



2018 Lama (Llama & Alpaca) Information Sheet

Prepared by the 4-H State Fair Lama Show Committee and the Center for Youth Development

BACKGROUND

This lama information sheet is designed to answer the basic project questions. It will begin to shape exactly what a fair experience may look like for counties new to the wonderful world of lamas. There are a handful of county lama projects already. They may already offer more and different classes than we will offer at the state level and the State Fair. This is OK. We will use county program success stories to grow at the state level. For now, we are offering a program and classes that will serve as a solid foundation for growth.

LAMA: INCLUDES LLAMAS AND ALPACAS

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Lamas exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family or leased by agreement. The family includes the 4-Hers parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents with the 4-Hers family actively involved with and working with the project. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement.

OWNERSHIP CLARIFICATIONS

- ➔ With the new Online ID process, 4-H families are no longer able to identify animals as a family group. They might, for example, have identified a number of animals as being owned by the "John Doe Family." Under the new Online ID process, families will need to enter each animal in one of 4-H member's profiles. A good rule of thumb might be to break all animals to be ID'ed up such that each family member gets about the same number of animals ID'ed in their name. For example, if the John Doe Family is ID'ing 12 animals and there are three siblings in the John Doe Family, you might consider putting 4 animals in each sibling's name. It is also a good practice to put at least one animal under each sibling. The determination of which sibling exhibits which animal at the County Fair can then be delayed until the ID checkpoint at County Fair. It is at the County Fair ID checkpoint for each species that animals must be declared by a specific sibling and cannot be switched to another sibling after that.
- ➔ The same animal cannot be identified by more than one 4-H family unit. Let's say a livestock production operation is a partnership between two brothers – both having children in 4-H. The cousins in this example must identify different animals. They might identify several as the "John Doe Family" and several others as the "Jim Doe Family." But the same animals CANNOT be identified by both families. Let's say a similar operation is owned by two unrelated partners. In this case the same philosophy would apply. Each family may identify any number of animals but NO animals can be identified by both families. **The exception to this rule is in Horse, Dog and Lama where it is permitted for animals to be ID'ed by two 4-Hers, but with restrictions described elsewhere in the Species Information Sheet.**
- ➔ Families are eligible to transfer female animals between market/breeding classes up until county fair verification if they meet identification standards (all market animals require a 4-H tag by the market id deadlines for each species). After this point - animals must show in the class that they entered in (if shown as a market animal at county fair - must show as a market animal at state fair). Animals must also meet 3 criteria:
 - Leasing (not available to market animals)
 - Animals under a lease are not eligible to be shown as a market animal.
 - County Requirements (central ID or not)
 - If your county requires a central Identification for market animals - and you did not make it to that ID with your animal - you are not eligible for a market class.
 - ID date (for beef)
 - If you did not identify your beef heifer by February 15th (state ID deadline) - you are not eligible for a market class.

- ➔ **DETAILS REGARDING APPROPRIATE DRESS CODES FOR ALL STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS.**
 - ➔ **Official 4-H Show Shirts are required to be worn by all exhibitors. This is for state fair shows only.**
 - Species specific show attire information is available at z.umn.edu/showringattire .**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPOSITIONS, COUNTY AND STATE FAIRS

ALL SPECIES. All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of **any** nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the State Veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. **Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown.** A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is **not** acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.

IDENTIFICATION. -

- All cattle, swine, sheep and goats exhibited at the fair must have official identification (ID) that meets the requirements of both state and federal animal identification rules. The goal of these ID requirements is to uniquely identify animals so they can be traced to their source in a disease outbreak. The type of ID used in each species may vary, but each official ID is unique to that animal within the United States. For pictures of official ear tags and more information about official ID in livestock, visit the Board of Animal Health Official ID page at mn.gov/bah/official-id/.
- There are no state or federal requirements at this time to officially identify camelid species or rabbits.
- Some members of the poultry group will need individual leg bands so they can be identified to their owner at the State Fair.

CAMELIDS.

1. Camelids from Minnesota do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI).
2. Camelids from outside Minnesota.
 - A. Must meet Minnesota import requirements. See mn.gov/bah/imports.html or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
 - B. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required and must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee. An issued CVI is valid for 30 days from the date the animals were inspected by an accredited veterinarian.
 - C. Camelids from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning.

