



Major Activities Sponsored by: Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

For more information, refer to the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association website at: www.ohiosheep.org.

American Sheep Industry Convention – Dates: January 27 - January 31, 2026

Location: Reno, NV

Activity: Major national membership and educational event for the national sheep industry. The annual meeting of ASI is held during this convention. Representatives from nine (9) national organizations are present at the ASI Convention, Ohio is represented on several ASI councils and committees.

American Sheep Industry Spring Legislative Trip – Spring 2025 – Dates: March 2-5, 2026

Location: Washington D.C.

Activity: Major national lobbying event for the United States sheep industry. State representatives from across the United States meet with USDA, U.S. Senators and U.S Representatives about major sheep industry issues.

OSIA LEAD Council Buckeye Young Shepherd's Expo – Date: Saturday March 21, 2026

Location: OSU – Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI), Wooster, OH

Activity: Youth Educational program designed to teach youth about sheep production practices that would be beneficial for skill-a-thon contests and the production of sheep, lamb and wool. Details of the OSIA LEAD Council Buckeye Young Shepherd's Expo will be available on the www.ohiosheep.org website as it becomes available.

OSIA Scholarship Applications Due – Date: Monday June 22, 2026 – 11:59 p.m.

Location: Online at: <https://ohiosheep.org/osia/scholarships/>

Activity: The OSIA Scholarship Applications for Ralph H. Grimshaw Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Jack Judy Memorial Scholarship, High Family Memorial Scholarship, OSIA LEAD Council Scholarship, and the Ohio Lamb and Wool Ambassador are due. Applications will be available in mid-March and will need to be filled out at: <https://ohiosheep.org/osia/scholarships/>

OSIA LEAD Council Sanctioned Breeding Sheep and Market Lamb Show Program

Location: List of shows and locations found on the OSIA LEAD Council Link on www.ohiosheep.org

Activity: Jackpot Breeding Sheep and Market Lamb shows sanctioned by the OSIA LEAD Council. More information can be found at www.ohiosheep.org as it becomes available.

Ohio State Fair - Dates: July 26-August 9, 2026

Location: Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus, OH (Franklin Co.)

Activity: OSIA LEAD Council Market Lamb and Breeding Sheep Sanctioned Shows.

OSIA LEAD Council Banquet and Awards Program – Date: TBD

Location: RES Auction Services, Wooster, OH

Activity: This youth awards program will recognize youth that have participated in the OSIA LEAD Council Market Lamb and Breeding Sheep Shows and other various youth programs throughout 2022. Details of the OSIA LEAD Council Banquet and Awards Program will be available on the www.ohiosheep.org website later this summer.

Statewide Sheep Production Tour Dates: TBD

Location: Sheep Farms/Businesses

Activity: This one (1) day tour is designed to study sheep and agricultural production in Ohio and surrounding states. Details and registration for the Statewide Sheep Production Tour will be available at www.ohiosheep.org as it becomes available.

Ohio Make-It with Wool (MIWW) Contest –Date: Saturday November 7, 2026

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 80 East Markinson Ave., Columbus, OH 43209

Activity: A promotional event for the wool industry, this popular event is conducted in cooperation with the American Sheep Industry. Participants make wool garments which are judged, displayed and modeled. Winners in several categories are selected to participate in the National MIWW contest held the following January at the National ASI Convention. Details of the 2026 Ohio Make It Wool Contest can be found on the www.ohiosheep.org website.

OSIA Young Shepherd's Assembly – Date: Saturday December 5, 2026

Location: OARDC Shisler Center, Wooster, OH (Wayne Co.)

Activity: Major educational and social event for the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, Ohio Sheep and Wool Program developed for young shepherds to become more involved with young people that share sheep industry interests. This event is held in coordination with the Buckeyes Shepherd's Symposium. Additional Young Shepherd's Assembly events may also be developed. Details of the 2026 Young Shepherd's Assembly can be found on the www.ohiosheep.org website as they become available.

Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium – Dates: Friday December 4 and Saturday December 5, 2026

Location: OARDC Shisler Center, Wooster, OH (Wayne Co.)

Activity: Major educational event for the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association, Ohio Sheep and Wool Program and OSU Animal Sciences Department. The annual meeting of OSIA is held on this date as well. These sessions will be designed to provide information to make sheep operations more productive and profitable. Details of the 2026 Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium can be found on the www.ohiosheep.org website as they become available.

Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board (OLCSB)

Represent the Ohio sheep and goat industry on the sheep and goat sub-committees. Nominate sheep and goat farmers to serve on Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. Assist in developing sheep and goat standards acceptable to Ohio's sheep and goat farmers.

Ohio Livestock Coalition (OLC)

Represent the interests of the sheep industry with other livestock commodity organizations. OLC is an organization consisting of other agricultural organizations. Information on the Ohio Livestock Coalition can be found at <http://www.ohiolivestock.org/>

Ohio Department of Agriculture Livestock Exhibition Committee

Represent the interests of the Ohio sheep industry on the ODA Livestock Exhibition Committee. This committee discusses issues annually related to the livestock exhibitions at Ohio's county and state fairs.

Ohio Department of Agriculture Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility (CAFF) Board

Represent the Ohio sheep industry on the CAFF Board. Attend board meetings, which are held at least four times per year.

Ohio Sheep Improvement Association sponsored events:

- Ralph Grimshaw, Dr. Jack Judy Memorial, High Family Memorial, OSIA LEAD Scholarship, Ohio Lamb and Wool Ambassador Scholarship Programs
- Charles Boyles Master Shepherd Award
- Friend of the Ohio Sheep Industry Award
- Distinguished Service Awards
- Environmental Stewardship Award
- *Ohio Sheep Producer* E-Newsletter
- National and state legislative activities for the sheep industry
- Representation at American Sheep Industry National Convention on several committees
- Sponsor - Ohio State Fair Livestock Judging Contest
- Sponsor - Ohio FFA Association State Sheep Proficiency Award
- Board member seats on: Ohio Livestock Coalition, ODA Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility Committee and ODA Livestock Exhibition Committee.

Ohio Sheep and Wool Program

The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association works in coordination with the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program to carry out the purposes of the program. The purposes of the Ohio Sheep and Wool Program include promotion, education, research, marketing, and producer services.

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