

Sheep Department

Superintendent: Chad Allen

1. Bedding (Bring your wood chips, NO STRAW)
2. April/May Weigh-in: All animals coming to weigh-in must have an official scrapie tag in the ear of the animal before unloading animals at the event and recorded on 4H-106d form upon arrival. Any animal without a scrapie tag will not be weighed in for fair, no questions asked. All Market lambs must be ear tagged with a county 4-H or FFA tag and weighed at the designated site or approved alternative location by Polk County Youth Coordinator. Lambs must come to the scale dry and without blankets, tubes, or leg wraps. Same with Member Produced Ewe lambs.
3. Sheep needing special identification on the 4H-106d form are as follows: Sexually intact sheep with (a) date of birth (b) Flock # and scrapie #. (c) Member Produced Ewe lambs, Polk County Produced Lambs
 - a. Affidavit of Polk County or Member Produced Sheep form will accompany the above.
4. Penning Assignments will be posted outside of the office.
5. All sheep must have a completed Drug Affidavit at the time of check-in. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or on the [Polk County Fair Website](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms) (polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms).
6. All breeding and market animals will be inspected, and health certificates checked by the Vet. All animal birthdates must be on the certificate. Lambs must come to the scale dry and without blankets, tubes, or leg wraps.
7. Any evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm, draining the abscess, foot rot, sore mouth, or any other infectious disease will eliminate the animal from the show and be required to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
8. Sheep with signs of rectal prolapse will be released from the fair and be sent home based upon show superintendent discretion and overall health and welfare of the animal. A slight amount of rectal tissue that protrudes when the lamb is laying down but then retracts without assistance upon standing will not be considered clinical signs of prolapse for this purpose.
9. All pens MUST have exhibitors' names, club and emergency contact number displayed above the pen.
10. Each animal can be entered in only 1 class except for pair of ewes, and a pen of three market lambs.
11. Exhibitors who wish to sell their animals must add them to the sign-up sheet in the office by 5pm on Thursday.
12. All sheep must remain in pens until the release time posted in the current year's schedule. At this time, all sheep not selling at the auction must go home or have approval to stay from the superintendents.
13. All exhibitors will have assigned pens and must be cleaned by the exhibitor, or premiums will be withheld, and the exhibitor will be charged a fee of \$100 per pen.
14. Superintendent has the final decision on how all classes will be sorted at the fair.
15. Showmanship Contest
 - a. In Showmanship classes, Exhibitors must use an animal that is ID'ed by the exhibitor and that they have registered to exhibit in other classes at the Polk County Fair.
 - b. Previous Showmanship Champions are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won. With the exception of Master, may continue to compete if exhibitor has not won Supreme Showmanship.
 - c. Showmanship will be broken into three divisions, based on grade as of September 1, previous year.
 - d. See rules for master showmanship in the supreme showmanship department.

Class Number and Description

001	Junior Showmanship Grades 4-6
002	Intermediate Showmanship Grades 7-8
003	Senior Showmanship Grades 9-12 & FFA
004	Master Showmanship (Past winners of the senior class)

Breeding Sheep

1. Breeding Sheep must be identified by May 15th on the 4H-106d Iowa Sheep Verification form or in 4honline with a birth date, flock, and scrapie number.
2. Entries in lamb classes must be born on or after Jan. 1, 2026; Yearlings shall be born on or after Jan. 1, 2025, through Dec 31 2025.
3. Birthdates in Fair Entry will be checked against health papers for accuracy, If for any reason that these dates do not match the oldest date of that animal will be used for class placement.
4. Ewes shown in breeding classes may not show in market classes and can only be shown as either commercial or purebred but not both.
5. All breeding animals must have a birth date submitted by May 15. If a birthdate is not submitted by May 15 the exhibitor will be allowed to show in the first class of the division but will not return for the champion drive. NO exceptions will be made.
6. Purebred animals (Rams and Ewes) will need registration papers in the name of exhibitor or immediate family at the weigh-in at the fair. If no registration paper, animals will be placed in commercial class.
7. All breeds of Purebred animals (Rams and Ewes) will all show together unless sorted out by the superintendent.
8. Rams and Ewes will be sorted in Purebred or Commercial and yearling or lambs if enough in each division.
9. Member Produced Ewe Lamb (a division of the ewe class) must be produced from an animal owned by a member or immediate family. May only show one animal in this class.
 - To be eligible for this class you must have all information filled out correctly in the Affidavit of Polk County or Member Produced Sheep form and turned in no later than the date communicated on the form. NO exceptions will be made for this class.
10. Any individually shown ewe lambs may also Pair of Ewes class.
11. Yearling ewes (a division of the ewe class) may be shown with or without offspring at the side.
12. Breeding sheep may be sold at the fair if they are weighed in on at the fair, and if there is a resale bid for them.
13. Superintendent has the final decision on how all classes will be sorted at the fair.

