



## 2022 Sheep Project Timeline & Tips

- January** – Start watching for lamb sales, fitting clinics, feeding workshops, and other opportunities for to learn more about your project and plan your year
- March – YQCA Training**
  - Make sure you get your YQCA online training completed and submitted by May 15, 2022.
- March-April – Select and purchase market animal(s)**
  - Market class animals must have been born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
  - Resources for selecting a quality market lamb:
    - <http://www.raisingssheep.net/lamb-buying-guide.html>
    - <http://www.indianheadsheepandgoat.org/sale.html>
- Begin Training your animal for showing as soon as it is in your care**
  - It is important to be consistent in how you work with the animal. Petting them while they eat and sitting in/near their pen can go a long way in making them comfortable around you.
  - The more time that you spend with your animal, the more relaxed both of you will be in the show ring!
  - Handling and haltering on a regular basis will greatly increase your show success
  - Animals that cannot be controlled by the exhibitor may be removed from the show/fair by the superintendent.
- April – Dunn County Sheep Project Entry and Initial Weigh in for Performance Project**
  - The Dunn County Sheep Weigh-In will be held April 23, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
  - The animal's weight will depend on when it was purchased—there is no maximum weight; however, suggested maximum weight at weigh in is 80 lbs.
  - Completed and signed Rules Forms and Project Entry Forms due
  - If you cannot make the weigh in, Rules Forms, Project entry, and YQCA forms MUST be physically turned into the superintendent by April 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Contact the superintendent (Wendy Maves, Phone: 715-828-5384) to make arrangements. You CANNOT send the documentation electronically. If the YQCA is not turned in by April 23 you will NOT be able to sell your animal in the Meat Animal Project Sale.
- April** – Begin training your animal. Work on leading your animal without a halter. Proper showing is to show without a halter.
- May 1 – Breeding stock for the fair must be under your care**
- May – June – Step up training for the show**
  - This is a perfect time to clip your breeding stock and do an initial clipping of your market animals to introduce them to the clippers
  - Haltering and walking your animal a couple times a week will really help build confidence in both you and your animals in the ring
- July – Prep yourself and your animals for show!**
  - Sheep - Clip market animals according to fair book requirements at least 1 week prior to the show and trim hooves if needed
  - Project Member – Make sure to have proper attire as outlined in the fair book for the show.

### DUNN COUNTY FAIR (WEDNESDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>)

- Check-in** – All market animals must be penned and cleaned by the end of entry time (one hour before weigh-in).
- Wednesday 1:00 PM – Weigh In / Carcass Scanning** (*dependent on technician availability*)
- Wednesday by 9:00 PM – Expense sheets due to superintendents**
  - Expense records must be complete and turned into the superintendents by 9:00 pm on Wednesday
- Thursday 2:00 PM – Sheep Show**
- 1 hour after the show – Notify Superintendent which animal you will be selling**
- Saturday 5:00 PM – Sale – Buyer's dinner begins at 4:00 PM**
  - 1 hour after the sale – Update Project Poster with buyer and sale information
- September—Attend the Carcass Clinic**