



Project Tips - *Market Sheep*

Important Dates

- February 1:**
4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline
- Spring (March-May):**
MQA Training
- April 1:**
4-H Enrollment Deadline
(New Members)
- April:**
Sheep & Goat Tag-in
(Last weekend in April)
Animal Housing (Primary Care) Form Due
- June 1:**
Animal ID due in 4HOnline
- 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 looking for a shorter length livestock project?
3. What is your livestock experience?

Project Timeline



About the Project

| | Project Skills | Life Skills |
|--------|---|---|
| Head | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise a sheep to exhibit/sell • Select a market sheep based on breed, sex, confirmation etc. • Track animal health, feed costs, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records |
| Heart | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a demonstration on your sheep project • Help another member train 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"> • Manage animal nutrition for optimum meat production and health • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and agriculture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketable skills • Community service volunteering • Leadership |
| Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise my animal outside regularly • Feed, water, and care for my animal daily • Learn from mistakes or failures. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy lifestyle choices • Self-responsibility • Character |

Project Requirements

Market 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 Market Sheep Project by 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. Tag all market sheep at mandatory County Tag-in day.
5. ID all animals in 4HOnline by June 1 deadline.
6. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
7. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
8. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday following Labor Day to 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.



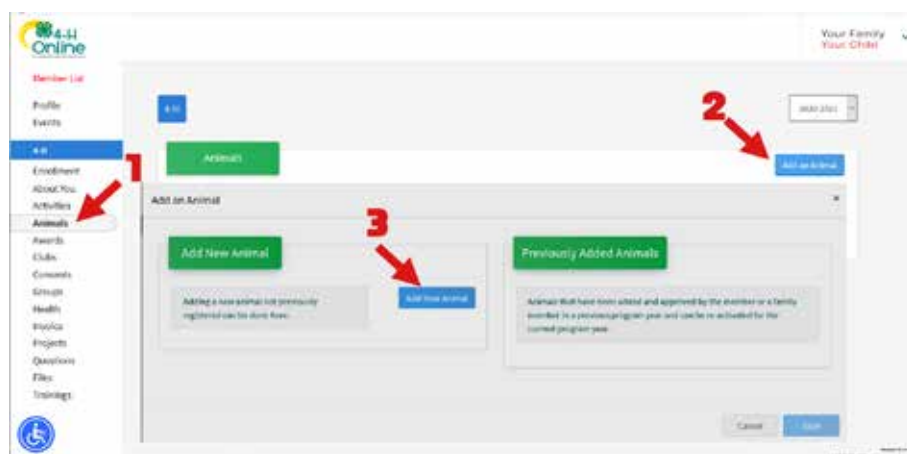
Log in to [4hOnline](#)

Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window



Required Information:

Tag/Animal ID - This is your Adams County tag number

Animal Name - Registered Name or 'nickname'

Sex - Male or Female

Scrapie Flock ID- Scrapies Tag #

Optional Information:

Weight, Breed(s), Colors/Markings and photos are optional.

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
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

- *Market 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/ Sheep Superintendent*
- *Adams County Extension Staff*

Stay up to date!

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

Record Book

Market Sheep Project Members complete the Livestock & E-Record Available at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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