

ELKHART COUNTY 4-H LAMB CLUB

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MEETING 1

Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2008
 Place: SHEEP-SWINE ARENA 7:00 PM
 Program: Welcome to members, install officers,
 Club opportunities, LaKelBri Program
 Ice breaker.

MEETING 2

Date: MARCH 3, 2008
 Place: SHEEP-SWINE ARENA 7:00 PM
 Program: Review rules, preview sales, pen info
 parly procedure / carcass show, Guest

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED BY MARCH 1, 2008

**RECREATION NIGHT:
 GOSHEN REC. CENTER 6:00-9:00 PM
 FAMILY INVITED: \$3.00 PER PERSON**

MEETING 3

Date: APRIL 14, 2008
 Place: SHEEP-SWINE ARENA 7:00 PM
 Program: Health & Safety Game/ Guest speakers
 feed/care of sheep

MEETING 4

Date: MAY 5, 2008
 Place: SHEEP-SWINE ARENA 7:00PM
 Program: T-Shirt Sizes, Booth sign up,
 Nominations for 2008 officers, discuss
 retinal scan/eartagging, shearing

**ALL RETINAL SCANNING WILL BE DONE @ DRAFT HORSE BARN
 RETINAL SCAN / EARTAGGING
 Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
 Thursday, May 8, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
 Saturday, May 10, 7:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M.**

MEETING 5

Date: JUNE 2, 2008
 Place: SHEEP-SWINE ARENA 7:00 PM
 Program: Booth sign up, draw sale numbers, vote
 for new officers for next year,
 showmanship demo, pick pens

MEETING 6

Date: JULY 7, 2008
 Place: SHEEP-SWINE ARENA 7:00 PM
 Program: Fair passes, contact buyers, Judging demo
 fair information, BOOTH SIGN UP

CARCASS SHOW
PRE FAIR WORK NIGHT

Thursday, July 10, 7:30 PM
 Thursday, July 17, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

*******FAIR WEEK**
SHOW DAY

JULY 18-26, 2008
 TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008 7:45 AM, 8:00 AM SHOW

SHEPHERDS QUIZ/JUDGING CONTEST
SHEEP COSTUME CONTEST
OBSTACLE COURSE
******SALE DAY**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 4:00 PM
 THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2:00 PM
 THURSDAY, JULY 24, 4:00 PM
 FRIDAY, JULY 25, 9:00 AM

ACHIEVEMENT DINNER;

Date: AUGUST 11, 2008
 Place: ECCC 6:30 PM
 Program: Awards, trophies, 4-H pins

The achievement dinner is the time for the 4-H Lamb Club members to invite their families and lamb buyers from the auction to this potluck meal. Meat and drink will be furnished. You should bring table service, salads, and desserts.

BEGINNER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

** This award is given to a 4-H Lamb Club member that has been in the club 1-3 years or is in the 3rd-6th grade. The winner will be chosen by the 4-H Lamb Club Advisory Board and announced at the banquet. The award will be based upon the completion of the project, turning in a completed project book on time, attending 6 4-H Lamb Club activities of which 2 must be meetings, participation in showmanship class, working their respective shift in the 4-H Lamb Booth with parents completing a shift also, and put forth an effort to be actively involved in the 4-H club activities during the year.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**This award is given to a 4-H Lamb Club member that has been in the club 4-6 years or is in the 7th-9th grade. This award is given to a club member that meets the criteria based in the Beginner Achievement award.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER

**The Outstanding Member will be announced during the Achievement Dinner. The Outstanding Member is selected by the 4-H Lamb Club Committee. The winner will be 16-19 years old and have been in the 4-H Lamb Club 8-10 years. This person (persons) must also meet the criteria listed in above awards. This award is based upon involvement in the 4-H Lamb Club activities throughout the years as a club members. It is a leadership and achievement type award **Starting with the 2004 year a 4-H Career Achievement award will be awarded to eligible 10 year members. These persons must have completed 8-10 years in Lamb Club, achieved a Lamb Club point system award and participated in showmanship at least 7-10 years. These persons must complete an application which further defines eligibility. Please contact an Advisory Board member, Jane, or Kelly for more information.