Class Number and Description

101	Purebred Rams (Yearling and Lambs) (All Breeds)
102	Yearling Rams (Natural, Piebald, White Face Influenced, and Black Face)
103	Ram Lambs (Natural, Piebald, White Face Influenced, and Black Face)
104	Purebred Ewes (Yearling and Lambs) (All Breeds)
105	Yearling Ewes w/wo Offspring by Side (Natural, Piebald, White Face Influenced, and Black Face)
106	Natural Ewe Lambs
107	Piebald Ewe Lambs
108	White Face Influence Ewe Lambs
109	Black Face Ewe Lambs
110	Member Produced Ewe Lamb
111	Pair of Ewes (Natural, Piebald, White Face Influenced, and Black Face)

Market Sheep

1. Market Lambs consist of wethers or ewes.
2. Market animals may not also show in any breeding class.
3. Market animals must be sheared once between July 1 and fair time. Full wool lambs, block lambs, or lambs with tails will not be accepted in the show ring. (slick shorn is recommended)
4. The auction committee will communicate any buyer requirements for any animals weighing less than 105 pounds.
5. Exhibitors may show up to:
 - a. 9 total individual market lambs limited to 3 per division (Natural, Piebald, Black Face Influenced, White Face Influenced)

- b. 3 total Polk County Produced market lamb limited to 3 per division (Natural, Piebald, Black Face Influenced, White Face Influenced)
 - a. To be eligible for this division you must have all information filled out correctly in the Affidavit of Polk County or Member Produced Sheep form and turned in no later than the date communicated on the form. NO exceptions will be made for this class.
 - c. 3 total Purebred market lamb
 - d. 2 total Pen of three limited to 1 per division (Natural, Piebald, Black Face Influenced, White Face Influenced)
6. Any Black-face animal with evidence of speckles anywhere on them may be moved to the respective white-faced Influenced division at the Superintendents discretion.
 7. Polk County produced market lambs may be shown as part of a pen of three.
 8. Market lamb classes will be sub-divided by weights as determined by the superintendent.
 9. Rate of gain: special ribbons will be presented to the top ten 10 entries having the highest rate of gain. Rate of gain will be figured based on the official beginning weight at the time of tagging/weigh-in and the weight at county fair check-in/weigh-in. Top 10 placements for highest rate of gain will be invited to come in the ring for a site judged rate of gain class.
 10. Superintendent has the final decision on how classes will be sorted at the fair.

Class Number and Description

201	Futurity Lambs (under 105 lbs.)
202	Purebred Market Lambs (All Breeds)
203	Natural Market Lamb
204	Piebald Market Lamb
205	White Face Influence Market Lambs
206	Black Face Market Lambs
207	Polk County Produced Natural Market Lambs
208	Polk County Produce Piebald Market Lamb
209	Polk County Produced White Face Influence Market Lambs
210	Polk County Produce Black Face Market Lambs
211	Pen of Three Market Lambs

Example of Classes and divisions if entry numbers allow:

Breeding Show

101 Purebred Rams

- 101.1 – Purebred Yearling Rams (all breeds papers required)
Born on or after January 1 the prior year.
- 101.2 – Purebred Ram Lambs (all breeds papers required)
Born on or after January 1 this year.

Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Ram

102 Yearling Rams – born on or after January 1 the prior year.

- 102.1 – Natural Yearling Rams
- 102.2 – Piebald Yearling Rams
- 102.3 – WFI Yearling Rams
- 102.4 – Black Faced Yearling Rams

Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Ram

103 – Ram Lambs – born on or after January 1 this year

- 103.1 – Natural Ram Lambs
- 103.2 – Piebald Ram Lambs
- 103.3 – WFI Ram Lambs
- 103.4 – Black Faced Ram Lambs

Champion and Reserve Champion Ram Lamb

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram

104 Purebred Ewes

- 104.1 – Purebred Yearling Ewes w/wo Offspring by Side (all breeds papers required)
Born on or after January 1 the prior year.
- 104.2 – Purebred Ewe Lambs (all breeds papers required)
Born on or after January 1 this year.

Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Ewe

105 – Yearling Ewes w/wo Offspring by Side – born on or after January 1 the prior year

- 105.1 - Natural Yearling Ewe w/wo Offspring by Side
- 105.2 - Piebald Yearling Ewe w/wo Offspring by Side
- 105.3 - Black Face Yearling Ewe w/wo Offspring by Side
- 105.4 - Black Face Yearling Ewe w/wo Offspring by Side

Champion and Reserve Champion Yearling Ewe w/wo Offspring by Side

106 – Natural Ewe Lambs – born on or after January 1 of this year

107 – Piebald Ewe Lambs – born on or after January 1 of this year

108 – White Face Influence Ewe Lambs – born on or after January 1 of this year

109 – Black Faced Ewe Lambs– born on or after January 1 of this year

Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb

110 – Member Produced Ewe Lamb

Champion and Reserve Champion Member Produced Ewe Lamb

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe - #heartlandthrowdown bound

111 Pair of Ewes

- 109.1 – Purebred Pair of Ewes (yearlings or lambs- papers required)
- 109.2 – Natural Pair of Ewes (yearlings or lambs)
- 109.3 – Piebald Pair of Ewes (yearlings or lambs)
- 109.4 – WFI Pair of Ewes (yearlings or lambs)
- 109.5 – Black Faced Pair of Ewes (yearlings or lambs)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pair of Ewes

Market Show

201 – Futurity Lambs – under 105# - not eligible for Grand drive

202 – Purebred Market Lambs (all breeds papers required)

203 – Natural Market Lambs

204 – Piebald Market Lambs

205 – White Face Influence Market Lambs

206 – Black Faced Market Lambs

207 – Polk County Produced Natural Market Lambs

208 – Polk County Produced Piebald Market Lambs

209 – Polk County Produced White Face Influence Market Lambs

210 – Polk County Produced Black Face Market Lambs

Champion and Reserve Champion Polk County Produced Market Lamb

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb - #heartlandthrowdown bound

211 – Pen of Three Market Lambs

202.1 – WFI Pen of Three Market Lambs

202.2 – Black Faced Pen of Three Market Lambs

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Three Market Lambs

Rate of Gain Market Animal

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rate of Gain

Highlight = Banner

Classes and/or divisions may be combined based on the number of entries in each

Youth Open Class Sheep

Superintendent: Chad Allen

1. Entry fees and registration is due by July 1 via FairEntry. Entries after July 1 will have a late fee. See general rules for more information.
2. Dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
3. Any 4 years old through 3rd grader (as of July 1) may exhibit in this class.
4. Any lamb may be entered. One per exhibitor may be shown with a halter, must be inspected, and health certificates checked by the Veterinarian on Sunday.
5. Bedding (bring your wood chips-no straw).
6. Lamb will be penned on South Wall in the red section (on the penning assignment chart posted on the board outside the sheep office if not already penned with another 4-H/FFA exhibitor).
7. Classes may be divided by the age of the youth depending on the number of exhibitors.
8. Judging to be based on the current judge's criteria.
 - a. Conformation and quality are not to be considered.
9. No premiums will be paid (ribbons only).
10. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
11. Fair board is not liable for any injuries.

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008	Youth Open Class Sheep
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