

DEPARTMENT 6 - SHEEP

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Entries must be postmarked or submitted to the 4-H Office by June 1. Exhibitors may show multiple entries in one class unless otherwise stated. The additional entries must be shown by another 4-H exhibitor.

*****ALL SHEEP MUST HAVE OFFICIAL SCRAPIE ID EAR TAGS (OR TATOO) WITH ID NUMBER*****

All sheep must have a Health Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (with animals individually identified) with written Veterinary Statement stating that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious, or communicable disease was found, USDA identification, and proof of active immunization against rabies. Do not send original certificates with entry form. Original health papers must accompany the animal for inspection upon arrival on the Fairgrounds. Health papers must be presented to the superintendent before sheep may be unloaded.

Descriptions:

- **Jr. Ram Lambs** (Winter – Spring Lamb), born after January 1 of current year.
- **Sr. Ram Lambs** (Fall Lamb), born after September 1 of previous year.
- **Yearling Ram** (of one (1) year of age), born after January 1 of previous year and before December 31 of previous year.
- **Jr. Ewe Lambs** (Winter – Spring Lamb), born after January 1 of current year.
- **Sr. Ewe Lambs** (Fall Lamb), born after September 1 of previous year.
- **Market Lamb** – born after September 1 of previous year, must be wether or ewe.
- **Yearling Ewe** (of one (1) year of age), born after January 1 of previous year and before December 31 of previous year).
- **Mature Ewe** (Two (2) years old and over).

If exhibitor is exhibiting a grade or unregistered dual purpose breed such as Dorset, Suffolk, etc., animal should be entered in the class corresponding to the purpose they have been raised. For example: Raised for purpose of market – meat breed class. Raised for wool – wool breed class.

All 4-H sheep entered in breeding classes must be properly identified. Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's (or parent/guardian's) name and must be presented for all sheep entered in those classes limited to registered sheep.

Lambs entered in breeding classes may not be shown in market classes, nor may lambs entered in market classes be shown in breeding classes. Only wether and ewe lambs may be shown in market classes. Market lambs must be sheared after July 15. It is recommended the shearing of wool be done during the week of the fair. Market lambs must be penned and shown under proper show rules. No artificial stimulants, stretching, etc. will be allowed. Market lambs will be weighed at the fair. 4-H exhibitors will be required to help with the weigh-in process.

Judging will begin on 6:00 pm, Thursday

SECTION A
SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors must enter one regular showmanship class (classes 1-3) to be eligible for participation in show classes.

1. Senior – 14 to 19 years old.
2. Junior – 8 to 13 years old.
3. Novice – First time exhibitor (as of beginning of year), 8 years and up.
5. Halter Showmanship (optional) – For all 4-H exhibitors - intended for youths to gain experience showing a halter. No coordinated outfits allowed. Judging based on preparation, presentation, and control of the animal.
6. Leadline Showmanship (optional) – All 4-H exhibitors - intended for youth with experience in halter showmanship. Judging based on preparation, presentation, control, and wool outfit. Bonus consideration for wool outfits and articles made by the exhibitor. Written commentary introduction required.

SECTION B
CHEVIOT

7. Junior Ram Lamb
8. Senior Ram Lamb
9. Yearling Ram
10. Junior Ewe Lamb
11. Senior Ewe Lamb
12. Yearling Ewe
13. Mature Ewe

SECTION D
DORSET

21. Junior Ram Lamb
22. Senior Ram Lamb
23. Yearling Ram
24. Junior Ewe Lamb
25. Senior Ewe Lamb
26. Yearling Ewe
27. Mature Ewe

SECTION C
COLUMBIA

14. Junior Ram Lamb
15. Senior Ram Lamb
16. Yearling Ram
17. Junior Ewe Lamb
18. Senior Ewe Lamb
19. Yearling Ewe
20. Mature Ewe

SECTION E
HAMPSHIRE

28. Junior Ram Lamb
29. Senior Ram Lamb
30. Yearling Ram
31. Junior Ewe Lamb
32. Senior Ewe Lamb
33. Yearling Ewe
34. Mature Ewe

**SECTION F
OXFORD**

- 35. Junior Ram Lamb
- 36. Senior Ram Lamb
- 37. Yearling Ram
- 38. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 39. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 40. Yearling Ewe
- 41. Mature Ewe

**SECTION H
SHROPSHIRE**

- 49. Junior Ram Lamb
- 50. Senior Ram Lamb
- 51. Yearling Ram
- 52. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 53. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 54. Yearling Ewe
- 55. Mature Ewe

**SECTION J
SUFFOLK**

- 63. Junior Ram Lamb
- 64. Senior Ram Lamb
- 65. Yearling Ram
- 66. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 67. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 68. Yearling Ewe
- 69. Mature Ewe

**SECTION L
HERITAGE SHEEP**

- 77. Junior Ram Lamb
- 78. Senior Ram Lamb
- 79. Yearling Ram
- 80. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 81. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 82. Yearling Ewe
- 83. Mature Ewe

The Heritage Sheep section includes, but is not limited to, breeds such as Hog Island, Navajo-Churro, and Jacob.