LEASING PROGRAM

- If a 4-Her cannot own their own lama, lamas may be leased by May 15. Leased lama must also be identified by May 15. If an animal is leased, the "Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement" must be submitted along with the ID data entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
- In other 4-H species lease agreements, the animal can only be exhibited (lead through the show ring of any show - youth or open class - by the 4-Her leasing the animal. This rule does not apply to lama. Leased 4-H lamas may be shown by others at any show except at State Fair.

MULTIPLE USE OF THE LAMA

A lama may be identified and exhibited by more than one 4-Her at the county level. However, the same lama may only be exhibited by one 4-Her at the MN State Fair. You can show multiple lamas at county fair but the animal shown in showmanship class at county level is the animal eligible for State Fair trips.

GENDER

- No sexually intact male above 18 months is eligible for exhibition.
- All castrated males born prior to January 1, 2018 are eligible for exhibition.
- All females born prior to January 1, 2018 are eligible for exhibition.

BIRTHDATES

4-H Lama Projects must be born prior to January 1, 2018

BREEDS – REGISTERED & GRADES

Llama's and Alpaca's are eligible to be identified as Minnesota 4-H lama projects. Projects do not need to be purebred or registered.

IDENTIFICATION DETAILS, FORMS & DEADLINES

Also refer to your county ID letter and online at: www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID

- If a lama is being exhibited by 4-Hers from different families, it must be identified by each family.
- Lamas must be owned and ID data submitted to extension office by May 15.

- Lama ID data must be submitted along with two legible photos of the lama – one of the head and one of the side profile by May 15 to your species ID coordinator, the ID data entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office by May 15 deadline.
- If an animal is leased, the appropriate “Minnesota 4-H Lease Agreement” must be submitted along with the ID data entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.

RECOMMENDED CLASSES FOR COUNTY LAMA PROGRAM

It is recommended that 4-H lama programs offer classes that will be offered at the State Fair. These include Showmanship, Obstacle Course and Public Relations. Counties might also consider a costume class. Counties may continue to offer the classes they currently have, but need to consider adding or adjust existing classes to best prepare 4-Hers for a State Fair experience.

LAMA HOUSING AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Ideal County Fair housing for lamas will be box stall housing. They should not be tied. If possible, consider box stall styled housing in goat or sheep barns.

STATE FAIR LAMA EXPERIENCE

The 4-H lama exhibit at the State Fair will coincide with the open class lama show. It **WILL NOT** be a part of livestock weekend. This is necessary due to availability of housing for lamas and 4-Hers, show ring availability and a desire to use open class lama resources. The “lama encampment” will not coincide with a General Encampment or the Livestock Encampment. The dates of the State Fair 4-H Lama Encampment will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 29, August 30, and August 31. 4-H lamas must be stalled with the 4-H lama exhibit – they cannot stall with the open class lama exhibit. 4-H lamas can be entered and exhibited in the open show. 4-Hers desiring to participate in open class must complete the open class entry process and follow entry deadlines required by the State Fair.

DATES OF STATE FAIR 4-H LAMA ENCAMPMENT & SHOW DETAILS

- **4-H LAMA ENCAMPMENT ~ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 30, 31**
- 4 H members must be present to show their lamas or forfeit awards and premiums.
- *Entries that do not meet the identification requirements will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.*

STATE FAIR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

There are no special health requirements, health certificates or health papers for lamas. However, unhealthy animals will not be allowed to show. They will be sent home (no premium). It is recommended that lamas be de-wormed within 10 days of the show.

STATE FAIR INTERVIEW

- Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8, Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11+
- Finalists will be called back for an interview.
- Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.
- Interviews will be modeled after similar interviews in all other species

STATE FAIR SHOWMANSHIP, OBSTACLE & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Obstacle & Public Relations: Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8, Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11+
- All 4-Hers must participate in showmanship, Obstacle and Public relations. No pre-entry is required.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given for each group.
- Members may not wear advertising of any kind (except the 4-H emblem).
- Performance classes require: closed toe footwear and pants. Showmanship classes require: dark in good condition pants, closed toed shoes.

