

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

All **OTHER LIVESTOCK** enter gate #6 to Gate #11. Take a left down Belle Isle Rd. Beef, horse tents and sheep tent on left. Goat, Llama, and Swine take a right onto Livestock Road. Vet check at barn tent and then unload. Proceed back down Belle Isle Road and exit at Gate #11, then follow signs to Horse/Livestock Parking in Black Lot.

NOTICE

- All sheep must be inspected by a vet at the Vet Check Station behind the tent.
- 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.
- 4-H sheep must be in place by Thursday August 22, 2024
- REGISTRATION PAPERS WILL BE CHECKED.

1. All entries must be completed and submitted online by Friday, August 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm here: <https://nysfys.fairwire.com/> For instructions on using the online entry system visit www.nysfair.ny.gov/competitions/how-to-enter/
 - a. All New York State Fair 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.
 - b. 4-H'ers are responsible for emailing their entry receipt to their County Educator and Department Superintendent. A directory of these contacts is located at www.nys4-h.org/new-york-state-fair
 - c. 4-H youth unable to qualify through their county due to illness, family travel, etc. should notify their CCE Educator as soon as possible of desire to qualify through other means. Non-4-H youth should contact the youth goat superintendent for other avenues of qualifying their animals for NYS Fair Youth Goats.
 - d. In no case will an entry be accepted after 5:00 p.m., on Friday August 2. In situations where Cornell Cooperative Extension entries cannot be finalized until after the State Fair BENTRY DEADLINE of Aug. 2 at 5:00 pm.
 - e. Youth who are planning on entering their sheep in the Open Class Show must enter by the Open Class deadline – August 2. This will facilitate pen allocations.
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 Tent. All Youth Sheep will be shown in the Open Class Sheep show ring.
4. All Youth Sheep entries must be in place by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 22 and will be released on Saturday evening, August 24 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
**This section will be updated when the State Vets give us guidance.
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. 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 ID 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 Friday, August 23. 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.
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.
1. 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 not be required to clean their own pens at departure time, Saturday August 24 or on Tuesday, August 27.
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, 22

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| 10:00 a.m. | All Youth Sheep in place |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mandatory Exhibitors orientation meeting – Sheep Tent Showring |

Friday, August 23

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| 8:00 a.m. | Weigh in market lambs |
| 12:00 noon. | Judge wool |

Saturday, August 24

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| 9:00 a.m. | Showmanship classes. Order: Regular – Novice, Junior and Senior, Master Showmanship, Team Showmanship - Junior, and Senior |
| Immediately after | Little Shepherds Halter Showmanship Event Youth Sheep Show (Market and Breed classes) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Awards meeting |
| 6:00 approx. | Release of Youth Sheep (after the conclusion of Awards Meeting) |

Sunday, August 25

Barn Clean-out

Monday, August

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| 5:00 p.m. | 4-H Livestock Skillathon (Youth Arena) |
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Tuesday, August 30

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| 7:30 a.m. | Youth Livestock Judging Contest |
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A Halter Showmanship Event for Little Shepherds (ages 5 – 8) will be held following the 4-H Showmanship classes on Friday, August 23. **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 Friday, August 25 during the regular showmanship contest.

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.

Team Showmanship (Optional)

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 505 – 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 - \$4.50
Red Ribbons - \$3.00
White Ribbons - \$1.50

Awards include Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon.

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 a show box valued at \$400

An Award of \$50 will be given to the Supreme Champion Breeding Sheep sponsored by the NYSSIP.

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

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, August 22 at 11:00 a.m.

