



## 2020 Sheep Specific MAP Requirements

1. All sheep must be born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the exhibit year.
2. Individual members may enter up to 5 animals (wethers or ewes) and family members must declare which sibling will show which animal at the time of the fair weigh in.
3. All sheep require a Scrapie Ear Tag from farm of origin (or replacement tag in event of loss), in addition to the tag provided by the MAP project.
4. All male animals must show obvious signs of castration.
5. **Breeding Animal:** Project members entering sheep in the Meat Animal Project must enter, exhibit and assume responsibility for daily care by May 1, 2020 of a breeding animal.
  - Because of the higher initial cost, first-year project members are not required to exhibit a breeding animal.
  - A market ewe lamb does not qualify as a breeding animal
6. **Initial Weigh-In:** Project members wanting to participate in the Performance Meat Animal Project must weigh-in their animals on April 18, 2020 from 9-11am at the Dunn County Rec Park.
  - Scrapies Ear tag is required to be in place prior to weigh-in
  - Obvious signs of castration must be visible at weigh-in
7. **Sale/Auction/Final Weigh-in:** Sheep meeting the minimum weight of 110lbs. will be eligible for the sale if spots are available. If sheep need to be cut, then cuts will be begin with the lowest live ranking animal until the desired sale number has been reached. Final Weigh-in will be on Wednesday of the Dunn County Fair at 1:00pm. Animals must be penned by noon.

### Required Weights:

WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS	MAXIMUM PAID WEIGHT
Minimum 110 lbs.	160 lbs.

### Sheep Project Timeline & Tips

- December - Attend MAP Rules Meeting (an April session is also available)**
  - This meeting is optional for all Meat Animal Project Members, but is highly encouraged. The rules meetings are on December 5, 2019 at 6:30pm OR April 2, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Dunn County Community Services Building.
- 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**
  - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Dunn County Community Services Building. Training can also be completed online.

- 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 & Initial Weigh in for Performance Project**
  - The Dunn County Sheep Weigh-In will be held April 18, 2020 from 9 AM – 11 AM.
  - 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
- April – Attend Rules Meeting if you did not attend in November**
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – 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 & walking your animal a couple times a week will really help build confidence in both you and your animals in the ring
- May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020—Completed and signed YQCA certificate and Species Form is due to the Extension Office**
- 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 & 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 22<sup>ND</sup> – SUNDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</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**