**SECTION G
ROMNEY (includes Black Romney)**

- 42. Junior Ram Lamb
- 43. Senior Ram Lamb
- 44. Yearling Ram
- 45. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 46. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 47. Yearling Ewe
- 48. Mature Ewe

**SECTION I
SOUTHDOWN**

- 56. Junior Ram Lamb
- 57. Senior Ram Lamb
- 58. Yearling Ram
- 59. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 60. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 61. Yearling Ewe
- 62. Mature Ewe

**SECTION K
TUNIS**

- 70. Junior Ram Lamb
- 71. Senior Ram Lamb
- 72. Yearling Ram
- 73. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 74. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 75. Yearling Ewe
- 76. Mature Ewe

**SECTION M
ALL OTHER REGISTERED
MEAT BREEDS**

- 84. Junior Ram Lamb
- 85. Senior Ram Lamb
- 86. Yearling Ram
- 87. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 88. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 89. Yearling Ewe
- 90. Mature Ewe

Other breeds entered in Sections L and M will be shown separately.

**SECTION O
GRADE/UNREGISTERED
WOOL BREEDS**

- 98. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 99. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 100. Yearling Ewe
- 101. Mature Ewe

**SECTION N
ALL OTHER REGISTERED
WOOL BREEDS**

- 91. Junior Ram Lamb
- 92. Senior Ram Lamb
- 93. Yearling Ram
- 94. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 95. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 96. Yearling Ewe
- 97. Mature Ewe

**SECTION P
GRADE/UNREGISTERED
MEAT BREEDS**

- 102. Junior Ewe Lamb
- 103. Senior Ewe Lamb
- 104. Yearling Ewe
- 105. Mature Ewe

**SECTION Q
FLOCK**

- 106. Exhibitor Flock - The flock will contain from one breed, a ram and two ewes. The three sheep may come from the same age class or from different age classes (Mature, Yearling, or Ewe Lamb), all must be owned by the exhibitor.
- 107. Bred by Exhibitor – must be bred and owned by exhibitor.

**SECTION R
MARKET**

Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per weight class, but not more than 4 combined total. Market lamb entries must be entered in a weight class as of June 1. Classes to be determined according to amount of entries and their weights. Final class determinations will be made at fair. Class groups will be determined by the weights of the entered lambs. Entries will be divided up into approximately three equal groups. The animals must be slick sheared. No artificial stimulants, stretching, etc. will be allowed. Market lambs may not be shown in breed classes. Only wether or ewe lambs may be shown in market classes.

The recommended minimum and maximum weights for sheep are 60 – 150 pounds.

- 108. Light Weight
- 109. Medium Weight
- 110. Heavy Weight
- 111. Pair of Market Lambs – Two lambs entered as individual market lambs (see above) to be paired for this class.
- 112. Market Auction – Animals must be shown in appropriate market class. See RULES GOVERNING MARKET ANIMAL AUCTION (Fair Book pages 3-5) for complete details. No premium points will be awarded. Market auction will be held on Saturday at 4:00 pm.

**SECTION S
FUN CLASSES**

113. Costume Class – Sheep maybe sheared, trimmed, colored, dressed, etc. **NOTHING HARMFUL TO THE SHEEP.** A written commentary about exhibitor and sheep costume required. Exhibitor commentary is due the Friday of fair week by 10 am.

**SECTION T
SHEEP HERDSMANSHIP**

114. Herdsmanship – See herdsmanship description on Fair Book pages 34-35.

**SECTION U
CLOVERBUDS**

Awards: Participation ribbon only.

Cloverbuds may bring only one animal to the fair. Please note, bringing only one animal to the fair includes all animal areas so a Cloverbud cannot bring a large animal and a small animal.

If an enrolled Cloverbud would like to bring their own animal to the fair, this entry must be submitted by June 1. Cloverbud Showmanship will occur **during the Sheep Show after Section A: Sheep Showmanship.**

115. Cloverbud Showmanship – Youth must be an enrolled Cloverbud (5 – 7 years old).