

Breeding Ewe Show

Entry Deadline is July 15

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Entries are subject to the Kansas State Fair General Information and Rules

1. Open to all Kansas 4-H and FFA members that are 9 years old to 18 years old as of January 1 current year with completed animal nominations or appropriate registration papers.
2. Exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified. Check with your local extension office on this certification. PQA certification is still accepted if valid expiration date.
3. **Exhibitors must care for and groom their own animal** and may only have assistance from an immediate family member (mother, father, legal guardian, brother or sister) or another Kansas 4-H or FFA member who is a current exhibitor at the show.
4. **Sheep will be stalled by county. Stalling assignments will be posted on Facebook before arrival.** All Sheep are to remain in the Sheep & Swine barn until released. They cannot go to the other barns or may be disqualified.
5. **NO BUDDY ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED ON GROUNDS.** All animals in the barns must be entered and checked in to show. Anyone found with a buddy animal on grounds could be disqualified.
6. The use of artificial coloring, except on hooves, is prohibited.
7. Exhibitors who abuse an animal will be barred from showing and will forfeit any premium, ribbon or prize won. The word abuse includes beating, slapping, using an electric prod or forcing a lamb into a solid object in an attempt to make the animal brace more firmly. Bracing a lamb by holding the front feet off the ground also constitutes abuse. During the judge's inspection or handling, all four feet of the animal are to be in contact with the ground. Physical abuse of any animal will not be tolerated and will be grounds for disqualification. Show superintendent has the right to interpret this rule.
8. Registration or transfer papers for animals in the breeding classes must be in the sole name(s) of the exhibitor by July 1 of the current year. (Breeding ewes that are registered in a farm name or whose papers include the name of adults are not eligible to show.) Breeding sheep may be co-owned and co-registered by two or more Kansas 4-H or FFA members of the same family. The "flock tag" number of the animal must match the flock number on the registration papers.
9. The base date for determining age of registered breeding sheep is September 1.
10. Registered ewes must have ear tags as required by their respective breed associations. All ewes must have a scrapie tag.
11. No belly wool allowed.
12. Yearling ewes must be born between January 1 (previous year) and December 31, (previous year) Ewe lambs must be born after January 1, (current year). At the time of check in, ALL commercial ewes will be mouthed. Ewe lambs must have only baby teeth visible. Yearling ewes may be showing no more than two visible permanent incisors in wear.
13. Registered sheep for which a separate breed division is not established will be shown in the registered AOB class.
14. Exhibitors may only show a total of three breeding ewes. **Animal information is due at time of entry. Substitutions will be allowed but must be approved by show staff at check in and animal must be properly registered.**
15. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required for all exhibitors. This is a national youth livestock quality assurance program. Through participation in the training, youth will be educated in food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development. The class may be completed through an online course or a face-to-face, instructor-led session. Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/> or contact your local Extension Office to obtain certification options in your area.

Commercial Ewes

1. All commercial ewes (non-registered) must have an official Kansas 4-H/FFA EID ear tag by June 15. Nominations must be completed online and DNA must be submitted to Weber Hall, Manhattan by June 15. This nomination does not constitute an entry into the show.
2. All commercial ewes will be split into two or more classes and shown by weight.
3. The top two placings of each class will be weighed back. No more than a 5% difference will be allowed from the official weigh-in weight. If weight differs by more than 5%, animal will be disqualified. The Kansas State Fair reserves the right to weigh any animal.
4. **Animal information is due at entry time. Substitutions will be allowed but must be approved by show staff at check in and animal must be properly nominated.**
16. At the time of health check-in, all commercial breeding ewes must be "slick shorn" with uniform wool length not to exceed .20 inch from the knee and hock joints up before arrival on the grounds, including the head. There will be no shearing of market animals or commercial ewes allowed on any part of the grounds. Touch-up clipping with scissors, hand shears or cordless clip-pers is allowed. No blocking/trim tables for sheep are permitted anywhere on the grounds. Violation will result in disqualification of animal. No sheep head holders, single show rails or head stalls in alley way.

Bred & Owned

Bred & Owned champion and reserve champions will be selected in the breeding ewe show from the registered classes. (Commercial animals are not eligible). The top placing bred and owned animals in their respective classes will be eligible to show for champion bred and owned. The second place bred and owned animal from the same class of the selected champion will move into consideration for reserve champion bred and owned. Banners sponsored by The Grand Drive will be presented to the winners.

Bred and owned is defined as the exhibitor being the breeder, first and continuous owner of the animal.