

# 2024 OXFORD YEARLING EWE FUTURITY

(Sponsored by the American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc.)

The American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc. (“AOSA”) is sponsoring its 2nd Yearling Ewe youth futurity program (“futurity”) in 2024. The following rules shall apply to the futurity with full right to any interpretations, additions or changes to such rules being retained by the Board of Directors of AOSA. All participants are required to carefully read, be knowledgeable of and abide by these rules. Any violation of the rules will result in disqualification of the applicable participants and/or animals in the sole and absolute discretion of the Board of Directors of AOSA.

## **General Description and Rules.**

The futurity is designed to allow junior members an opportunity to compete with breeder nominated Oxford yearling ewes purchased at designated public sales. Nominated yearling ewes will be announced as such prior to their sale. The nomination fees are paid by the breeder or by the Junior Member who purchased the yearling ewe as a futurity nominated ewe lamb the previous year and such fees encompass the pool of funds available for premiums payable to futurity winners. Points for the futurity are accumulated through exhibiting the nominated yearling ewes at various shows. Placings from first through tenth will receive a premium for both national and district level participants.

## **Consignor Rules.**

1. Entries are limited to AOSA registered Oxford yearling ewes.
2. Futurity eligible yearling ewes may be nominated at the Indiana Premier Sheep Sale, the Ohio Showcase Sale, the National Oxford Show and Sale, **the AOSA on-line sale and on-line sales of Oxford Breeders**. Nominated yearling ewes are futurity eligible only if sold and purchased at public auction through these sales. Yearling ewes sold privately, at any other auction or outside legitimate competitive bidding situations shall NOT be eligible for the futurity (e.g. sales to Consignor’s children, stepchildren, etc.).
3. To be eligible for the futurity, yearling ewes must be nominated and designated by the consignor on an AOSA approved Futurity Consignor Nomination form (attached) and a \$25.00 per head nomination fee paid to the American Oxford Sheep Association **or** nominated by the Junior Member who originally purchased the yearling ewe as a futurity nominated ewe lamb in 2023. In either case, the completed nomination form and nomination fee must be received by AOSA **PRIOR TO** the close of check-in for each sale **OR** by June 1, 2024 in the case of previously nominated ewe lambs from 2023. If these nomination deadlines are not met, the nominated animal(s) will be disqualified from futurity competition. Under no circumstances will nominations be accepted after the designated sale’s show begins.
4. **In the situation of nominations during on-line sales, the completed Nomination Form and the nomination fee (\$25.00 per head) must be received in the AOSA Office the day before the on-line sale is to begin.**
5. Each yearling ewe nominated must conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the individual sale to which it is consigned, including but not limited to, payment of entry and commission fees.
6. AOSA will not be held liable for any dispute and/or disagreement between the buyers and sellers.
7. All futurity yearling ewes must be permanently tagged with an official scrapie tag for futurity purposes prior to the sale of each animal. **Yearling ewes nominated through on-line sales must**

**include a “head shot” photograph of the nominated animal, with scrapie tag clearly visible so all numbers are easily viewed, as part of the photographs of that animal on the on-line sale site.**

**Exhibitor/Entrant Rules.**

1. All persons desiring to participate in the futurity shall fully complete an AOSA approved Futurity Entrant form (attached) and return it to the American Oxford Sheep Association, 9305 Zollman Road, Marysville, Indiana 47141. No futurity points will accumulate until after the form is received by AOSA.
2. Rules of exhibition shall be those published and enforced by each respective show. Ownership deadlines may vary from state to state and show to show.
3. All persons who meet the requirements for eligibility to show in the Junior Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) shall be eligible to participate in the futurity. Rules for the NAILE (and futurity) generally, but not exclusively, are:
  - a. Person is not more than 21 years of age on the date of the show in November with no lower age limit but must be physically capable of showing his/her own sheep.
  - b. Junior member must be present to show their own sheep unless physically impaired. Because this futurity program is designed for youth, AOSA encourages youth participants to control the ewe lamb's head during all exhibitions.
  - c. Person must have current up-to-date membership in the AOSA.
4. In order to be eligible for participation in the futurity, all yearling ewes must be properly nominated and registered in the name of the individual exhibitor only. No partnership, corporation, LLC, family farm, 4-H club or FFA chapter names will be accepted. Nominated yearling ewes must remain registered in the name of the individual exhibitor at least through the conclusion of the 2024 Junior Show at the NAILE.
5. Yearling ewes and points earned in the futurity are not transferable to any other person, other than the original owner, nor are the points transferable from one animal to another.
6. No futurity entrant may compete in the futurity with more than two yearling ewes. Total points earned by two yearling ewes cannot be combined to one ewe.
7. Futurity entrants are responsible to assure the original official scrapie tag is maintained in the futurity ewe(s) in such manner as is required by the federal scrapie identification program.
8. In the case of yearling ewes that were purchased as ewe lambs in 2023 and properly nominated for the 2023 Ewe Lamb Futurity, these animals must remain in the original buyer's name at least through the conclusion of the 2024 Junior Oxford Show at the NAILE.

