

Section G – YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

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A. RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL SHEEP MUST HAVE OFFICIAL SCRAPIE ID EAR TAGS (OR TATTOO) WITH ID NUMBER.

IMPORTANT ARRIVAL INFORMATION

These rules affect all livestock and horses

- A. All **OPEN HORSES** must enter gate #5. Once unloaded, exit gate #5 then reenter at gate #7 and proceed to gate #11. Continue straight on perimeter road, turn left at State Police Barracks follow signage to the Livestock parking area. To reload at end of show exit at gate #10, proceed to gate #6 and re-enter at gate #5. Take a left to barns, load horses then exit gate #5 to leave Fair.
- B. All **SHEEP, GOATS, LLAMAS** have a new inspection station. It is now located just inside gate #7 past the state troopers check point. Once inspected proceed to gate #11, turn left on Belle Isle and go to barns.
- C. **BEEF, SWINE AND 4-H HORSES** enter gate #7, proceed to gate #11 NOT gate #10 (gate #10 is becoming an exit only gate), turn left on Belle Isle and go to barns.
- D. All **LIVESTOCK EXCEPT OPEN HORSES** once unloaded are to proceed back down Belle Isle, and follow signage to the Livestock parking area.

NOTICE

- All sheep must be inspected by a vet at the Vet Check Station located just inside Gate #7.
- 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.
- 4-H Sheep exhibitors who desire to enter open class must pre-enter by the date for Open Class entries – July 18, 2016
- 4-H sheep must be in place by Thursday, August 25 – 10:00 a.m.
- **REGISTRATION PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED.**

1. All New York State Dept. 51 entries must be quality endorsed by a 4-H Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Educator or by an Agricultural Education (FFA) Advisor or by an authorized representative of a qualified related youth organization before they can be accepted by the NYS Fair.

4-H'ers may send their entries directly to the Fair as soon as the entry bears the endorsement of a county Cornell Cooperative Extension Youth Educator or other party designated above to endorse its entries.

Youth are encouraged to submit their animal entries within ten days after the member's County Fair closes. In no case will an entry be accepted after **4:30 p.m., August 15, 2016**. No phoned in entries will be accepted. All entries should carry First Class postage. Allow at least 7 days for delivery. Address your completed, educator-

endorsed entries to: Entry Department, NYS Fair, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209.

Youth who are planning on entering their sheep in the Open Class Show must enter by the Open Class deadline – July 18, 2016. This will facilitate pen allocations. Rule 12 will still apply.

2. All Youth Sheep entries must conform to the Animal Health Regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Markets. **The entire scrapie ID must be recorded on the CVI.** For example: NYKCM/B1A0 or NY75003/1333.
3. All Youth Sheep will be housed in the Open Class Sheep Barn. All Youth Sheep will be shown in the Open Class Sheep barn show ring.
4. All Youth Sheep entries must be in place by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 25 and will be released on Tuesday evening, August 30 at the conclusion of the mandatory barn meeting scheduled at 5:00 p.m. Youth Sheep released from the Youth show and entering Open Class competition will be subject to Open Class rules and fall under the direction of the Superintendent of the Open Class Show. Youth Sheep will be accepted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight on Wednesday, August 24 AND between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 25. Youth Sheep entered in the Open Class Competition may be released on Sunday, September 4, at the conclusion of the Open Show Exhibitors' Meeting.
5. All Youth Sheep must have been owned by the exhibitor by no later than June 15 of the current year. The owner must show their own animals, except if they have more than one animal in a class, in which case they may have another Youth show their second animal. A Youth is limited to exhibiting two (2) animals per class in two (2) breeds. See Department 51, General Information, item F. For non-ownership rule. Youth showing larger breeds may be allowed to have another youth assist in showing their sheep. This will not apply to market lambs.
6. **Out of respect for the exhibitors and the spectators in the Sheep Barn, five head show stands should not be used in the aisle ways near or around the Show Ring.**
7. Any exception to the above rules must be approved by the Superintendent prior to Show Day.
8. All Youth Sheep entered in breeding classes must be properly identified. Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name except as noted in Department 51, General Information, Item F. Ownership Rule. Registration papers must be presented for all sheep entered in those classes limited to registered sheep. All sheep must have official scrapie ID tags or tattoos in ears with i.d. number.
9. 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 August 1. 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. See the Superintendent for more details.
10. **Market lambs will be weighed at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 28. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per weight class. All lambs will be shown in regular market lamb classes and may be shown in Open Class if pre-entered.**
11. **All Youth Sheep exhibitors must enter one of the regular showmanship classes.** Youth are encouraged to participate in activities at the Wool Center and in the Sheep

Quiz Bowl on Saturday, August 27 at 5:30 p.m.