ELKHART COUNTY 4-H LAMB CLUB POINT SYSTEM

Points will be awarded starting at the first meeting of February and continuing through the last day of the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. In the case of an emergency, it will be up to the discretion of the leaders as to an adult substituting their work shift for a parent in the lamb booth.

The following activities will be awarded points:

Recreation Night	10 points
Each club meeting attended	10 points

Holding an office	20 points
Area Shows	20 points show, 5 points attend
Providing refreshments	20 points
Farm Tour Date	10 points
Work Nights	20 points
Working in lamb booth @ fair	5 points first, 10 points each add.
Showing in 4-H Showmanship	25 points
Showing in 4-H Breed Show	20 points
Showing in 4-H Carcass Show	20 points show, 5 points attend
Shepherds Quiz/ Judging Contest	20 points
Costume Contest	40 points
Obstacle Course	20 points
T-Shirt Design participation	10 points
T-Shirt Design Winner	25 points
Poster Contest	40 points
Working at Lemon	20 points per shift
Clean up arena Thursday pm	15 points
Record book in on time	5 points
Completion sheet in on time	5 points

**Poster contest—must be a full size sheet of poster board. Entries will be hung during fair week in the educational area of the barn. Must be brought in at the July meeting. Suggested themes: Sheep Breeds or Cuts & Preparation of Meat. .

Extra credit will be available by gaining prior approval to the activity. 4-H'ers are responsible for checking their points. LAST TIME FOR ADDITION WEDNESDAY NOON OF FAIR WEEK.

AWARD LEVELS:

EXCELLENT	150 - 175 POINTS
DISTINGUISHED	171-195 POINTS
SUPREME	196 AND ABOVE

4-H LAMB CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Animals entered in this project must be (a) owned by the club member, (b) owned jointly by the club member and parents, or (c) in possession of the club member under some lease by the date of May retinal scanning and eartagging.
2. All market lambs and commercial breeding animals to be shown in the fair must be noseprinted and or retinal scanned and eartagged during the designated days in May, at a fee of \$1.00 per head for the scanning due at the time of scanning. Registered breeding animals to be shown in the fair must also be noseprinted and or retinal scanned during the noseprinting /retinal scanning days in May.
3. Members of the 4-H Lamb Club should attend at least 4 activities, pay \$5.00 dues, and pen rental of \$2.00 per head to be eligible to show. To be eligible for any lamb club achievement awards each member and **ONE PARENT PER CHILD MUST WORK IN THE LAMB BOOTH AT LEAST ONE TIME** during the fair week. We strongly encourage all members and their parents to work a least their shifts in the lamb booth. This is the largest fund raiser provided by the club for the club. We consider your participation of working in the booth as your commitment to being an active member in our club.
4. Judging of 4-H sheep will start promptly at 7:45 am, Tuesday, July 22. The meeting prior to show will begin at 7:30am with the show starting at 7:45am.
5. Market lambs must be born after January 1, 2008. Animals may be commercial or purebred. Again, for the 2008 year, all market lambs will be shown by breed. Classes will be available for all recognized breeds with no minimum number to make a class. Breed/ Weight classes shall be determined upon completion of weigh-in on Monday, July 21, deadline of 12:00pm (NOON). Weigh in times are Sunday, July 20, 6-9:00pm and Monday, July 21, 8:00am –12:00pm (NOON). The scales will be open 1 hour prior to Sundays weigh in time to check your animals weight, but these animals must have been checked in from Saturdays Open Show. The scales will also be open 1 hour prior to Mondays weigh in time for practice weigh of lambs checked in on Friday or Saturday. There will be no practice weighs during the scheduled weigh-in times. The only exception to this rule will be lambs that are under or over weight according to specified club rules, you will be given a chance to meet the specified weights.
6. Market lambs must arrive slick shorn. All sheep exhibited will be unloaded and presented without blankets for close inspection by an Advisory Board Representative or chosen delegate. Elkhart County 4-H Fair reserves the right to dismiss any animal not meeting health requirements.
7. All market lambs must be completely shorn after July 12 and free of all blankets before entering the barn. The natural color of the market lambs is not to be changed while preparing the animal for the show.
8. There will be no wet lambs weighed in.
9. When market lambs are weighed in, the 4-H member must designate which lambs will be shown as singles and those to be shown as a pen of two. A pen of two consists of 2 lambs of any breed owned by a single 4-H member. Members may choose to move the heaviest lamb up to the next class if the two lambs are in the same weight class. In the event that the two lambs weigh the same, the highest numbered ear tag will be moved up to the next class.
10. Members must do own showing with such help as needed. In case of illness or absenteeism, another Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club member may show the animals for them.