**Point Scoring.**

- Points will be awarded on a sliding scale based upon the animal’s placing and the number of animals in the class. The following table illustrates how points will be awarded:

Number in Class	Placing																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
20	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
19	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
18	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
16	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1				
15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1					
14	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
13	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1							
12	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1								
11	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1									
10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1										
9	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1											
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1												
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1													
6	6	5	4	3	2	1														
5	5	4	3	2	1															
4	4	3	2	1																
3	3	2	1																	
2	2	1																		
1	1																			

Points

- In order for points to be earned, entrants must make certain that an AOSA approved Futurity Point Record form (attached) is fully completed and forwarded to the American Oxford Sheep Association, 9305 Zollman Road, Marysville, Indiana 47141 **within 14 days of the date of show** for which the points are being earned. The form must be signed by the superintendent of the appropriate show. If the form is not completed and returned properly, no points will accumulate for that show.
- No **National** futurity points may be accumulated prior to the National Oxford Show and Sale with the exception of the 2024 Freedom Fest Show. Points will only accumulate during the period from the afore mentioned beginning period and until the conclusion of the NAILE Junior Show.
- District futurity points may be accumulated prior to the National Oxford Show and Sale.**
- Futurity yearling ewes may earn futurity points from either the open division or junior division of any individual show but not both. However, at the NAILE, only junior show placings will be counted toward points totals.

6. Yearling ewes may compete at an unlimited number of shows with only the top five (5) points awards plus points earned at the NAILE Junior Show counting toward the futurity final point total.
7. Double points will be awarded at the NAILE Junior Show and either the All-American Junior Show or the 2024 Freedom Fest Show.
8. For purposes of the individual district futurity points, double points will be awarded at the designated district show for each district.
9. The futurity districts are as follows determined by the entrant's state of residence upon entry for the futurity:
  - a. District 1. The States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas.
  - b. District 2. The States of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.
  - c. District 3. The State of Illinois.
  - d. District 4. The State of Ohio.
  - e. District 5. The States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee.
  - f. District 6. The States of Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia (Washington), Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.
10. The following are the designated district shows (*in the case of 2 shows designated for a district, double points will only be awarded for one show; however, a participant may show at both shows and the higher points total will be the one that is doubled*):
  - a. District 1. California State Fair, Washington State Fair  
Iowa State Fair or Missouri State Fair
  - b. District 2. Wisconsin State Fair or Fifth Third Michigan State Fair
  - c. District 3. Illinois State Fair.
  - d. District 4. Ohio State Fair.
  - e. District 5. Indiana State Fair or Appalachian Fair
  - f. District 6. Keystone International Livestock Exposition or North East Youth Sheep Show
11. In case of a points tie for national placings, the points accumulated at the NAILE Junior Show shall serve as the tiebreaker. In case of a points tie for district placings, the points accumulated at the entrant's designated district show shall serve as the tiebreaker. In case of any other points tie, the points accumulated at double points shows shall serve as the tiebreaker.

### **Awards and Premiums.**

1. Futurity awards will be announced following the NAILE Junior Show. Premiums will be mailed to the winners by AOSA following NAILE. The national and district winners will also be recognized at the next AOSA annual membership meeting.
2. There will be a National Oxford Ewe Lamb Futurity winner and placings through not more than tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place based upon the highest total points as described above compared to total points for all other futurity entrants.

3. There will also be a District Oxford Ewe Lamb Futurity winner from each district and placings through not more than tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) place based upon the highest total points as described above compared to total points for other entrants from the individual district. No award or premiums shall be given in any district where there are no futurity entrants.
4. Premiums shall be paid from a pool consisting of consignor nomination fees with sixty percent (60%) being paid to the National winners and forty (40%) being paid to the District winners.
5. Premiums for National and District winners shall be allocated and payable as follows, subject to alteration based on lack of participation:

<b>Placing</b>	<b>Percentage of Premiums Allotted</b>
First (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Twenty Percent (20%)
Second (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Fifteen Percent (15%)
Third (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Twelve and One-Half Percent (12.5%)
Fourth (4 <sup>th</sup> )	Eleven and One-Fourth Percent (11.25%)
Fifth (5 <sup>th</sup> )	Ten Percent (10%)
Sixth (6 <sup>th</sup> )	Eight and Three-Fourths Percent (8.75%)
Seventh (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Seven and One-Half Percent (7.5%)
Eighth (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Six and One-Fourth Percent (6.25%)
Ninth (9 <sup>th</sup> )	Five Percent (5%)
Tenth (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Three and Three-Fourths Percent (3.75%)

**Authorization, Indemnity, Disclaimer.** By participating in the futurity, all parties hereby authorize and appoint the AOSA and its Board of Directors and officers to receive all information necessary to administer the futurity and further release, discharge and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc. and its Board of Directors, officers, members, successors, volunteers, agents and representatives of and from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, accounts, debts, claims and demands whatsoever, at law or in equity, and however arising, involving the futurity. No parties, including but not limited to, the American Oxford Sheep Association, Inc., any sale or show management or sponsoring organizations, shall assume any liability, legal or otherwise, express or implied, resulting from participation in the futurity program.