12. Youth Sheep may be entered in open classes by **pre-entering** in accordance with Open Class rules and regulations and must be pre-entered by Open Class Deadline.
13. All Youth Department Sheep participants staying overnight on the New York State Fairgrounds are to sleep in the Youth Dormitories. No Sheep Youth Department participants may sleep in the Youth Department animal exhibit areas. The only exception for these overnight rules is for parents or legal guardians to stay in area hotels or campers on the State Fairgrounds. Parents and legal guardians who choose this option must turn in the Housing Exception Form available from their local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office. This exception does not include lodging or staying in an animal barn. Parents or legal guardians will assume full responsibility for the action and well-being of each of their children for whom an exception is requested and approved
14. Youth Sheep exhibitors will be required to clean their own pens at departure time, Tuesday, August 30.
15. Additional premiums based on placings and the number exhibited in each class will be paid from a fund of \$500 donated by the New York Sheep Improvement Project and matched by the NY State Fair. The exact schedule of premiums will be available at the time of the Fair.

B. SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 25

10:00 a.m. All Youth Sheep in place
11:00 a.m. **Mandatory** Exhibitors orientation meeting – Sheep Barn Arena

Saturday, August 27

10:00 a.m. 4-H Sheep Fitting Contest
5:30 p.m. 4-H Sheep Quiz Bowl – Youth Building Stage

Sunday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Weigh in market lambs
12:00 noon. Judge wool
1:00 p.m. Showmanship classes. Order: Regular – Novice, Junior and Senior, Master Showmanship, Team Showmanship - Junior, and Senior
Immediately after Little Shepherds Halter Showmanship Event

Monday, August 29

8:30 a.m. Youth Sheep Show (Market and Breed classes)
5:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Skillathon (Youth Arena)

Tuesday, August 30

7:30 a.m. Youth Livestock Judging Contest
2:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt – Sheep Barn Arena
4:00 p.m. Decorate a Sheep Contest
5:00 p.m. Awards meeting
6:00 approx. Release of Youth Sheep (after the conclusion of Awards Meeting)

A Halter Showmanship Event for Little Shepherds (ages 5 – 8) will be held following the 4-H Showmanship classes on Sun., August 28. **This is a non 4-H event so contestants do not enter on regular 4-H entry forms.** If you wish to enter, please notify Superintendent on Sunday, August 28 during the regular showmanship contest.

RULES FOR DECORATE A SHEEP CONTEST:

1. You may enter as an individual contestant or as a team.
2. Sheep may be sheared, trimmed, colored, dressed, etc. **Nothing harmful to the sheep.**
3. Rosettes will be awarded.

We would like to encourage all youth exhibitors to create a display near or above their pens. Be sure and take lots of pictures and display them along with your ribbons, rosettes and awards from your County Fair. Rosettes will be awarded for 1st – 10th place Displays.

SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors are urged to dress in long pants/slacks, wear socks, and lace shoes/sneakers. T-shirts will be provided for Showmanship and should also be worn on Monday for the Breed classes. Anyone interested in making donations as a sponsor for the t-shirts should contact Mark Fiegl, Youth Sheep Show Superintendent, for information.

Regular Fitting and Showmanship Classes

All exhibitors must enter one of these classes and may show a “breed sheep” or a market lamb.

Class 300 – Novice Showmanship – Never been in Showmanship Contest at State Fair. Halters permitted, **but not recommended.**

Class 301 – Junior Showmanship – not yet 14 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. No halters permitted.

Class 302 – Senior Showmanship – at least 14 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. No halters permitted.

Note: All sheep shown in the Junior and Senior Showmanship class MUST be fitted by the exhibitor. No assistance from other fitters will be allowed.

NEW FOR 2016

Team Showmanship (Optional) – to replace Leadline (Halter) Showmanship

This event will be a showmanship contest with two exhibitors showing an animal. The sheep must be owned and fitted by at least one of the exhibitors. There will be two classes, a junior class and a senior class. There will be no novice class. However, first time exhibitors at the New York State Fair are encouraged to enter in their age groups.

