

# Jasper County 4-H FAQ sheet – Sheep

## General Information

### Enrollment

- Enroll at [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org) by March 15
- For more information about enrollment in the Jasper County 4-H program, please contact the Jasper County Extension office

### Fair Entry

- Opens May 1
- Go to [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com) to register for specific classes
- If you are unsure if you will be showing, go ahead and register for the class—it is easier to scratch than add after the show starts
- All entries should be submitted by May 15

\*General-project guidelines updated in March—4-H Handbooks can be viewed online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab

## Project Guidelines

Check guidelines for your project in the 4-H Handbook on the Jasper County 4-H website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab

### Ownership, and Tagging Deadlines

- All livestock and small animals must be owned by April 30
- All sheep are required to have a Scrapie tag. A tagging form & a picture of the Scrapie tag in the animal's ear must be turned into the Extension office by April 30
- **Sheep do not need Jasper County tags. Scrapie tags will be used as identification for all sheep.**
- Tagging forms and pictures may be brought into the office or e-mailed to [jaspercosh sheep@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercosh sheep@gmail.com)
- Animals exhibited at the Illinois State Fair have specific birth & ownership dates; you must follow guidelines listed under the **Illinois State Fair Junior Show** section of the 4-H Handbook

### Birthdates

- Purebred Ewe Lamb – born after Jan. 1 of current year
- Purebred Ewe – born Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 of previous year
- Crossbred Ewe Lamb – born after Jan. 1 of current year
- Crossbred Ewe – born Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 of previous year
- Aged Ewe – born before Jan. 1 of previous year
- Purebred Ram Lamb – born after Jan. 1 of current year
- Market Lamb – born after Sept. 1 of previous year

\*Market lambs must be ewes or wethers – no stags allowed

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## Health Guidelines

- Go to the website provided in the back of the 4-H Handbook for a full list of requirements
- Scrapie tags may be ordered through the USDA-APHIS
- **To request these official sheep and goat tags, a flock or premises ID or both, call 1-866-USDA-Tag (866-873-2824).**

## Certified Veterinarian Inspection (CVI)

- CVI's must be completed within 90 days of the 4-H Sheep Show
- CVI papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

## Records

- A livestock record must be up to date for each animal species and turned into the Extension office or emailed to [jaspercoshsheep@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercoshsheep@gmail.com) by June 10.
- 4-H members that are also FFA members may use their SAE record books in place of the 4-H Livestock Record
- Livestock records can be found online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab, or can be picked up at the Extension office

## Registration papers

- Registration papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

## YQCA

- Members enrolled in a Sheep project must complete YQCA training every year
- This training can be completed online, or face-to-face trainings are offered in the spring

## 4-H Shows

- Animals must be on the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. Monday morning prior to the 4-H Shows
- The 4-H member must show his/her own animal (with the exception of the Master Showmanship contest, if the participant does not have a specie needed to show)
- 4-H members may show 2 lambs regardless of weight
- Market lambs must be shorn within 15 days of show

## Auction – Sponsored and hosted by the Jasper County 4-H Auction Committee

- The 4-H member must be present to sell their animal and are encouraged to arrive at least 1 hour prior to the auction
- Only Market animals will be sold in the 4-H Auction
- There will be a \$5 auction fee and a \$10 waste disposal fee for Sheep projects. This fee is to be paid when registering for the auction during weigh-in. Members who choose not to sell their animal will still be responsible for the waste removal fee.
- It is the obligation of the seller to deliver his or her market animal to the place specified by the owner
- Please refer to the 4-H Livestock Auction for a complete list of requirements and guidelines

**\*\*For a complete list of guidelines and rules, please check the Jasper County 4-H Handbook\*\***

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## Sept – December

- Submit previous year's records to the Extension office (permanent record, livestock record(s), Honor Member form, and general project form, if applicable); Deadline to submit records is Sept. 30
- Enroll in 4-H ZSuites

## Jan – Feb

- Order Scrapie tags for sheep and goats

## March – May

- Register online or for an in-person training for YQCA; YQCA **must** be completed before fair in order to exhibit a sheep project
- Schedule appointment with your veterinarian to complete a CVI (if needed); CVI's are required within 90 days of the show
- Turn in Tagging form & pictures to the Extension office by April 30; families may email a copy of the document and pictures to [jaspercoshsheep@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercoshsheep@gmail.com) or bring a paper copy into the Extension office
- Register for 4-H show classes by May 15 at [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com)

## June

- Fair clean-up (early June)
- State Fair Jr Show registration, must be signed by FFA or Extension staff by July 1
- Have Livestock record up to date and email to [jaspercoshsheep@gmail.com](mailto:jaspercoshsheep@gmail.com) by June 10
- Make sure a copy of registration paperwork (for purebred animals) and CVI are brought with you to the fair & kept on site at the fairgrounds
- Weigh-in/4-H show/Auction/after fair clean-up

## July – August

- Complete livestock records
- Cash checks from the 4-H Auction
- Send Thank You card (cookies, BBQ tickets, etc.) to Award donors and/or Auction buyers

\*In order to advance to the Illinois State Fair for general projects, or to sell an animal at the 4-H Auction, members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings and 1 event. For clarification, please contact your 4-H Leader or the Jasper Co.

Extension office\*

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## Helpful Hints to make your show year a success!

- Wear show-appropriate clothing
  - Close toed shoes, preferably boots
  - Long pants
  - Short or long-sleeved shirts
  - No attire promoting business, companies or farm names
- Practice, practice, practice!
  - Work with your animal from beginning of ownership to the show/auction
  - Do a mock show at home with the help of family or friends
- Study up!
  - Reference your 4-H project book
  - Go to Livestock clinics/workshops
  - Check out YouTube videos of other sheep shows
- Smile 😊
  - While showing, animals may be difficult—it is a new environment for many animals
  - Try to keep a positive attitude and have fun
  - Keep a relaxed smile as much as possible
  - Make eye contact with the judge (but don't try to start a staring contest)
  - Whenever possible, leave several feet between you and the handler in front of you
  - Calm confidence will be part of your overall presentation

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