*Please call the AOSA office at (812) 256-3478 if you have any questions. You may also fax forms to AOSA at (812) 256-3478 (call first) or email the forms to secretary@americanoxfords.org but you must thereafter also mail the completed, signed original form to AOSA as well.*

**GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR YEARLING EWE!**

## 2024 Oxford Yearling Ewe Futurity Futurity Consignor Nomination Form

Name of Consignor:	
Address of Consignor: (including street, city, state and zip code)	
Telephone Number of Consignor: (including area code)	

**I hereby nominate and designate the following Oxford yearling ewes for the 2024 Oxford Yearling Ewe Futurity:**

Flock Tag #	
Futurity Tag (scrapie tag #)	
AOSA Registration #	
Ewe Lamb Date of Birth	
Sale to which Ewe Lamb is being consigned:	

Flock Tag #	
Futurity Tag (scrapie tag #)	
AOSA Registration #	
Ewe Lamb Date of Birth	
Sale to which Ewe Lamb is being consigned:	

\* Use additional forms as necessary.

**The undersigned (“Consignor”), desires to consign to and participate in the 2024 Oxford Yearling Ewe Futurity (“futurity”). The undersigned acknowledge(s) that he/she has carefully read, is knowledgeable of and agrees to abide by the futurity rules and affirms that the above information is true and correct.**

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Consignor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Consignor: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make certain that all blanks are completed prior to mailing to AOSA office. This form must be received by AOSA prior to the close of check-in for the sale **or the day before the on-line sale**, along with payment of a \$25.00 per head nomination fee payable to the American Oxford Sheep Association; or by June 1, 2024 in the case of yearling ewes previously futurity nominated as ewe lambs.*

**Mail to:** American Oxford Sheep Association, c/o David Trotter, 9305 Zollman Road, Marysville, Indiana 47141.

## 2024 Oxford Yearling Ewe Futurity Futurity Entrant Form

Name of Entrant:	
Address of Entrant: (including street, city, state and zip code)	
Telephone Number of Entrant: (including area code)	

**Futurity Yearling Ewe Information: (maximum two)**

Flock Tag #	
Futurity Tag (scrapie tag #)	
AOSA Registration #	
Ewe Lamb Date of Birth	
Breeder of Ewe Lamb: Sale Where Purchased:	

Flock Tag #	
Futurity Tag (scrapie tag #)	
AOSA Registration #	
Ewe Lamb Date of Birth	
Breeder of Ewe Lamb: Sale Where Purchased:	

**The undersigned (“Entrant”), for himself/herself and/or by his/her parent or guardian, desires to participate in the 2024 Oxford Yearling Ewe Futurity (“futurity”). The undersigned acknowledge(s) that he/she has carefully read, is knowledgeable of and agrees abide by the futurity rules and affirms that the above information is true and correct.**

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Entrant’s Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If entrant is under 18 years old)

Printed Name of Entrant’s Parent and/or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make certain that all blanks are completed prior to mailing to AOSA office. No futurity points will accumulate until after this fully completed form is received by AOSA.*

**Mail to:** American Oxford Sheep Association, c/o David Trotter, 9305 Zollman Road, Marysville, Indiana 47141.

## 2024 Oxford Yearling Ewe Futurity Point Record Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have exhibited the Oxford yearling ewe  
(flock tag #) \_\_\_\_\_, futurity tag (scrapie tag #) \_\_\_\_\_,  
AOSA registration # \_\_\_\_\_. This yearling ewe, which placed  
\_\_\_\_\_ in a class of (total head in class) \_\_\_\_\_ yearling  
ewes, was shown in the (open or junior) \_\_\_\_\_ division of the following  
livestock show:

\_\_\_\_\_ on  
(date) \_\_\_\_\_. This placing is verified by the undersigned  
superintendent of the above-listed show.

Signature of Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Show Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Show Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Make as many copies of this form as you need to submit a separate form for each show.*

*Please make certain that all blanks are completed prior to mailing to AOSA office or the form will be invalid. **The completed form must be mailed within fourteen (14) days of the date of show.** Substitute forms will not be accepted. Failure to use this form will result in no points being awarded for the show.*

Mail to:

American Oxford Sheep Association  
c/o David Trotter  
9305 Zollman Road  
Marysville, Indiana 47141  
Fax: 812-256-3478 (call first); Email: oxfordsecretary7@gmail.com