

2024 Holmes County Jr. Fair Sheep Project Guidelines

Project Checklist

- Check the 4-H calendar for the most up-to-date information regarding our program.
- Enroll in 4-H** through 4-HOnline (oh.4honline.com) by April 1. Individual clubs may set an earlier date.
- Attend Quality Assurance Training** - Check the 4-H calendar for up-to-date information. 2024 QA sessions in Holmes County will be held at Harvest Ridge on 2/20, 3/28, and 4/23. All sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. Per ODA rules, exhibitors must complete QA 45 days prior to the exhibition.
- Project Record Book:** Purchase, complete, and bring to a Skillathon interview to be graded. Guidelines for raising and caring for your sheep are available in the Sheep Resource Book.
- Tag:** All lamb(s) must be tagged on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Harvest Ridge, from 8-9:00 a.m. All Junior Fair sheep and market lambs should have a scrapie tag already in the ear of the animal prior to arrival at tag in date.
- Possession Date:** Obtain and care for your lamb(s) by May 11, 2024. These lambs should be born in mid-December to mid-February.
- Junior Fair Book:** Obtain and read a Holmes County Junior Fair Book for rules and regulations for our county fair. Read and follow all rules pertaining to your project.
- Project Completion:** Must attend and participate in one (1) Holmes County 4-H Skillathon and book interviews on either July 18 or July 22, 2024.
- Fair Entries** due by 11:59 pm on June 1: Make ALL fair entries online at <https://holmesjrfair.fairentry.com> for your animal(s).
- DUNF:** All market lambs must complete an electronic DUNF before check-in at the fair. See the Holmes County 4-H Newsletter for more information.



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Important Notes for Sheep Projects

- **Possession of animal:** The project must be in the care and possession of the member by May 11 of the current year and remain with the member throughout the fair. Each exhibitor may bring one (1) market lamb to the county fair and one (1) breeding ewe per age class to the county fair.
- **Sheep tag-in:** Exhibitors must attend tag-in on May 11, 2024. All Junior Fair sheep and market lambs should have a scrapie tag already in the ear of the animal prior to arrival at tag in date.
- **Proper castration:** Retained testicles are not permitted. Ask your breeder if you are unsure or go to ODA's website for a complete list of rules for exhibitor's market animals www.state.oh.us/agr/ (click on the link for Animal Industries)
- **Sale Photograph:** Champions will be the only animals to enter the sale ring. Our goal is to display a clean and professional photo of every exhibitor with their animal during the time each exhibitor is selling. Please see dress code and submit your photo in *landscape orientation* by July 31st to hclivestockphotos@gmail.com
- **Awards:** All exhibitors who receive a trophy, plaque, or other award sponsored by a donor are expected to send a Thank You note to the sponsor(s). Thank you, cards will be provided with your award. Please turn in your unsealed thank you card to the Jr. Fair Office by the end of the fair. The name and address of the sponsor can be found on the award. Contact the Jr. Fair secretary's office if you cannot find it.
- **Outstanding Market Livestock Award:** The Holmes County Jr. Fair Outstanding Exhibitor Awards program was developed to recognize youth who go above and beyond in their species both in and out of the show ring. Exhibitors who wish to participate must complete the skillathon/project record book judging (no make-up judging), and showmanship. Awards will be presented Saturday, August 10 at the 4-H Awards Ceremony in the Large Arena.
- **Carcass Show:** The top 10 overall Market Lambs will go to Sugar Valley Meats and be entered into the Carcass Contest. The show will be held on August 15 and exhibitors are expected to participate and be at the show.

Holmes County Born and Raised

- This show is open to all sheep born and raised in Holmes County.
- The Holmes County Born and Raised show will be on Tuesday at the fair.
- Members may show in the market class and the Born and Raised class.
- Each lamb shown in the Born and Raised class will need to designate and ID at weigh-in and in the 4- HOnline account.