LAMA POSTER CONTEST

- Any 4-Her enrolled in the Lama Project may enter a poster. You do not have to be exhibiting a lama at State Fair to enter.
- Age Divisions: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9+.
- There are two categories: 1) Promoting 4-H Lamas and 2) Education 4-H Lama.
- T-shirt design and next year’s catalog cover will be selected from overall Champion and Reserve posters.
- Poster size no larger than 14” x 22”. (Larger sized posters will not be judged)

- Posters must be labeled on the back with the 4-Hers name, grade completed, county, and if Promotional or Educational Poster.
- **Posters cannot use copywritten materials, i.e. slogans, designs.**

LAMA COSTUME

State Fair Costume Class: Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6 - 8, Senior = grades 9 - 10, Advanced = grades 11+

This class is very entertaining for the public and exhibitors. Different themes could be adopted such as sports, story book characters, South American themes, etc. Judging criteria includes originality, training, degree of lama coverage, time and energy involved, etc. The handler is also in costume.

- Handler must wear closed toe footwear.
- Safety for exhibitor and lama is key. The costume should be safe for the handler and lama, the lama's vision cannot be blocked by the costume. **Lama must be able to propel itself through the ring.**
- Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given.
- Costume Class age division will be combined if one of the classes has less than 4 exhibitors. A typed description of your costume along with your name, lama's name, county and fun antidote, etc, will be completed on-line during state fair registration.

4-H Lama Costume exhibitors at the MN State Fair will receive an extra premium. Costumes must meet class requirements and will be judged on originality, training of the lama, degree of lama coverage and time and energy involved. The handler MUST also be in costume.

LAMA FIBER JUDGING

- Fiber must be from lama shown at state fair for the current year.
- Fiber must be from current year shearing.
- Place 2-3 oz. of fiber from current year lama and your name on a card in a gallon bag and submit during registration/ID time on Wednesday of state fair 4-H Lama Encampment.
- Fiber exhibits will be divided into 3 divisions intermediate, senior and advanced.
- Results will be given during awards ceremony Thursday evening.
- All fleece exhibits will be conference judged and returned with their scorecards.

STATE FAIR GROOMING RULES AND HERDSMANSHIP

- **All grooming of livestock at the fair, including clipping, trimming and manipulation of the hair/wool (such as blocking on sheep, pulling up hair on beef and working up top lines on dairy) must be clearly done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member. Immediate family members are defined as being parents, step parents, legal guardians, *grandparents*, brothers or sisters. **The 4-Her exhibiting the animal should be present and involved in the fitting process at the fair.****
- Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
- Signs, including "For Sale" signs, are *not* permitted on pens. Decorations or nameplates are not allowed.
- Display all of your awards (sticker only) on the stall card and replace soiled and torn cards immediately.
- Bedding materials are available daily for purchase.
- Animals should have adequate feed and water. Forage is available for purchase.
- You should bring your own feed and water containers.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ETHICS TRAINING

Like all other 4-H State Fair Livestock Participants; 4-H lama participants must be certified in 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics. Program Coordinators can provide any details on requirements.

4-H LODGING, MEALS

State Fair 4-H Lama Participants will have access to 4-H building lodging and, similar to livestock weekend, 4-Her meals will be delivered to the lama barn. 4-Hers will pay normal lodging, meal, and program fees and will sign up for these services along with all other 4-Hers during the regular State Fair registration process. 4-Hers not staying in the 4-H Building must complete and submit the appropriate housing release forms.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER 4-H LIVESTOCK OR GENERAL ENCAMPMENT TRIPS

A 4-H lama trip will be treated similar to any other livestock trip with respect to premiums and eligibility or other 4-H participation. Lama participants **CAN** accept another 4-H livestock trip **AND** can participate in a General Encampment, county Arts-Ins, Share the Fun and judging teams. With this in mind, a few lama participants may experience a conflict if

they are scheduled for General Encampment judging during the Lama Encampment. Lama participants also participating in General Encampments 2 or 3 with lama judging times that directly conflicting with scheduled General Project Judging should notify local 4-H staff who will report conflicts to State Fair staff who will attempt to satisfy both commitments. About Lama Demonstrations...4-Hers are encouraged to demonstrate in the lama project. Those that earn State Fair demonstration trips will be scheduled during the Lama Encampment and are eligible for the same cash incentives as offered to other 4-H livestock demonstrators.