

Dept. 4 Sheep

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Rules Governing Exhibits

4-H members must be enrolled in the Sheep project, unless otherwise stated.

Sheep will be unloaded from 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, following instructions distributed to exhibitors prior to the fair. All health papers must be presented to appropriate authorities prior to unloading of animals. The person bringing the animals into the Fairgrounds should have all pertinent health papers with him/her.

Judging: Thursday, 1 hour after conclusion of the Beef Show

General Regulations:

- Exhibitors are responsible to be familiar with State and County Fair Regulations.
- Sheep exhibited must be owned or cared for by the exhibitor prior to June 1. Exhibitor shall feed, care for and show his/her own animal unless written permission is granted by the Junior Fair Superintendent. Irregularities may disqualify an exhibit and/or delay premiums until clarified. **No dyeing, drenching, spray painting, icing or any other cold treatment of lambs prior to/during the show will be allowed.** This will be enforced.
- Registry papers will be checked by superintendent on all purebred breeding stock
- Registration papers must be submitted to the Superintendent before show day
- Only Purebred Rams may be entered; Wethers must be healed
- Exhibitors are limited to one entry per Class number
- Registered Columbias, Corriedales, Rambouillets and Targhees will be shown with two inches of wool or less. All other sheep shall be shorn within one month to two weeks of the Fair. Market lambs should be "slick-shorn" as close to show day as possible.
- Age Classification:
 - Mature Ewe - 2 years and older
 - Older Spring Ewe Lamb - January 1 of exhibit year to February 15th of exhibit year
 - Younger Spring Ewe Lamb - February 16 of exhibit year
 - Fall Lamb - September 1 through December 31 of year preceding exhibit year
 - Yearling Ewe or Ram - born during the previous year
 - Market Lamb - after January 1st of exhibit year
 - Pair of Lambs - one spring or fall Ewe Lamb and one spring or fall Ram Lamb
 - Exhibitors Flock - a Ewe Lamb, yearling Lamb, or mature Ewe and Ram Lamb or yearling Ram (three animals)

- Market animals will be weighed on entry day before 3 p.m.
- Animals with physical problems will be disallowed
- All animals must be cared for a period of three months prior to the Fair (exception wethers)
- Sheep shearing will be allowed only in designated areas. See superintendent for approved sites. The shearing area must be cleaned up by the exhibitor immediately following shearing.

Market Lambs

- Open to current year lambs only (ewe or wether)
- Market Grade will be determined in the show ring
- Exhibitors in the market Division should enter all lambs in Division P - Class Number 1 and/or 2
- Market Lambs will be divided into weight Divisions at weigh-in
- Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb will be selected from the single Market Lamb entries

Market animal show and sale officials shall collect the M.A.S.S. drug history sheet at the final weigh-in. If the drug history forms are not signed the animal will not be sold.

Sheep Showmanship

- This contest will be held in the judging area prior to the judging of Sheep Divisions
- Only Junior Fair sheep exhibitors will be allowed to show
- The judge will score all contestants on the following:
 - A. Correct Showmanship
 - B. Condition of sheep in show ring
 - C. Performance of sheep in show ring
 - D. Equipment and Clothing of showman, considering cleanliness and utility. (Hard soled shoes recommended)

Each member participating in the showmanship contest must show his/her own animal

Sheep Showmanship for Non-sheep Exhibitors

Designed for youth who are learning about the sheep project, but do not own sheep and are not showing project animals at the Fair. They have entered into a contract with another exhibitor to learn about the project throughout the year. A copy of the contract must be given to the superintendent prior to the show. These exhibitors will participate in showmanship, using an animal that is already being shown by another exhibitor.

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Dept. 4 Premiums

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Divisions A-P | \$6.00 | \$5.00 | \$4.00 | \$3.00 |
| Divisions Q-R | \$3.50 | \$3.00 | \$2.50 | \$2.00 |

Division A – Shropshire

| | Class Number | | Class Number |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Spring Ram Lamb | 1 | Younger Spring Ewe Lamb | 6 |
| Fall Ram Lamb | 2 | Fall Ewe Lamb | 7 |
| Yearling Ram | 3 | Yearling Ewe | 8 |
| Mature Ewe | 4 | Pair of Lambs | 9 |
| Older Spring Ewe Lamb | 5 | Flock | 10 |

Division B – Hampshire – Same Classification as Division A

Division C – Dorset – Same Classification as Division A

Division D – Cheviot – Same Classification as Division A

Division E – Oxford – Same Classification as Division A

Division F – Southdown – Same Classification as Division A

Division G – Corriedale – Same Classification as Division A

Division H – Suffolk – Same Classification as Division A

Division I – Columbia – Same Classification as Division A

Division J – Montadale – Same Classification as Division A

Division K – Border Leicester – Same Classification as Division A

Division L – Rambouillets – Same Classification as Division A

Division M – Shetland – Same Classification as Division A

Division N – Any Other Breed, Purebred – Same Classification as Division A

Division O – Grade/Commercial

| | Class Number | | Class Number |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Mature Lamb | 1 | Fall Ewe Lamb | 4 |
| Older Spring Ewe Lamb | 2 | Yearling Ewe | 5 |
| Younger Spring Ewe Lamb | 3 | Pair of Lambs | 6 |

Division P – Market Lambs

| | Class Number | | Class Number |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Market Lamb | 1 | Market Lamb | 2 |

Division Q – Sheep Showmanship

| | Class Number | | Class Number |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Explorers, Grades 3 and 4 enrolled in Exploring project | 1 | Grades 7 and 8 | 4 |
| Grades 3 and 4 other than Explorers | 2 | Grades 9 and 10 | 5 |
| Grades 5 and 6 | 3 | Grades 11, 12, and 13 | 6 |

Division R – Sheep Showmanship (for Non-sheep Exhibitors)

| | Class Number | | Class Number |
|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Grades 3-6 | 1 | Grades 10-13 | 3 |
| Grades 7-9 | 2 | | |