

Owyhee County 4-H/FFA Sheep Tail Docking Policy

(adopted February 5, 2009)

1. Idaho State 4-H Policies and Procedures Guidelines endorses the American Veterinary Medical Association recommendation that all lambs must be docked no shorter than the distal end of the caudal fold. Lambs docked in this manner will have an approximate tail length of 1.4 inches at the time of weaning.
2. Lambs will be checked at initial weigh-in and must have a minimum of two caudal vertebrae to be eligible. **Re-docking is not acceptable.**
3. Any sheep that exhibits a rectal prolapse during the Owyhee County Fair will be ineligible for exhibit or sale and, upon notification by Extension Personnel, Sheep Superintendent, or Fair Board member, immediately removed from the fairgrounds.