

SHEEP

Read all rules and requirements completely

McPherson County Requirements

- Market lambs must attend the county-wide weigh in. All animals will be tagged with an official 4-H EID ear tag. All tags cost \$3.50 each - must be paid at weigh-in. Each 4-H family with market livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat) should complete a Premise ID registration. **Once you get your letter or email, please bring a copy of this form into the office for our records.** (You only need to do this once - if you completed this process last year - you are done).
- A sheep identification form must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by May 1 for all **breeding ewes**.
 - < Animals listed on this form are not transferrable to other 4-H members. By signing this form, you are stating that these are the **only** animals you will be exhibiting.
 - < Animals can now be identified by "Families" rather than by individual 4-H members. The definition of a family for the purpose of livestock nominations is "Siblings that share a common parent." You will need to specify who is showing which animal at **pre-entry** time.
- Animals must be identified as either breeding or market - no switching later.
- **All sheep must have a scrapies tag in the ear.**

Out of County/State Requirements

Almost all shows now require some sort of early identification such as DNA testing, etc. **You will need to decide early if you plan to attend those shows.** Nomination forms are available at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office.

All beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats that plan to attend KJLS and/or Kansas State Fair, must be tagged by the County Extension Agent.

- Market Lambs and Commercial Lambs: Fill out a nomination declaration form and a completed market lamb nomination form with all contact information and signatures. Include a DNA Sample Envelope with 40 hair follicles and the \$8.00 nomination fee. Remember these require an agent signature and the tag number of the animal. All of these must be postmarked by June 15th and sent to the state.
- If breeding animal is to be shown at Kansas State Fair or Kansas Jr. Livestock Show, registration papers must be in the sole name(s) of the exhibitor by June 15. Breeding sheep may be co-owned and co-registered by two or more 4-H members of the same family. **All registered ewes must be permanently identified with a tattoo that corresponds to their registration papers.**
- All wether dam ewes and commercial ewes must be nominated by June 15. Ewe lambs that are nominated for the market lamb division are automatically eligible for the wether dam class. Of course, yearling wether dam ewes are not eligible for the market classes. Please indicate on the DNA envelope and nomination form if the ewe is a yearling ewe.