AS IN 2007, from Sunday July 20, 2008 check-in at 6:00pm until the completion of the 4-H Show Day, Tuesday, July 22, 2008, Elkhart County 4-H Lamb show exhibitors may receive shearing and show preparation assistance only from their immediate family which is defined as a father, mother, legal guardian, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother, aunt, uncle or from another current Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club exhibitor. Cousins are not considered immediate family. Guardianships granted on a temporary basis for the purpose of circumventing these rules will not be recognized. This rule is effective as of the Sunday evening weigh-in. Violation of rules needs to be reported to a 4-H Lamb Club Leader or Advisory Board Member prior to the violator showing their animal. Violators may be disqualified from showing their animal. Any animal not shown during the 4-H Lamb Show will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H Lamb Auction. Flagrant violators of county rules may be barred from exhibiting in the Elkhart County 4-H Lamb club for up to 3 years. (Completion of your 4-H year is dependent upon submitting a completed record book only. Showing animals is not a requirement)

11. For the Showmanship contest, each 4-H'er must show their own lamb. Alumni contestants may continue to show any borrowed 4-H'ers lamb.
12. For the 2008 auction, each specie will continue to follow their 1995 rules regarding the number of transactions per specie. Two market lambs may be sold in the 4-H Auction on Friday unless circumstances occur which pertain to the new 2003 ruling as to the terminal sale of lambs listed in rule number 18. There is a limit of 3 transactions per 4-H'er. The 4-H'er will decide which three (3) transactions he or she will sell with exception to circumstances in rule 18. NOTE: A transaction is defined as the sale of 1 beef steer, 1 gallon of milk, 1 dairy feeder calf, 1 dairy goat, 1 hog, 1 lamb, or 1 meat pen (3 rabbits), 1 pen of broilers, 1 roaster, or 1 waterfowl.
 ** Animals to be sold must be shown in the judging on Tuesday. The weight at weigh-in will be the selling weight for the auction. Lambs must be of good quality as set forth by the auction committee. Any lamb under 75 lbs or over 145 lbs can not be sold in auction.
13. Ewe lambs shown as market lambs can be shown again in the appropriate breeding classes with the exception of a ewe lamb that is chosen as the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, Grand Champion Pen of Two or Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two. Animals shown in the breeding classes, cannot be sold in the 4-H auction. All animals not sold in the 4-H auction may be released after noon on Thursday. Pre-registered **STATE FAIR** lambs have the option to leave 1 hour after the 4-H show on Tuesday. These lambs must be released by Lamb Club leaders and have ID verified with state fair papers.
14. Exhibitors must furnish certificates of registry for all the purebred sheep and furnish certificates of transfer if not bred by the exhibitor. Identification tags or tattoos must be in the ear of all sheep. The club leader or other authorized person designated by the leader will check certificates and identification of the sheep. If you plan to show a ewe lamb in the purebred market lamb class, you must have registration papers to show as a purebred ewe lamb in the breeding class. The ewe cannot show as a purebred market lamb and a commercial ewe lamb. If you double enter a ewe lamb as market and breeding with no registration papers the animal must show in both divisions as a commercial lamb.
15. The family of the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion of both Singles and Pen of Two will be asked to help with the decorations and setting up for the Achievement dinner.
16. All club members eligible for awards should attend the Achievement Dinner or have representative to accept for them.
17. The Elkhart County Sheepbreeders will be offering a scholarship to an eligible 4-H Lamb Club