IF you do not have a partner at the time entries are due, you may create a team after arriving at the Fair and enter at that time.

Classes as follows:

Class 401 – Junior – **Both** team members are not yet 14 years of age as of January 1 of current year.

Class 402 – Senior – **One** or **both** members of the team are at least 14 years of age as of January 1 of current year.

BREEDING CLASSES

(base dates are September 1 & January 1)

BREED SECTION LETTERS ARE INDICATED FOLLOWING THE BREED NAME ().

Black Romney will be shown in the Romney Classes (Section GL).

	Yrlg. Ram	Sr. Ram Lmb	Jr. Ram Lmb	Yrlg. Ewe	Sr. Ewe Lmb	Jr. Ewe Lmb	Mature Ewes	Flock
Border Leister (GA)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cheviot (GB)	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Columbia (GC)	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Cotswold (GD)	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Dorset (GE)	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
Hampshire (GF)	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52
Jacobs (GG)	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Montadale (GH)	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68
Oxford(GI)	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
Rambouillet (GJ)	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
Romney (GK)	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
Shropshire (GL)	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Southdown (GM)	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108
Suffolk (GN)	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116
Tunis (GO)	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124
Natural Colored (GP)	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132
*Other Reg. (GQ)	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140
Wether Sires/Dams (GR)	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148

*Other breeds enter this section, but they will be shown separately.

Youth Exhibitor's 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.**

SECTION GV – MARKET CLASS

Class 500 - Market Classes – Single wether or ewe market lamb. Should be shown slick sheared. **Market Lambs should be shown solo, one exhibitor per lamb.**

Class 504 – Pair of Market Lambs

*Groups will be determined by a sort of the weights of the entered animals. Based on this sort, entries will be divided into approximately four equal weight groups (light, medium, intermediate and heavy).

SECTION GT – SPECIALS

Fleece Classes

Class 149 – Fine Wool (64's and finer – 22 micron)

Class 150 – Medium Wool (50's thru 62's –22-30 micron)

Class 151 – Long Wool (48's and coarser – 31 micron)

Class 152 – Colored Wool

Premiums: Blue Ribbons - \$3.00
 Red Ribbons - \$2.00
 White Ribbons - \$0

Awards include Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon.

SECTION GU – FITTING CONTEST

Class 600 – Sheep Fitting

A Fitting Contest will be held on Saturday, August 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m. Contestants can be in any age group and will be able to have a “helper”. The helper must be a Jr. and the helper will not be allowed to do any shearing either electric or hand shearing. They will be allowed to card, trim hooves, clean ears, etc.

Sheep must have at least 1” of wool before the contest and meat breeds should be washed beforehand. (Allow 6 – 7 weeks of regrowth for 1” of wool on most breeds.

Sheep must be supplied by the exhibitor and may be of any wool or meat breed.

Judging of the fitting job will occur at the conclusion of 90 minutes of fitting. Prizes will be awarded to the Champion Fitter at the exhibitors’ meeting on Tuesday.

D. TROPHIES

Trophies and monetary awards will be awarded to various champions. These are sponsored by the NYS Sheep Improvement Project and numerous individuals.

The Master Showmanship Award of \$50 is sponsored by the Jim Dunham Memorial Fund.

The Master Showmanship Trophy is sponsored by the Reisdorf family.

An Award of \$50 is given to the youth exhibitor of the Champion Market Lamb sponsored by the NYSSIP.

The Champion Ewe and Champion Ram Trophies are sponsored by the Alumni Association of Cobleskill College.

The Champion Flock Trophy and Award are sponsored in Memory of George Burrows.

SECTION GW – SHEEP HERDSMANSHIP

All youth exhibitors will be responsible for the herdsmanship of their animals, pens, aisle area in front of their pens and display area above the exhibitor pens. Expectations will be discussed at the exhibitors’ meeting on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 11:00 a.m. **Be sure to show off your farm in your display.**

A premium will be given to youth sheep exhibitors who design and create a sheep product/by-product exhibit such as a poster or table display in the sheep barn. The intent is to promote the Sheep Industry and to educate the public. Individuals must register their exhibits with the Youth Superintendent by completing an exhibitor entry card signed by the youth Superintendent upon arrival at the fair. This exhibit may be incorporated in your display.