



Project Tips - *Breeding Sheep*

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

Spring (March-May):

MQA Training

April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline
 (New Members)

April:

Producer Class Inspection (Before weaning & tag-in)

June 1:

Animal ID due on 4HOnline
 Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

Mid June:

Animal Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Animal Record Books Due
 (Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:

<http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/>

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. What facilities do you have available, do you live in an area that allows you to have sheep?
2. Are you interested in starting a year-round livestock project?
3. Would you like to show more sheep at the County Fair or raise your own market sheep?

Project Timeline



About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise and breed sheep to exhibit or sell offspring • Select/breed a sheep based on breed, confirmation etc. • Track animal health, feed costs, training etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present a demonstration related to my breeding sheep • Help another member groom their animal for show • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to train and fit sheep to exhibit. • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-motivation • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice showing my sheep regularly • Feed and care for my sheep daily • Exercise my animal outside regularly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-discipline • Self-responsibility • Healthy lifestyle choices

Project Requirements

Breeding Sheep Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Breeding Sheep Project by the enrollment deadline.
2. Attend Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline. (leased animals and animals not housed at home must turn form in to extension office).
4. ID all animals in 4HOnline by June 1 deadline.
5. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
6. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
7. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4hOnline enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All sheep project animals must be entered in the 4hOnline system no later than June 1st of the current project year.
3. All 'bold' items are required in 4hOnline, Images are optional.
4. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with the potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline, if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.

Log in to [4hOnline](#)

Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window



Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's sheep leader & other sheep members
3. Order the sheep project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Livestock E-Recordbook and the breeding sheep supplement
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Livestock E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Breeding Sheep Project Manual - OSU – "Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects"*
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book - www.adamscountyextension.org*
- *4-H Sheep Project Leader/Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

Stay up to date!

News/Events/Social Media Posts
<http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/>

Record Book

Breeding Sheep Project Members complete the Livestock & E-Record and Breeding Supplement. Available at:
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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Required Information:

Tag/Animal ID - This can be a tag, registration number or tattoo.
Animal Name - Registered Name or 'nickname'
Birthdate - Animals DOB
Sex - Male or Female
Scrapie Flock ID- Scrapies Tag #

Optional Information:

Tattoo, Birthweight, Breed(s), Colors/Markings, Dam and Sire Information, Registration #'s
Premise ID and photos are optional.