

Wayne County 4-H 2023 Sheep Carcass Rules

Live Show Date: August 26th 9:00am

Check In Times: 8:00am-8:45am

Where: Wayne County Fairgrounds Sheep/Goat
Arena

Hanging Results Date: August 30th 6:00pm

Results Show Held at:

3D Meats 14740 Lincoln Way E, Dalton, OH 44618

GENERAL RULES

1. All the general rules and requirements of the traditional Junior Fair program pertain.
2. Entries in Carcass Classes are limited to 4-H and FFA members enrolled in a local 4-H club or FFA chapter.
3. Carcass lamb must be identified in 4-H Online system by June 1st and entered on a Jr. Fair entry and submitted online by August 1st (only one lamb may compete in Carcass Contest).
4. All Carcass Contest lambs will be processed at 3D Meats in Dalton. Members must have a buyer or expect to keep the animal unless they are a Champion or Reserve Champion carcass. (Please note Champions will be sold at the fair and will not go back into the family's custody.) Any member who does not claim custody of the carcass within 30 days of the contest will not be allowed to participate in the contest the following year.
5. A future letter with additional carcass show information will be emailed to all market lamb exhibitors.
6. All members enrolled in the Lamb Carcass Contest project should complete the 4-H or FFA record book and must complete the Skillathon and Quality Assurance to meet ODA livestock quality assurance and Wayne County Jr Fair rules.
7. This is a terminal contest for lambs that make weight (100lbs. or more).
8. Carcass Contest scoring shall be as follows:

Carcass merit	90%
Handling	10%
9. The lamb with the greatest number of points after the two scores are added will be declared the Grand Champion.
10. Lambs must weigh 100lbs at check in to be eligible to place. **If the lamb is underweight it may still be processed and graded but it will not be ranked in the results show, or go home.**

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CARCASS SHOW (Live Evaluation Part)

1. All lambs **must be shown** by the Wayne County 4-H or FFA member who enrolled in the project, unless member submits a medical/school or sports excused absence request.



2. Members must submit an excused absence request and video of members ability to handle and lead the animal. Excused absence request maybe be submitted online at <https://go.osu.edu/goat-sheep-excused-absence-form>. Then a video must be submitted on <https://flip.com/waynecounty>. **Join Code: waynecounty, Lamb Carcass Show Group**
3. Excused absence form and video must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, August 23rd**. If member does not submit excused absence request AND video, they will forfeit 10% of final placing, since 10% will be based on your ability to handle and lead the animal.
4. Members must wear clean clothes and solid shoes or boots in the show ring. Lambs will be shown in an order determined by the Lamb Committee.
5. All goats will be slick shorn at home. Fitting and grooming are not scored and is discouraged.
6. Lambs will be scanned at the live show for a backfat thickness score.

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CARCASS SHOW (Cooler Evaluation Part)

1. All animals judged live will be transported for slaughter by the committee.
2. Judging of carcass will be based on a combination of Backfat Score, USDA Quality and Yield Grades.
3. Lambs will be graded, and the appropriate stamp rolled.

SALE OF CARCASS CONTEST LAMBS

The Champion & Reserve Champion carcasses will be sold at the Wayne County Fair live lamb sale.

1. The buyers of the Grand & Reserve Champion carcasses will be responsible to pick up the frozen retail cuts.
2. If you pre-sell your carcass to a buyer and you should receive Grand or Reserve Carcass you must tell your buyer that they will have to purchase it at the sale or make other arrangements for buying another carcass.
3. All lambs will be processed and cut identically.

❖ *Other rules may be added, or clarifications provided if deemed necessary by the Sheep Committee.*

NOTE: The live judging is an educational session on live evaluation. There will also be an educational session on carcass evaluation prior to the carcass show.