member. A copy of the rules, stipulations, and application is available upon request from your leaders or a sheepbreeder officer.

18. The Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Club Advisory Board will rule on problems that arise at the 4-H show and their decision will be final.
19. The 2008 Elkhart County 4-H Lamb Show and Sale will be a **TERMINAL SALE**. This means that the Grand Champion Single, the Reserve Grand Champion Single, the Grand Champion Pen of Two, and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two will be harvested, with no exceptions. The buyer will have the option of making arrangements to pick up the meat at the designated processing center, or accept the support price of the animals the day of the 4-H auction, and receive the support price check from the processing center selected.

If any of the above champions include a ewe lamb, and the member happens to have her entered as both a market and breeding, she must be pulled from the breeding show as she is part of the mandatory terminal sale. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

In the event that a single lamb club member would be fortunate enough to have the Grand Champion Single, Reserve Grand Champion Single, and either the Grand or Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two Lambs, in addition to a Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion in another livestock club, that member would have the right to choose which Champions they would sell in the 4-H auction to make up their 3 sale transactions. However, if they did not sell all their Champion Lambs through the 4-H auction those animals will still be harvested and the owner will receive market support price for those animals, from the processing center or have the option to pick up the meat.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

The following procedure will be used to pen all 4-H market lambs. This will facilitate locating animals quickly and efficiently if the need arises and following the auction on Friday.

1. All pens will have pen numbers assigned to them.
2. All pens will have animal numbers assigned to them also. There will be three animal number assigned to each pen in the two outside rows of pens (north and south sides of the barn). There will be four animal numbers assigned to each pen in the center three rows of pens.
3. No lambs will be weighed and numbered until they have first been entered and had both a pen number and an animal number assigned to them.
4. **Check in times for lambs will be Friday, July 18, 7:00am until 3:00pm, Saturday, July 19, 7:00am until 9:30 am, or Monday, July 21, 8:00am until NOON.**
5. Lamb club members may choose their pen locations only at the time of entry and pens may be chosen from those that remain available at the time of entry. Pens may not be reserved by other club members. Each club member or their parents may choose their pen. If two or more club members wish to have pens together or near each other, they should be in the entry line together. Pens will be available on a first come, first serve basis. **NO LINING UP OF TRAILERS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF LAMB BARN. ANIMALS MUST ACCOMPANY PERSONS IN LINE ENTERING BARN.**
6. Club members will be assigned a pen or area for their equipment. However, the equipment area may have to be shared between two club members. This decision will be made by the barn superintendent.
7. Before the auction on Friday all lamb back numbers should be checked and repainted if necessary. All lambs are to be returned to their original pens after they are auctioned. The barn will be closed during the auction.

NO LAMBS ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BARN AFTER THE AUCTION UNTIL EARTAG NUMBERS/BACK TAG NUMBERS ARE CHECKED OFF WITH JANE, KELLY, OR JIM.

MARKET LAMB CLASSES: Classes will be established and shown by breed and weight. There will be no minimum number of animals to make a class. Classes will be available for all recognized breeds. A classifier will be hired to determine the breed of animals at time of entry into the fair. This classifier's decision will be final.

Class 1: Single Market lambs (exhibitor may show 3 animals)

Class 2: Pen of Two Market lambs, regardless of breed.

The lambs shown in either of the two classes above may be ewe lambs or wether lambs.

