

# HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H & AGRICULTURAL FAIR

## HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H INVITATIONAL MARKET LAMB SHOW AND SALE

**Date: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023**

**Show – 11:00 a.m.**

**Sale- 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: SHEEP BARN**

**Superintendent: SUSAN MILLER, CHAIR**

**Phone: (908)-334-3396, Email: [susanbuchananmiller@gmail.com](mailto:susanbuchananmiller@gmail.com)**

All lambs entering the show and sale must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 90 days of the show if from NJ or if out of state 30 days. The CVI must be presented at registration. Certificates should indicate that the sheep/lamb did not originate from a flock with foot rot, sore mouth, or any infectious or contagious disease. This statement must be written on the CVI. Inspection must take place on the farm where the sheep/lamb lives. The lamb must be identified individually on this certificate by ear tag or tattoo number. Sheep shall be identified by USDA approved official identification. Scrapies identification tag/tattoo must be present on the sheep/lamb as required. All health regulations/requirements as set forth by the NJ State Vet shall be followed and enforced for animals on exhibit at 2023 fairs/animal exhibits.

**All animals which are eligible for USDA rabies vaccination should be current on rabies vaccination & proof of vaccination by a veterinarian should be provided upon entry.**

**In respect to this show and sale ALL ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED to have RECEIVED the RABIES VACCINE. This Vaccine MUST HAVE BEEN GIVEN so that the WITHHOLD DOES NOT AFFECT THE SALE/SLAUGHTER DATE. Upon arrival for vet inspection at the fairgrounds a copy of Proof of Rabies Vaccination must be provided to the show committee.**

All animals are subject to a visual health inspection by the designated livestock inspector prior to being unloaded. There are no exceptions. Animals suspected of having a health problem must be removed from the show grounds immediately.

### SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This event is open to all 4-H members in the Sheep Project.
2. To be eligible to show at the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Show, the exhibitor must be:
  - A. Youth must have been enrolled in grades 4-13 through the current project year concluded by the date of the show and sale.
  - B. 4-H member in "Good Standing" according to the state 4-H standards as follows. They must have:
    - C. Attended at least 70% of regular club meetings and/or activities.
    - D. Given a state, county or club 4-H presentation following the state 4-H presentation guidelines.
    - E. Been responsible for the physical care/training of animal to the fullest extent possible.

- F. Completed a 4-H Record Book for the animal being shown up to date as of August 23, 2023. Proof is noted by their leader's signature on the entry form.
3. 4-H Members must be enrolled with a sheep-breeding project in some way. (E.g. working with a project ewe, lease/loaner ewe, etc.) and complete a project record book to sell a market lamb in the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Sale.
  4. All 4-H members, parents and leaders are expected to be polite, sportsmanlike. Any act of discourtesy, disrespect, or disobedience to the judges, show officials, committee members or any other competitors, or failure to follow the rules shall cause the 4-H member to forfeit participation and dismiss them from the grounds.
  5. Lambs eligible for the show and sale must be born after December 31, 2022.
  6. The project lamb must have been owned by the 4-H or FFA member by May 1, 2023.
  7. Only lambs earning a blue ribbon at the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Show will be sold in the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Sale.
  8. Each member will be permitted to sell one lamb in the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Sale. Each lamb may only be weighed once. Each member is permitted to show two lambs in the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Show, but only sell the higher placing lamb. If the second lamb is in the same weight class, another 4-H member may show it. Both lambs must have a completed record sheet and meet all rules listed here.
  9. Payment for each member's market project sold through the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Sale will be made from the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Show and Sale account.
  10. Dress for the show and sale will be a plain, clean, white collared shirt and clean blue jeans, neatly groomed. No product or farm insignia allowed, no midribs showing. Proper sturdy footwear must be worn, no clogs or sandals.
  11. All members are expected to contact their buyer before leaving the area to ask them if they want a picture taken. A picture set-up area will be provided.
  12. All animals must be slick shorn to the skin over the entire body within one week of the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Show. This excludes below the knee and hock and top knots to which match breed standards on purebred lambs. No more than 1/8 inch of wool growth will be allowed on any market lamb.
  13. Market lambs must weigh a **minimum of 85 lbs.** to be entered in the show and sale. All animals will be weighed and divided into compatible weight groupings according to the overall distribution of final weights. However, participants will only be paid up to 140 lbs.
  14. All ram lambs should be castrated with knife or elastrator. The burdizzo or crusher method, etc, is not acceptable. There can be no evidence of testicles remaining. This will be determined by show staff at weigh in.

15. The use of artificial coloring, painting or changing the breed qualities of a lamb shall be considered fraud and deception and will not be permitted by the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Lamb Show and Sale Committee.
16. No Muzzling of animals will be permitted.
17. Only clean lambs will be acceptable for the show and sale; unclean lambs will be sent out of the ring and not allowed to be shown.
18. All animals must dry and slick shorn at time of weigh-in.
21. Exhibitor must provide their own feed and water buckets and be responsible for the care of the lamb until the buyer picks up the animal.

### **MARKET LAMB SALE PROCEDURE**

23. All entries for the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Market Lamb Show and Sale must be post marked by August 7, 2023. Members will send their entry forms directly to:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tracy Smith</b> <b>115 Jackson Valley Road</b> <b>Oxford, NJ 07863</b> <b>bdtsmith@gmail.com</b></p>
--

24. **THE MEMBERS ENTRY FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF A LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO ONE OR MORE PROSPECTIVE BUYERS. INCLUDE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF POTENTIAL BUYERS.**
25. A Short Bio must be completed and submitted with your entry form. These will be typed up and given to auctioneer to read prior to sale of your lamb on the sale block.
26. All lambs will be received on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 6:00 PM. No animals are to leave transport vehicles prior to on site vet inspection.**
27. The check in vet has the final say on the health of any animal brought onto the grounds as to whether the animal poses a risk to other animals in the barn and needs to be sent home as an individual or a flock.
28. The judging will begin at 11:00 am on Wednesday August 23, 2023
29. All market lamb exhibitors are expected to be available to help set up for and break down the auction area as needed.
30. Order of Sale – The Sale will begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. The order of sale will be given prior to the buyer's dinner, exhibitors are expected to be at the date in order of sale.
31. All animals that are put through the sale are the property of the highest bidder.

32. All sellers will be charged a 10% sales fee.

33. No animal shall be removed from the pens following the sale without permission from the Show/Sale staff.

**34. Sale checks will be distributed to each participant through the show/sale committee. The Buyer Thank you letter \* must be submitted to the show/sale committee.**

**\* Member will not receive check until the Thank you letter is received.**

35. Any grievance must be in writing and given to a member of the Committee. It will be reviewed in a timely manner and a decision will be made.

36. All participants must fit, show, and sell their own sheep. The only exception will be if they have two market lambs in the same weight class in the show or the member is away at college.

37. If the owner of the Grand Champion is showing more than one lamb, the second lamb is not eligible for Reserve Champion or special awards.

38. All participants are expected to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics.

Updated 2/03, 3/04, 6/05, 5/06, 5/07, 5/08, 5/09, 1/11, 7/12, 7/13, 7/14, 3/15, 8/15, 7/16, 7/17, 7/18, 7/21, 7/22, 5/23