Germantown Fair Livestock Show

Thursday, August 6th, 2026 Registration: 4:30 pm Showmanship: 6:00 pm

Market Sheep Show Rules and Regulations

1. The show is open to all 4-H and FFA members in Bracken, Mason, Robertson, Lewis, Fleming, Nicholas, Harrison and Pendleton Counties engaged in an approved sheep project. NOTE: All lambs showing **MUST** have a scrapie tag and a KUIP tag to be eligible to show.

2. Exhibitors ages 8 years old and younger as of January 1 of the current year are eligible to participate in the Novice classes only. Each Novice exhibitor is limited to one entry and must have a scrapie tag and be KUIP tagged in his/her name.

3. All KY origin animals for exhibition shall be individually identified on a certificate of veterinary inspection written within the current calendar year, January 1 through December 31. All sheep must meet Kentucky health requirements for exhibition.

4. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may exhibit a total of **SIX (6)** entries. Exhibitors must be present during the show.

5. All exhibitors may enter market wethers or market ewes. Induced cryptorchids (short scrotum lambs) and ram lambs may not be shown.

6. All lambs are required to have a complete unbroken mouth and lamb teeth. The judge will make the determination.

7. Wool lambs must be docked, clean castrated, and the animal must be shorn slick above the knee and hock joint (1/4 inch or less) prior to check-in. The minimum weight limit is 60 pounds, with no upper weight limit. All blankets must be removed for inspection before entering check-in. No artificial color may be used. No muzzles, etc., may be used at any time.

8. Hair lambs must be clean castrated. Docking is optional. The minimum weight limit is 35 pounds with no upper weight limit. All blankets must be removed for inspection before entering check-in. No artificial color may be used. No muzzles, etc., may be used at any time.

9. All lambs must have been owned by the exhibitor as of May 15th of the current year, be part of their project, and be under the continuous care of the 4-H or FFA exhibitor.

10. All 4-H, FFA and Novice entries must be nominated in the exhibitor's name and identified by the Kentucky Uniform Identification Program (KUIP) by May 15th. Co-tagging with KUIP tags will only be permitted among 4-H, FFA, and Novice siblings unless a waiver has been obtained.

11. All lambs must be shown by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor (owner) unless the exhibitor is incapacitated (deprived of strength or ability; physically impaired) or has more than one entry in a class, then he or she may have another 4-H or FFA youth exhibit his or her animal. No Novice exhibitors are eligible.

12. The classes are to be broken after declared weights are completed. At least the top three placing lambs in each class will be weighed by the Show Coordinator or their representative as the animal leaves the show ring. Any lamb that weighs 7 pounds or over its declared weight will be disqualified. No premiums will be paid on disqualified animals and they will not be considered "qualified."

13. Lambs will be shown by breed and weight. Classes will be broken at the discretion of the local committee. There must be five (5) lambs in a breed to have a breed show. If five head cannot be met, lambs will be placed an AOB all other breeds Division. There will be a Blackface and Whiteface Cross Division at all shows.

14. All Breeds shall be declared at time of registration; lambs can be classified as any breed recognized with a breed registry or as a black face cross (BFX) or white face cross (WFX).

15. Once a breed has been declared it cannot be changed throughout the show season, with the exception of changing an entry to a crossbred class prior to weigh in. Once changed, classification cannot be reversed at any point throughout the show season.

16. The local show committee will check classification at weigh-in based upon these adopted breed guidelines.

17. In a situation of reclassification due to local show committee's discretion, the following options are allowed:

1. Move white face crosses (WFX) to black face cross (BFX).
2. Move Suffolk, Hampshire, Natural Colored, Shropshire, and/or Oxford breeds to black face cross (BFX)
3. Move Dorset, Dorper, Southdown, Columbia, Corriedale, Cheviot, and/or Montadale breeds to white face Cross (WFX)

18. Only 4-H and FFA members, their parents and siblings, local 4-H and FFA leaders, or their 4-H agents and their instructors of vocational agriculture may fit sheep during the show.

19. No adult shall enter the show ring while classes are being judged unless the exhibitor is physically impaired. This includes Novice classes.

20. Exhibitors are expected to treat their lambs in a manner consistent with good animal husbandry and display proper sportsmanship at all times. Four on the floor is expected. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of exhibitor if so recommended by the show committee.

21. All exhibitors will be responsible for leaving facilities as found by disposing of all trash, feed, bedding, etc. The fair will not be responsible for mishaps, injuries, losses or deaths that may befall animals or people during this event.

22. The rules committee (a 4-H, FFA, fair board representative) shall have the authority to interpret and enforce all rules. Questions on rules will be referred to the rules committee and their decision is final. A protest must be made before the show. Protestors must pay a $200.00 non-refundable fee.