

CITRUS COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

YOUTH BREEDING EWE SHEEP

YOUTH TERMINAL MARKET LAMB

2026 SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS



Refer to:

Livestock General Rules & Regulations

Citrus County Fair Livestock Schedule and Livestock Addendum

IAFE and National Code of Showring Ethics

1. Exhibitor must be at least eight (8) years of age as of September 1 prior to the March Fair, to show and must register with the Citrus County Fair. Exhibitor must be a member in good standing of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. This show is open to all 4-H and FFA youth in the State of Florida.

2. Entry form and fee must be in the Fair Office before the 5:00 pm deadline. (Refer to Important Dates on the Livestock Schedule.) Entry fee is non-refundable. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Metered or post-marked entries will not be accepted after the deadline.

3. Sheep Exhibitor must own their animal by the beginning of the project date December 1, (No leased or borrowed animals allowed). Show animals must be cared for at the Exhibitor's residence unless permission is granted for the animal to be cared for at another location by the Livestock Committee in writing. In-County Sheep Exhibitor's record book must begin on December 1. Record books must be turned in on the day of the Sheep/Lamb check-in.

A. Exhibitor must leave their animals at the fairgrounds for the duration of the show as determined by the Sheep Superintendent and/or the Livestock Chairman. This is a day show only. Animals or Exhibitors will not be allowed to leave the fairgrounds until their area is clean. Due to limited electricity and other shows, some washing and blowing will be allowed at the Sheep Superintendent's discretion. Clipping or shaving will not be allowed. DRENCHING IS NOT PERMITTED.

4. Registered sheep and lambs shown must be positively, and individually identified as follows: as per association requirements and/or an Official USDA Scrapie ear tag. Unregistered ewes and lambs by an Official USDA Scrapie Ear Tag. You may contact APHIS/USDA at 866-873-2824 for more information. Permanent tattoos will be accepted in place of the ear tag, providing the tattoo has the entire Scrapie number.

5. Under 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 before the show and will be inspected upon arrival at the fairgrounds. A certificate must be presented before the animal is removed from the trailer. The health certificate is at the Exhibitor's expense.

6. Youth Breeding EWE Classes are: All classes will be shown by WEIGHT and divided into divisions. The Sheep Superintendent will create the classes after final weigh-in. Divisions may be combined when necessary.

Breeding Ewe and Lambs - lambs must be younger than four months of age to show with the Ewe.

Ewes - Hair Breed, Blackface Wool Breed, Whiteface Wool Breed.

AOB - All other Wool Breed.

7. AWARDS & PREMIUMS; Ribbons will be awarded 1st - 6th

Class winners will receive awards.

Payouts as follow for 1st - 3rd place. 1st \$25.00 2nd \$15.00 3rd \$10.00

continued

Division winners will be selected from Classes 1-3.

Supreme Ewe Winner - \$75.00

Showmanship Competition - **non-refundable**

The payout for showmanship is a percentage of entry fees collected.

1st - 25% **2nd** - 20% **3rd** - 17% **4th** - 15% **5th** - 13% **6th** - 10%

Jr. 8-10 Intermediate 11-13 Sr. 14-18

Ribbons will be awarded 1st - 6th

Pee Wee (ages 4-7) receive a ribbon only.

Pee Wee entry fees go into the Dr. Dumas Scholarship Fund.

YOUTH TERMINAL MARKET LAMB

1. Exhibitor must be eight (8) years of age as of September 1 prior to the March fair, to show and must register with the Citrus County Fair. Entry form and fee must be in the Fair Office before the 5:00 pm deadline. (Refer to Important Dates on the Livestock Schedule.) Entry fee is non-refundable. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Metered or postmarked entries will not be accepted after the deadline.
2. The Market Lamb project is open to Citrus County 4-H Club and FFA Chapter members only.
3. Ewes shown in the Market Lamb Show may not be shown in the Youth Breeding Ewe Sheep Show.
4. Market Lambs may be entered in Showmanship.
5. Market Lambs must be brought to the fairgrounds on the date designated by the Livestock Committee for the initial weigh-in. Market Lambs will be weighed after the Open Youth Sheep are checked in. Re-weighing is not allowed. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 85 lbs. at the final weigh-in and will be divided into classes. Classes are Open Wool and Hair Type Ewes that have not lambed and have not been bred. The Ram must be weth-ered by the initial weigh-in and tagging. All lambs must be castrated. Lambs must be born in 2025.
6. A lamb accepted in the show must be consigned to the auction sale to be harvested.
7. Failure to comply with any of the rules and regulations will subject the Exhibitor to disqualification and removal from the project or fairgrounds.
8. This is a Terminal Show. A Market Animal may NOT 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.
9. **Subjects not covered herein can be found in the Citrus County Fair Livestock Shows General Rules & Regulations for the current fair year.**