

Loudoun County Fair 2008 Sheep Club Rules

1. All Yearling and Aged breeding stock must be owned and cared for by the member on or before March 1 of the current year.
2. Market lambs and lambs shown in the breeding classes must be owned and cared for by the member on or before June 1 of the current year.
3. All registered sheep that are shown must be registered in the member's name.
4. No ram lambs may be shown in market lamb classes. All wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
5. Ewe and wether lambs may be shown as market lambs, but ewe lambs shown as market lambs may not be shown in breeding classes.
6. No more than 2 entries per exhibitor may be shown in a class.
7. For bred and owned classes, animals must be out of dam owned by member at time of breeding. Only 2 bred and owned market lambs can be shown in the B&O Market Lamb classes.
8. As a requirement to show in the Loudoun County Fair (LCF), all market lambs will be weighed and tagged at the June meeting. There will be no limit on the number of lambs a member may weigh in, but they may show no more than 6 in the market lamb classes (and a maximum of 2 per class). Ownership and bred & owned status must be declared at time of weigh in at the June meeting.
9. Prior to market lamb show at LCF, no icing of lambs will be allowed.
10. A lamb must weigh at least 92 pounds and grade Choice to sell in the livestock auction at the county fair. A 2 pound difference will be allowed due to scale difference.
11. All members must attend at least 50% of club meetings from October to July.
12. **Record books must be up to date and checked when you bring an animal to the fair.**
13. All members are required to turn in COMPLETED record books at the end of the 4-H year (see General Fair rules). Those attending the Virginia State Fair must turn in completed record books Wednesday after returning from Richmond.
14. Members selling at the livestock auction at the LCF must distribute a minimum of 5 buyer letters to prospective buyers. A copy of the letter and the names of the 5 prospective buyers must be presented to the club leader prior to July 15. Members who fail to produce their letter and list of prospective buyers will forfeit their right to sell a lamb at the LCF auction.
15. A thank you letter must be sent to buyers within 30 days of the LCF auction.
16. Parents are strongly encouraged to assist with at least 1 activity during the club year – fundraisers, field trips, educational programs, etc. Having parent involvement enhances the club experience.
17. All marked animals must be slick sheared.