

**2023-2024 CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**  
**YOUTH BREEDING EWE SHEEP SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**YOUTH **Terminal** MARKET LAMB - CITRUS COUNTY EXHIBITORS ONLY**

1. All Exhibitors must be 8 years of age as of September 1, 2023 to show. Entries to show are restricted to regularly enrolled 4-H or FFA youth in the state of Florida. A current and valid 4-H or FFA card may be requested for Out of County Youth.
2. (A) **Youth Breeding Ewe Sheep** Entry Form and Non-Refundable Entry Fees must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, February 23, 2024. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date. If a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter animal you can list up to 3 names as showman and must be declared by the registration deadline.  
\$10.00 (In County) per Sheep  
\$15.00 (Out of County) per Sheep  
\$10.00 Youth Showmanship (Participation is Optional)  
\$10.00 Pee Wee Showmanship - paid into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship Fund  
**LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED DAY OF SHOW WITH A \$15.00 LATE FEE PER ANIMAL. CASH ONLY FOR ALL FEES**

(B) **Youth Terminal Market Lamb** Entry Form and Non-Refundable Entry Fee \$30.00 must be in the fair office on or before 5:00 pm Friday, November 3, 2023. No post marked or metered mail will be accepted after this date. Exhibitor may show and sell only one Youth Market Lamb. 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters may show and sell only one Youth Market Lamb per group. If a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter animal you can list up to 3 names as showman and must be declared no later than Lamb weigh-in. See Youth Market Lamb Rules.

Exhibitors may also show a pen of meat rabbit and/or pen of meat poultry, youth market lamb and/or youth market wether in addition to the steer or swine.

(C) All show animals will be cared for at the exhibitor's residence unless granted permission by the Livestock Board, in writing for the animal to be cared for at another location.

(D) Exhibitor must have possession of their animal by Friday, December 1, 2023.

(E) **MANDATORY FOR IN COUNTY EXHIBITORS TO ATTEND ONE EDUCATIONAL MEETING.** The Livestock Committee will present at least two educational meetings during the project period (August through February). REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. The Exhibitor and a Parent or Guardian WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND TOGETHER, at least ONE of these to SHOW and SALE. Exhibitor and Parent or Guardian, must STAY for the meeting AND sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending. If you and your parent or legal guardians are unable to attend one of these meetings, the intended exhibitor should not register an animal to show and sell.

(F) Youth Exhibitors may not compete against themselves, except in champion classes. Individual show rules may take precedence.

3. All sheep or lambs shown must be positively, individually identified as follows: Registered sheep or lambs as per association requirements and/or an Official USDA Scrapies Ear Tag. Unregistered ewes and lambs by an Official USDA Scrapies Ear Tag. You may contact APHIS/USDA 866-873-2824 for more information. **Permanent tattoos will be accepted in place of the ear tag providing the tattoo has the entire scrapies number.**
4. As pursuant to Rule 5C-4.005 (Admission of Animals for Exhibition-Sheep) of the Florida Administrative Code, all sheep must be accompanied by a current Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (OCVI) issued by a Veterinarian dated not more than 90 days prior to the show and will be inspected upon arrival at the fairgrounds. **Health Certificate must be presented prior to animal being removed from the trailer. The Health Certificate will be at the owner's expense. The Livestock Committee will no longer offer this service.**
5. Any animal which has clinical signs of contagious or infectious disease on visual inspection or any animal which is known to be exposed must be withdrawn from the exhibition and removed from the fairgrounds. A culling judge will be present to sift any undesirable animals.
6. In County Youth Sheep Exhibitor's record book must begin on Friday, December 1, 2023 and must be turned in the day of Sheep check in.
7. Only Blue Ribbon animals will be eligible to compete for championship.

8. Each exhibitor must show their own animal (No leased or borrowed animals allowed), unless the Livestock Chairman **and** Superintendent approve another showman. **Exhibitors may not compete against themselves, except for championship classes. Animals must be housed at the exhibitor's residence unless requested in writing and approved by the Livestock Board.**
9. Youth Breeding Ewe Sheep Classes will be as follows:  
All classes will be shown by WEIGHT and divided into their divisions. The Superintendent will create the classes upon final Registration. The need to combine Divisions may be necessary from time to time and will be done at the Superintendents discretion.  
Breeding Ewe and Lambs - The lambs must be under 4 months of age to show with ewe.  
Ewes - Hair Breed, Blackface Wool Breed, Whiteface Wool Breed, AOB - All other Wool Breed.

**Youth Breeding Ewe Sheep Awards: Only Ribbons will be awarded for 4th through 6th - No Monies**  
Class Winners will receive awards. Division Winners will be selected from Classes I - III

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS IN EACH CLASS

1st Place.....\$25.00 2nd Place.....\$15.00 3rd Place.....\$10.00

**SUPREME EWE WINNER \$75.00**

**Showmanship Ages, as of September 1, 2023 - Pee Wee (7 and Under) Jr (8 to 10) Int (11 to 13) and Sr (14 and Older)**  
Youth Sheep Exhibitor wishing to compete in the Optional Showmanship must designate at time of registration and pay a non-refundable \$10.00 fee, deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet.

