



Ohio Sheep and Wool Program

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Are you in Compliance with the Ohio Revised Code 924 that regulates Ohio's sheep and wool check-off program?

This fact sheet will help you determine if you are in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 924!

What is the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program?

A program designed to increase the demand for wool, sheep, and lamb products through industry sponsored activities or sheep and lamb promotion, research, and consumer information on the state and national levels.

Who is responsible for the check-off dollars collected?

A fifteen member board made up of Ohio sheep producers meets 4 times per year to determine how to best use the money for its intended goals! Each of the 7 "districts" in the State of Ohio has a representative that represents producers in that "district". Producers should use this board to represent the sheep producers of Ohio.

Questions you need to ask about your sheep and wool operation!

- 1) **Have you been paying the check-off for all sheep, lambs and wool that you sell from your sheep operation?**
 - ✓ If you sell lambs to one of many of the stockyards in Ohio, you are probably remitting on those sheep and lambs going through those markets. These sheep and lambs are exempt because the check-off has already been collected and remitted.
 - ✓ If you are selling sheep, lambs, and wool privately, you need to remit the check-off to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program by filling out the forms provided by the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program. All Sheep and Lambs includes purebred, club lamb, and direct marketed lambs that you have sold through a sale, privately from your farm, to a local meat packer, a local lamb buyer, or to the 4-H or FFA member in your community.
 - ✓ Check with your purebred or club-lamb sale manager, as they are responsible for collecting and remitting your check-off funds to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program. If you need to know if they are collecting, you can either contact the sale manager or contact our office at (614) 246-8299.
- 2) **Who needs to pay?**
 - ✓ All sheep producers in the State of Ohio!
 - ✓ This is a MANDATORY program for all sheep and wool producers in Ohio.
- 3) **How much does a sheep producer need to pay to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program?**
 - ✓ For sheep and lambs, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the value of the sheep or lambs sold or value of the sheep or lamb X \$0.005.
 - ✓ For wool, \$0.01 per pound of wool sold.
- 4) **What does the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program do with the money generated from the check-off?**
 - ✓ Promote lamb and wool products in the State of Ohio.
 - ✓ Provide information to potential lamb sellers, buyers, and consumers.
 - ✓ Provide sheep industry services.
- 5) **If a sheep producer is not satisfied with the programming of the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program and what the program is doing with the check-off funds, is there a refund mechanism?**

- ✓ Yes, the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program does have a refund mechanism, this refund mechanism is used very little, as we have seen very few sheep producers who have been dissatisfied with our promotional program. But in order to get the refund, a producer must be in compliance with the program by paying the check-off remittances. The producer must send in appropriate refund forms and sales invoices in order to get your refund.

6) Examples of how a sheep and wool producer should calculate and pay our check-off remittance.

- ✓ Example #1 – John “Commercial” Producer sells a \$150.00 lamb to a neighbor for a “freezer lamb”. That lamb is subject to the check-off as a private sale and the appropriate form and payment must be remitted to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program.
Example #1 - $\$150.00 \times \$0.005 = \$0.75$ to be remitted along with the check-off form.
- ✓ Example #2 - Bill “Club Lamb” Producer sells a \$1,500.00 club ram lamb privately from his club lamb flock. That lamb is subject to the check-off as a private sale and the appropriate forms and payment must be remitted to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program.
Example #2 - $\$1,500.00 \times \$0.005 = \$7.50$ to be remitted along with a check-off form.
- ✓ Example #3 – Sally “ Purebred” Producer sells 5 purebred yearling ewes to a producer in New York for \$5,000.00 from her small purebred flock, those sheep are subject to the check-off and the appropriate forms and payment must be remitted to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program.
Example #3 - $\$5,000.00 \times \$0.005 = \$25.00$ to be remitted.
- ✓ Example #4 - Jimmy “Niche-Wool Marketing” Producer sells 104 lbs. of the wool from his flock to a spinner in the are. He is responsible for remitting the appropriate forms and payment to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program.
Example #4 – $104 \text{ lbs. Wool} \times \$0.01 = \$1.04$ to be remitted.
- ✓ Example #5 – Joe “Purebred” Producer has a sheep production sale and sells \$50,000.00 worth of sheep and lambs. He is responsible for

remitting the appropriate forms and payment to the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program.

Example #5 - $\$50,000.00 \times \$0.005 = \$250.00$ to be remitted.

If you are selling any sheep, lambs, and wool, at sales or privately, according the Ohio Revised Code 924, you are responsible to pay the **MANDATORY** check-off on all of those sheep, lambs, and wool sold.

The Ohio Sheep and Wool Program now has a Request for Proposal (RFP) program so that associations, companies and businesses that want to promote, research or provide educational programs to promote lamb and wool, can receive these funds. RFP program information is available on the www.ohiosheep.org web site

Remittance forms can be received by calling Roger A. High at the OSWP and OSIA office at (614) 246-8299 or forms can be printed from our website at www.ohiosheep.org. Questions can be answered by calling Roger A. High at (614) 246-8299.