

## Important Dates 2023

- 3/31 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- Attend ONE Quality Assurance training:
  - In person Trainings: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Test out Options by appointment or at LHS April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - [Online YQCA Training](#) – Certificates due to office by May 26th
- County Project Judging and Livestock Skillathon (July)
- Distribute buyer invites for potential Sale buyers
- Hocking County Fair  
September 11-16  
Haul in September 10
- Lamb Show at the Hocking Country Fair - September 11th

**Remember to  
thank your  
buyer(s)  
after the sale!**

### Lamb Contacts

Questions about your Lamb project?  
Contact a member of the Hocking  
County 4-H Office or the following  
project helpers.

#### Project Help:

Emma Rutter	(740) 385-3018
Jeff Snider	(740) 808-0156
Madi Johnson	(740) 279-9313
Seth Warthman (Barn Superintendent)	(740) 603-6501



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## Species Guide for First Year Projects

### Sheep



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## Lamb Project Categories:

- *198 Market Lamb Project*
- *199 Sheep Breeding Project*

## Project To Do list

### Members must follow the guidelines of:

- ☐ **Market Lambs** are Tagged the first Saturday in June. All other lamb projects must be in possession by June 1. (June 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- ☐ **Market Lambs** must be born after January 1 of the exhibition year
- ☐ Attend **Quality Assurance** training
- ☐ Complete project book and attend **Project Judging and Skill-a-thon** (July)
- ☐ Complete Fair Sign ups in August
- ☐ Bring exhibit to the fair at scheduled haul in time.
- ☐ Must exhibit the project in designated class.
- ☐ Youth must be enrolled in a breeding project to compete in Lamb to Finish classes

### Recommended:

- Talk with feed store for best feeding options
  - Chieftain Feed and Supply:  
740-216-4208
  - Hocking Hills Feed and Supply:  
740-385-3018
  - Rush Creek Feed:  
740-569-4105
- Attend an open show to watch or show
- Attend a fitting and showing clinic
- Attend other county fair shows

## Market Lambs

Born after: January 1st

Possession Date: June 1

Tagging June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7AM – 10AM

Weight at fair: minimum of 100lbs

## Resources for Lamb Projects

**Lamb Resource Handbook** – available for purchase at the OSU Extension office. This book contains essential information for project evaluation.

Skillathon Kits – Ask Club Advisor about checking these out from the extension office.

**Never** be afraid to ask an experienced showman or family for help!

## Equipment and Cost Considerations

Feed Pan	Rice brush
Water Bucket	Adhesive
Stand	Shampoo
Blower	
Rope Halter	

## Additional Information

- Market Lambs should be born between January and March.
- Cost of lamb can vary.
- Market lambs can be wethers or ewes.
- Ewes cannot be both breeding and market.
- Lambs eat about 3-4% of their body weight in feed a day
- Lambs need room for exercise and play
- Shelter from the elements and predators.
- Clean straw or shavings for bedding.
- Lambs must have a permanent scrapie identification.

## Local Breeders to Contact

Heather Foster	740-605-7768
Trey Miller	740-505-0514
Jeff Snider	740-808-0156

## Exhibiting a Lamb Project

- **Showmanship** is offered, but not required.
- Classes are based on **weight or birthdate (breeding) or discipline**
- **Dress code:** Button up collared shirt; blue jeans, sturdy shoes

Review the Hocking County Fair Book for all exhibition rules and requirements

