

# SO YOU ARE TAKING A SHEEP PROJECT



This page contains some basic information to assist you in preparing your sheep for fair. Good luck!

	Market Lambs	Breeding Sheep
<b>Recommended Breeds</b>	Suffolk, Hampshire	Any sheep breed is eligible
<b>Recommended Age at Fair</b>	6 months	--
<b>Recommended Date of Birth</b>	December-January	Per class entered
<b>Date of Possession</b>	April 15	April 15
<b>Pre-Fair Tag?</b>	Yes	No
<b>DUNF or Health Papers Required?</b>	DUNF and Scrapie ID"	Scrapie ID
<b>Exhibit</b>	1 or 2	
<b>Recommended Male/Female</b>	Wethers or Does	Does and Ewes
<b>Must Weigh by Fair</b>	Minimum of 90 lbs	--
<b>Recommended Feed</b>	A quality sheep feed	
<b>Recommended Bedding</b>	Sand or Shavings	Sand or Shavings

## SCRAPIE

- \*Scrapie is a degenerative disease that affects the nervous systems of sheep and goats.
- \*Scrapie ID has been a national requirement since 2002. All sexually intact sheep and goats must be identified by the breeder with a USDA approved ear tag or tattoo.
- \*Approved ID includes: USDA provided or approved ear tags, USDA assigned tattoos; or registration tattoos when accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate. Do not purchase a lamb with a blue scrapie tag.
- \*The bottom line: unless you purchase a wether, you should not take your animal from the breeder until they have put a Scrapie ID on your animal.

### It's almost Fair Week – What do I need to pack?

Bedding	Bucket for water	Water hose/nozzle	Thank you poster for last year's buyer	DUNF
Feed	Rope Halter	Washing supplies	Small tack box with your NAME on it	Brushes
Feed Pan	Sheep Blanket or Tube	Grooming Stand	Wheel Barrel (club may share)	

### A few things to know:

- ❖ Each exhibitor must register their animals for fair through the online program set up by the Livestock & Sale Committee. On-line registration is open from April 15-May 15.
- ❖ It is important to start working with your animal early. You will need to teach your lamb to walk, "set-up" and "brace" for the show.
- ❖ All market lambs must be slick shorn within two weeks of the fair.
- ❖ Drenching at the fair is not permitted except by a veterinarian. Drenching is defined as an act of using an instrument placed in an animal's mouth to orally administer a liquid, food, or any other substance.
- ❖ Sale intentions must be made! Sale Intentions are required for every market exhibitor for every market show they participate in, even if it's only one! Sale Intentions tell the Sale Committee which animals you are planning to sell through the Livestock Sale and which animals will be loaded onto the packer truck.
- ❖ At the sale, make sure your market lambs are loaded onto the packer truck even if you did not sell your market lamb through the ring.
- ❖ Market lamb exhibitors must complete QA annually. QA training is completed by on-line YQCA and must be complete by May 1 with certification receive at the Extension Office by May 3.