BREEDING CLASSES: The breeding classes will include black-faced commercials, white-faces & speckled-faced commercials, and registered purebred breeds, Columbias, Corriedales, Dorsets, Hampshires, Jacobs, Montadales, Oxford, Rambouillets, Shropshires, South-downs, Suffolks, etc.

Class 3: Ewe lambs, born after September 1, 2007 (exhibitor may show 2)

Class 4: Pair of ewe lambs

Class 5: Yearling ewe (exhibitor may show 2 animals)

Class 6: Pair of Yearling ewes

Class 7: Ram lamb, born after September 1, 2007

Class 8: Pair of ram lambs, born after September 1, 2007

Class 9: Flock: A flock consists of one ram lamb, two ewe lambs, and two yearling ewes

Class 10: Supreme Ewe

Class 11: Supreme Ram

Class 12: Supreme Flock

NOTE: Animals entered in each class shall be owned by a single 4-H member.

SHOW ORDER OF BREEDING CLASSES: Black-faced commercials, white-faced & speckled-faced commercials, and registered purebred breeds

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:

Senior Showmanship	10th grade- College
Junior Showmanship	7th grade – 9th grade
Beginner Showmanship	5th grade- 6th grade
Greenhand Showmanship	3rd grade – 4th grade
Alumni Showmanship	two classes, broken by age

All showmanship contestants will use their own lamb. Members who have won their showmanship class may move up to the next class the following year regardless of grade. Our representative to the Round Robin Contest will be the champion Senior Showman. If the winner of the Senior Showman does not want to participate, the next placed winner will be our representative.

TIMETABLE

Use Indiana or Ohio 4-H Sheep Project Manual as a reference

BEFORE MARCH 1

1. Fill out enrollment form, turn into leaders of local club, county lamb club or extension office. One enrollment form per club you are entering.
2. Attend lamb club meetings, get project booklet, learn about lamb project.
3. Attend recreation night.
4. Attend farm tour.

APRIL

1. Visit area sheep breeders and attend area club lamb sales.
2. Select market lambs for project.

PURCHASE LAMBS BY MAY 6, 2008---RETINAL SCANNING IN MAY.**MAY**

1. Feed, water, and care for lambs
2. Keep healthy, give plenty of exercise
3. Make sure lambs have been sheared at least once.

JUNE

1. Weigh lambs, check growth and condition of lambs, handle lambs
2. Adjust feed rations, worm, shear lambs, and trim hooves.

GET HEALTH PAPERS FOR THE FAIR OR OTHER SHOWS**JULY**

1. Work on showmanship with lambs
2. Finish lamb in preparation for show weighing, feeding, and exercise
3. Shear and wash lamb for show
4. Notify potential buyers of lamb auction
5. Complete record book information

AUGUST

1. Attend Achievement Dinner
2. Thank buyers and trophy donors
3. Congratulate winners from county fair
4. Encourage friends to join club next year
5. Plan ways to improve your project for next year

**LaKelBri Jump Start Program
Started: 2005**

Scope of Program:

Provide 4 show lambs to 4 new members to the Lamb Club, preferably first year members who have not had siblings in the club. Also provide an account at Goshen Farm & Lawn to purchase feed for the lamb for the entire project.

Applicants for the program need to complete a written application including the following information:

- Name
- Age
- Address
- Parent's name
- Parent's Occupation
- Siblings and ages
- List any siblings or family members involved in lamb project in the past
- Size of barn/shed where lamb is to be kept
- List all animals you currently raise or care for on your property

This project was started by a family within our club. They saw it as their opportunity to give back to the community and club for the support their kids received through the lamb project. The lambclub has had a huge impact on their children's lives and they believe it is a good experience foreveryone to have. By giving a lamb to a new member it may give them an opportunity they may not have had to be a part of this club.

See Kelly Ropp or Jane Hathaway to receive more details about obtaining an application.