Payout for Jr, Int and Sr Showmanship is a % of entry fees collected. Ribbons will be awarded for places 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	25% OF THE ENTRY FEES	4 <sup>th</sup>	15% OF THE ENTRY FEES
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20% OF THE ENTRY FEES	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES
3 <sup>rd</sup>	17 1/2% OF THE ENTRY FEES	6 <sup>th</sup>	10% OF THE ENTRY FEES

Ribbons will be awarded for places 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Pee Wee

10. Mandatory to attend Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-Up for all Citrus County Exhibitors - **REFER TO THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET. Exhibitor must sign in and sign out to receive credit for attending.** Anyone unable to attend must contact the Livestock Committee Chairman, in writing, prior to Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up. Failure to attend and participate in Barn Set-up **OR** Barn Clean-up will result in a **\$150.00** fine or forfeit their premium monies, to be put into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship fund. All Pee Wee exhibitors are encouraged to attend but not MANDATORY.
11. Thank you letters for Skill-a-thon and all Awards must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office; deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. **(No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up).** Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your name and your return address on the envelope.** All money will be withheld until letters are written. **Should deadline be missed there will be a \$150.00 fine or forfeit your premium monies for In County and Out of County Exhibitors will become ineligible to Show/Sale for the following Fair year.** Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.
12. (A) All exhibitors must leave their animals at the fairgrounds for the duration of the show as determined by the Livestock Committee and/or Sheep Superintendent. This is a day show only. **No animals or exhibitors will be allowed to leave the fairgrounds until their area is clean.**  
**(B) Due to limited electricity and other shows, some washing and blowing will be allowed at Superintendent's discretion. No clipping or shaving will be allowed.**  
**(C) All Livestock Exhibitors will be admitted Free for the duration of your project through the Livestock Gate. ALL OTHERS MUST PAY GATE PRICE OR SHOW A FAIR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS ON THE IMPORTANT DATES AND EDUCATIONAL MEETING INFO SHEET.**
13. **DRENCHING IS NOT PERMITTED.**
14. All exhibitors of breeding sheep are required to wear long pants at all times. No shorts will be permit during this project while on the fairgrounds.

15. Only In County Youth exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the optional Sheep Skill-a-thon during Fair Week. The age of skill-a-thon and record books will be determined by the Exhibitor's age, prior to September 1, 2023.

## YOUTH TERMINAL MARKET LAMB RULES

1. Ewes shown in the Market Lamb Show may not be shown in the Youth Breeding Ewe Sheep Show.
2. Market lambs can be used in Showmanship.
3. All lambs must be born in 2023.
4. All Market Lamb must be brought to the Fairgrounds to be weighed and tagged at 8:00 am on Saturday, December 16, 2023. All Exhibitors must be present for tagging. All Lambs must be castrated prior to weigh-in.
5. Market Lambs are only open to Citrus County 4-H and FFA members.
6. Market Lambs will be weighed and divided into class (es) by the Sheep Superintendent. Market Lambs will be weighed in after all Open Youth Sheep have been checked in. There will be no Re-Weighing. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds at the final weigh in. These classes are opened Wool and Hair type ewes that have not lambled and have not been bred. The Ram must be wethered by the initial weigh in and tagging.
7. Grand Champion Market Lamb will sell on Thursday Night and Reserve Grand Champion will sell on Friday Night. The Winners must be consigned to the sale and have received a blue ribbon.
8. Two separate Buyer Letters (**One to a Previous Buyer and one to a New Buyer, Addressed, Stamped, and unsealed with your name and your return address**) will be required for sale animal exhibitors, and must be turned in to the Fair Office. Buyer Letter deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. Only two (2) letters will be accepted at the Fair Office; however, you are encouraged to send out more on your own. All exhibitors must use the current list of previous buyers posted online at [citruscountyfair.com](http://citruscountyfair.com) or you can pick up a list from the Fair office.
9. Thank you letters for Buyers, Add-Ons, Skill-a-thon and all Awards must be in the Fair Office before a check will be issued to the Exhibitor. Bring your letters to the Fair Office; deadline is on the Important Dates and Educational Meeting Info sheet. (**No Letters will be taken at Barn Clean-up**). Letters must be stamped, addressed and **unsealed with your name and your return address on the envelope**. All money will be withheld until letters are written. **Should deadline be missed there will be a \$150.00 fine or forfeit your premium monies for In County and Out of County Exhibitors will become ineligible to Show/Sale for the following Fair year.** Sponsor address label is on the bottom of all awards and a list of Sponsors with addresses is on file in the Fair Office.
10. The animals designated to sell will remain at the fairgrounds and be cared for by the exhibitor for the entire week, until Saturday at close of the fair. All other Market Lamb will go home at the end of the Sheep Show.
11. PREMIUMS AND AWARDS IN EACH CLASS. Class Winners will receive awards.  
1st Place..... \$25.00 2nd Place.....\$15.00 3rd Place.....\$10.00
12. This is a Terminal Show. No Market Animal may be shown in **ANY SHOW** after it has been sold in the live auction at the Citrus County Fair. Any exhibitor doing so will become ineligible to participate in the Citrus County Fair next year. If the exhibitor is a graduating senior, a 25% assessment of the sale price will be charged.

**EXHIBITOR: FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BE SURE TO READ THE LIVESTOCK ADDENDUM, IAFE AND NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS, CITRUS COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS AND THE LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE AS THEY PERTAIN TO ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS.**