

TO: FFA Sheep Exhibitors
FROM: FFA Entry Department

IowaStateFair **NOTHING
COMPARES**



Thank you for entering the Iowa State Fair! Your exhibitor admission ticket and unload permit have been sent to your advisor. Each exhibitor will be given one load/unload permit that allows 30 minutes to load/unload animals and tack but does not provide parking. The vehicle load/unload permit has been dated for the FFA Sheep Show. Vehicles without a permit will not be allowed to enter the Fairgrounds.

All trailers will be parked off grounds. NOTE: Please remember to bring wood blocks to use when parking/setting your trailer.

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 a.m.	Sheep may arrive
7:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Commercial, Market & Carcass check-in and turn in weigh cards
10:00 a.m.	Sheep must be in
Noon	Exhibitor Meeting
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Breeding check-in *Note new time
2:00 p.m. *	Showmanship (East Ring) *New sign up at check-in
TBA	Carcass Lamb Ultrasound Evaluation

Thursday, August 13

8:30 a.m.	Market Lamb Show
After Show	Market and Carcass released

Friday, August 14

8:30 p.m.	Breeding Sheep and Commercial Ewe Show
3:00 p.m.	Awards Presentation
After Show *	Sheep released *New time
6:00 p.m.	Sheep must be out

Exhibitors of FFA Sheep **must arrive by entering SODA Lot** at the corner of Dean Avenue and East 34th Street and proceed through the health check. All lambs will be inspected by a veterinarian. Lambs found to have evidence of club lamb fungus or ringworm will be unable to be shown and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. A non-washable marker will be used to identify FFA sheep excused from exhibition.

Health certificates for FFA Registered Breeding Sheep must contain all individual identification including the official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep. Health certificates for FFA Commercial Ewe Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market/Carcass Lambs must contain all individual identification including the FFA tag and official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep. Please review Section 5-SHEEP AND GOATS under Health Requirements listed on the Iowa State Fair website. Health certificates not completed properly will be denied and the owner will be required to obtain a new certificate at owner's expense. The Iowa State Fair must be listed as the destination.

Each Market/Carcass Lamb exhibitor is required to fill out the Iowa State Fair FFA Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement which can be found at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/competition>. The Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement must be on file before the exhibitor can show their livestock. **ALL treatment given to animals since nomination time must be listed on the Statement.**

Please read all FFA Department and General and rules and regulations listed in the Premium Book sections online. A few rules to note:

- **No halters will be allowed in the FFA Sheep show ring. No cable halters allowed in any sheep shows at the Iowa State Fair.**
- **DECLARED WEIGHTS.** A declared weight system will be used for official weights. A weight card obtained from the Superintendent's office must be filled out by all market and commercial lamb exhibitors and turned in by the designated time. The weight turned in will become the official weight. If weight cards are not turned in by the deadline, those animals will not be eligible to show in their respective shows. Scales will be provided in areas throughout the barn; such scales are unofficial and are provided for exhibitors' convenience only. Official scales will be used by Superintendents to determine official weights. No other scales will be allowed. The top two animals in each class will be weighed immediately following their class to determine if they are eligible to return

for division champions. Lambs not weighing within 7 pounds (+ or -) of its official weight will be disqualified. All market lambs and commercial lambs are subject to be selected to be weighed.

- All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.
- Each FFA member shall take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animal(s). If assistance is needed it should be intended to help the FFA member learn new skills. FFA members can be assisted by an immediate family member, fellow active Iowa chapter member and/or chapter advisor in fitting and grooming their lambs. FFA members will be disqualified if they have professionals fit their lambs. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings.
- Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, drench gun, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
- **No artificial alternations or stimulants of any kind may be applied or administered to animals (icing, electric shock, alcohol/formaldehyde baths, etc.). All animals showing evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.**
- At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair or livestock show premises **medication of any kind is to be administered to livestock animals by an Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian ONLY.** If an FFA exhibitor or his/her assistant administers a shot or medication, this exhibitor shall be barred from showing and premiums will be taken away.
- **THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE IS PROHIBITED.** Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.

Livestock Release Procedure:

To help alleviate traffic congestion and expedite load out procedures, a process for livestock release will be used again this year. Please familiarize yourself with the following steps. Cooperation from all exhibitors is greatly appreciated and will provide a better experience for everyone.

1. Exhibitor will go to the barn office to obtain a release form no earlier than 30 minutes before scheduled release time.
2. Exhibitor will take the release form to the appropriate trailer lot to receive their load-out mirror hanger. **ALL** vehicles picking up livestock **MUST** go to a trailer lot to get a load-out mirror hanger before being allowed on the Fairgrounds.
3. Trucks and trailers will be lined up according to species/barn.
4. Vehicles will be released from trailer lots to the Fairgrounds.

In coordination with Metro Waste Authority, the Iowa State Fair will dispose of waste livestock bedding as a compostable material. In addition to being environmentally friendly, this program puts our waste to better use and helps reduce disposal costs. We need the help of exhibitors, superintendents and attendees to make this program successful. Please make sure to keep bedding clear of unaccepted material such as paper, cans, show supplies, feed bags or leftover food that could disrupt the composting process. Your cooperation is much appreciated!

Please make every effort to keep your entire area clean and neat. The aisles must be open at all times to the public. Thank you for helping us put on a great display of quality show animals for all visitors and other exhibitors.

If you have any questions, please contact the FFA Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

Thank you and good luck at the 2026 Iowa State Fair!!