibited in both breeding and market classes.

## **Livestock Tagging**

1. All market animals must be tagged to exhibit at the Paulding County Fair.
2. All sheep being shown in a market lamb class must be present for our April tagging which takes place the first Saturday in April every year between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 am.
3. Any market lambs that do not show up for tagging will not be able to be exhibited or sold at the Paulding County Fair.

## **Loss of Project Animal**

1. If an animal dies, the exhibitor must present the carcass to two Senior Fairboard members within 24 hours of the animal's death.
2. The exhibitor will then be able to retag a replacement animal.
3. The replacement animal will only be eligible for showmanship and the over/under 2<sup>nd</sup> chance weight class.
4. The replacement animal will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
5. The replacement animal will be permitted to sell at the livestock auction.

## **Livestock Move-in**

1. All livestock must be moved in on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am.
2. Animals will be assigned a pen no later than the Friday afternoon prior to the start of fair.
3. Exhibitors may come on the Friday afternoon/evening before fair to bed their pens, move in tack boxes, etc.
4. Pen assignments are not to be changed once set by the Junior Fairboard.
5. All livestock must enter the west gate of the fairgrounds on the date and time of move-in.
6. Exhibitors will be required to have a DUNF completed for each animal shown in this species **before** pulling through the gate with your animal. This online form will be made available on the Monday before the start of the Paulding County Fair.
7. Animals that do not have a completed DUNF will not be permitted to enter the fairgrounds.
8. Animals must be free of all drug residues on move-in date.
9. Market Sheep must be dehorned.

## **Non-Market Livestock Check-In**

1. Exhibitors of non-market animals must check-in their animal(s) in the show arena between the hours of 10:30 am and 12:00 pm on the day of move-in.

## **Livestock Weigh-In**

1. Weigh-In will begin once move-in is complete. Please remember to be ready for weigh-in to start shortly after 11:00 am on the day of move-in.
2. Only the exhibitor and one family member or guardian is permitted in the barn during livestock weigh-in.

3. Animals must remain in their designated animal species area during weigh-in.
4. Animals must be presented bare, except for one halter per animal.
5. Animals must not be presented for weigh-in with wet fur, hair, or skin. Animals with wet fur, hair, or skin will be ineligible for weigh-in. This will constitute as the animal's first trip to the scale resulting in no weight. The exhibitor will have 30 minutes from the time the animal was presented to bring the animal back ONCE to try to meet minimum or maximum weight standards. This constitutes as the second trip to the scale.
6. Should the animal be presented a second time with the fur still wet, it will result in a no weigh and the animal will be ineligible for the fair and sent home.
7. All market lambs must be uniformly slick shorn at the fair weigh-in. A maximum of seven (7) days wool is allowed. Head wool is allowed at weigh-in. Lambs will be allowed leg wool from the knees and hocks down. Belly and flank wool must be completely shorn and equal to the length of wool on the body at the time of the show.
8. Animals that make weight the first time across the scale will not be permitted to re-weigh.
9. If the animal does not make weight on the first trip to the scale, the exhibitor will have 30 minutes before the animal will be re-weighed. A total of two trips to the scale will be granted to try to meet minimum or maximum weight standards.
10. Animals that do not meet weight standards on their second trip to the scale will be entered into the Over/Under 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance class.
11. Over/Under weight animals will not be able to sell at the livestock sale. They will still be permitted to be sold direct to the packer.
12. Market classes will be determined at weigh-in and posted.
13. Once the weight classes have been posted for each species there are NO adjustments or changes.

## **Week of the Fair**

1. The exhibitor is the absolute insurer of and is responsible for the condition of the exhibited animal, regardless of the acts of a third party.
2. If testing and inspection procedures show evidence of a foreign substance or any drug that is not medically necessary, the exhibitor, the member(s) of the exhibitor's immediate family, or any other person shown to have had care, custody, or attendance of the animal in any way, may be subject to disqualification of participating in the Paulding County Fair and may also be subject to additional penalties according to law.
3. Animals that are not properly cared for, including a clean pen, will receive one written warning and, if the neglect continues, will be removed immediately from the fairgrounds without selling in the livestock sale. Exhibitors who have their animal(s) removed for these reasons will not be permitted to show the same species the following year.
4. Unruly or out-of-control animals may be disqualified and or removed from a Junior Fair show. The show judge and two or more senior fairboard members from the Livestock Committee will have authority regarding unruly or out-of-control animals.
5. Fair goers come to the fair to see the animals and other projects that are being exhibited. Exhibitors are to keep the animals, pens, and aiseways clean and swept.

Exhibitors should strive to make their exhibit and the barns as welcoming and inviting as possible.

6. Straw bedding is not to be used anywhere on the fairgrounds during the fair.
7. The exhibitor is responsible for their own equipment. The Paulding County Junior and Senior Fairboards are not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen items.

## **Day of Show**

1. Grooming is allowed.
  - a. Any product that changes, enhances, or alters the natural color of an animal will not be permitted. This includes but not limited to paints, dye, powder, non-clear adhesive, and foam or show polish.
  - b. Unethical fitting will not be tolerated and is punishable by law.
  - c. The exhibitor must be present during grooming.
  - d. Supervision and help is allowed by a family member, 4-H or FFA advisor, or another 4-H or FFA member.
  - e. Professional groomers or help from a professional groomer is not permitted. A professional groomer is anyone who is paid, or has been paid in the past, to groom an animal for show.
2. Show attire
  - a. Sheep exhibitors should wear a nice shirt (not a t-shirt) and dark jeans.
  - b. Closed toed shoes or boots are required to be worn when showing.
  - c. Any exhibitor found to be wearing inappropriate clothing or footwear will be asked to change their clothing or footwear before entering the ring.

## **Livestock Auction**

1. The exhibitor will declare at weigh-in if the animal on the scale will be sold at the auction, sent directly to the packer, or will go home after the fair. Changes to destination are not allowed after weigh-in.
2. Exhibitors may only make two trips through the sale ring.
3. All Grand and Reserve Champion market sheep must sell in the livestock auction and go directly to slaughter or to a licensed livestock facility.
4. The sale weight of the animal is determined at weigh-in.
5. All animals sold must go through the sale ring.
6. Absolutely no private sale of any exhibited animals is permitted on the fairgrounds.
7. Animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are released to the buyer. This means all exhibitors are required to care for, water, and feed their animals until they are removed from the fairgrounds.
8. Livestock sale checks will be mailed to the exhibitor once all sale monies have been collected. Exhibitors have 60 days from the date printed on the check to cash the check or the check will be void. Lost checks may incur a fee of \$35 to stop the check and \$15 to reissue a new check.

## **Livestock Release**

1. The release time for all non-market animals and animals designated to go home will begin at 5:00 pm on the last Saturday of the Paulding County Fair.
2. No animals are permitted to leave the fairgrounds prior to this time unless permission has been granted by the junior and senior fairboards.
3. If an animal is found to leave the fairgrounds prior to this time without approval, a fee of \$100 per animal will be assessed.
4. Pens must be cleaned after the animal occupying the space has left the fairgrounds and no later than 1:00 pm on the Sunday after fair.
5. Exhibitors who fail to clean their pen(s) before the stated time above will be assessed a \$25 fee per stall.