



BC Agricultural Expo

September 24-27, 2026
North Thompson Agriplex
Barriere, BC



4-H and OPEN SHEEP REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

1. Entry deadline for 4-H Sheep Projects (including 4-H Carcass) is June 30th. Entry deadline for Open Market Lambs, Open Females, Open Youth Market Lambs is August 12th and Open Carcasses is July 15th.
2. **All sheep and lambs must bear an approved CSIP ear tag before they leave the farm of origin and any subsequent premises.** All sheep and lambs must have a CSIP tag that matches the number on the Fair entry. The lack of a CSIP tag, or failure of the CSIP tag to match the entry information, may result in ineligibility. All market animals will be tagged on the fairgrounds with BC Ag Expo Tags at time of weigh in.
3. **No refunds will be given on any entries**, including Ewe Lamb and Mature Ewe Projects, which are withdrawn from the fair or do not comply with the regulations.
4. All Market lambs and ewe lamb entries must be born on or after January 1st of the Expo year and have a full mouth of milk teeth
5. Lambs from a registered 4-H two-year-old Ewe project may be used as a 4-H ewe lamb project or 4-H market lamb if desired, and tagged as such, as well as shown in the “Ewe with Lamb Class”.
6. **Only one Open Market Lamb may be entered per exhibitor.**
7. Sheep tail docking must follow the national standard at www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/sheep.
8. Exhibitors have two options to satisfy this requirement.
 - a. Complete the “Sheep tail rule vet form” available at bcagexpo.ca and submit along with BC Ag Expo entry.
 - b. Submit to a tail inspection at the time of weigh in for BC Ag Expo. If a lamb’s tail appears to not meet the national standard for tail docking, it will then be reviewed by an onsite veterinarian provided by BC Ag Expo. Should the Veterinarian determine that the tail was not docked according to the national standard the lamb will not be allowed to participate in BC Ag Expo.
 - c. *Please note: Returning ewe projects DO NOT require another tail inspection.

9. 7) Ages for CLUB GROUP CLASSES ARE: GROUP OF TWO – Shown by Members 13 years
10. of age and over. GROUP OF THREE – Shown by Members aged 9 – 12 years of age. GROUP OF FIVE – Shown by Mixed Age Group (Ages 9 and over). Group Classes are for market lambs only and must be shown by their owner. Inter-Club entries are permitted if a contributor's Club cannot meet the minimum number of entries. 1 handler (age 9-12) is included in the Group of Three Lambs, and 2 handlers (ages 9 and over) included with the Group of Five Lambs.

WEIGH IN

1. All carcass animals must be in the barn by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday of the Expo.
2. Open Market, 4-H Market and carcass lambs must meet the BC Ag Expo weight standard at the time of original weighing which is 75lbs. Any entry found failing to meet the minimum live weight of 75 pounds will not be eligible to enter market classes or participate in the sale.
3. All projects to be weighed and tags verified. Ewe Lambs & Yearling Ewes will be placed in classes according to age within their respective 4-H & Open Divisions. Market lambs will be placed in classes based on weight.
4. Heath checks will be completed by a veterinarian provided by BC Ag Expo Thursday afternoon/evening. There will be no schedule as this will be done as time and availability of the veterinarian dictates. If the veterinarian has any issues with a 4-H entry, the division leader or club A leader will be contacted. If it is an open entry the contributor or their parent/guardian will be contacted.
5. Changes to the exhibitor that an animal is registered under will not be made at weigh-in.

SHOWING

1. All Market Lambs must be recently shorn.
2. 14) All sheep projects must be females or wethers UNLESS they are a ram lamb at foot project.
3. 15) 4-H Ewe with Lamb(s) at foot do not have to be shown at BC Ag Expo as a previous 4-H project.
4. 4-H Projects are only allowed to compete in 4-H classes.
5. Ram Lambs- 4-H ram lambs must be shown by leader approved 4-H senior member. Open ram lambs must be shown by an adult. The breeding harnesses are to be worn at all times excluding show ring and must have a halter on at all times outside of the pen.
6. Ram Lamb pens must be clearly marked. Pens decorated by exhibitors with signs indicating rams.

7. 4-H & Open Ewe Lamb and mature ewe projects do not necessarily have to be shorn, but must be presented in a clean state, trimmed where necessary.
8. Exhibitors must compete in 4-H Sheep Showmanship with their own registered 4-H project.
9. Stalls, pens and exhibiting places must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each day and all refuse matter as directed
10. No animals are to be removed from the barns prior to 3 pm on Saturday.