

Illini Lamb Premiere Program

Illini lamb Premiere Requirements - **Ewe lambs (females) will be eligible for the Premiere show.**

1. Lambs for the 2025 Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere (carcass) Shows must be, nominated, weighed, and tattooed, between (including) March 15 and May 15, 2024 at the local county level. Exhibitors and a witness (either Extension employee or whomever local Extension designates i.e. volunteer or local sheep superintendent) will weigh and tattoo the lamb with the box "A" tattoo, and fill out the nomination form. The form must be signed by a local Extension employee. **The form should be sent to Shelby Carlson, University of Illinois, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401. A copy should be given to the exhibitor and a copy kept in the local Extension Office until after the state fair. Please use the new 2025 Premiere Lamb Nomination Form included!**
2. **Non-Premiere lambs and goats for state fair (those showing in the live show only)**
All non-premiere lambs and goats for state fair junior show will be Self-Nominated in 2025 as follows:
Exhibitors fill out and send in nomination form with photo of lamb's ear with scrapie tag installed in ear (close up photo of ear so scrapie tag can be read – see attached sample photo on back of Lamb & Goat Nomination Form).
Nominations must be signed by local Extension Office.
A copy is kept in the Extension office, a copy is given to the exhibitor, and a copy is mailed to Shelby Carlson.
This must be completed between March 15 and May 15, 2025. Send to **Shelby Carlson, University of Illinois, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401.** Please use the new Lamb & Goat Nomination Form with the Example Printed on the Back!
3. For the Illinois State Fair Junior and Open Premiere classes, an exhibitor may nominate a total of ten (10) wethers
4. Lambs must have been castrated prior to tattooing for the wether classes at the Illinois State Fair.
5. The tattooing and weighing of premiere wether's should be supervised or witnessed by an Extension Employee, An Agricultural FFA Advisor, or a designated volunteer. Please use a different animal tattoo number for each lamb per county.
6. Nomination forms are attached in this document and can be copied for your use. Again send a copy of all nomination forms to:

Shelby Carlson
University of Illinois Extension
180 S. Soangetaha Rd. Suite 108
Galesburg, IL 61401

Also, make sure you are using the correct lamb nomination form. There is one for lamb & goats live show, and a different one for 2025 Premiere Lamb Nominations

2025 State Fair Lamb & Goat Nomination Form (for live show only)

(Please Enter Lambs and Goats on separate nomination forms)

Exhibitor's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ County of 4-H membership _____

Date submitted _____ Phone# _____ FFA Member _____

Exhibitors Email _____

Please indicate gender – ewe or wether, below for each animal.

#	Lamb Scrapie Tag # Indicate Gender Ewe or Wether	Goat Scrapie Tag #	Breed (If crossbred, list X – followed by sire breed)	
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

NEW – Please attach a close-up photo of each lamb or goat ear so the scrapie tag can clearly be seen, and read in the photo. The scrapie tag must be permanently inserted in the ear in the photo. See back for photo example.

Signature of local Extension employee _____

One exhibitor per nomination form, (not family, firm, or farm).

Exhibitor retains one copy to accompany animal to scale at final weighing; second copy is filed in the Extension office;
original copy sent to: Shelby Carlson, University of Illinois Extension, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Suite 108, Galesburg, IL 61401.

Example photo below



2025 State Fair Premiere Lamb (carcass) Nomination Form

Ewes and wethers are now eligible

Exhibitor's Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ County of 4-H membership _____

Date Tattooed & Weighed _____ Phone# _____ FFA Member _____

Exhibitors Email _____

#	Lamb Tattoo # Use Box A tattoo followed by a number starting with 1	Breed (If crossbred, list X – followed by sire breed)	Weight Today
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

No photo of ear with scrapie tag is needed for Premiere lambs

Signature of person witnessing the tattooing _____

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