

Section G – YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

Superintendent – Beth Allison
Judge – Andrei Rench

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 (except barrel racers or horse pull)** must enter gate #5 and take a left. Once unloaded, exit gate #5 and then enter at gate #7, follow directions to Horse/Livestock Parking in Black lot.
- B. All **OPEN BARREL RACERS AND HORSE PULL** must enter gate #6, follow perimeter road to Gate #11. Barns directly ahead. Unload at barn. Trailers park around back and front of barns. If not enough room, superintendent will direct you.
- C. All **DAIRY CATTLE** follow Rodeo Dr. near gate #5 which runs along the front of the Fairgrounds between the exterior fence and the railroad tracks. Vet check at barn and then unload. Exit Gate #2 and then enter Gate #6, follow directions to Horse/Livestock parking in black lot.
- D. All **BEEF CATTLE** enter gate #6, follow perimeter road until you come to staging area under the overpass. Attendants will direct you when you can proceed. Vet check at barn then unload. Proceed back down Belle Isle Rd. and exit Gate #11, then follow signs to Horse/Livestock Parking in Black Lot.
- E. All **OTHER LIVESTOCK** enter gate #6 to Gate #11. Take a left down Belle Isle Rd. Beef, horse and sheep facility 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 near the sheep facility.**
- **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 Sunday, August 30, 2026**
- **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 **August 4, 2026**. No phoned in entries will be accepted.

Youth who are planning on entering their sheep in the Open Class Show must enter by the Open Class deadline – August 4. 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 show ring.
4. All Youth Sheep entries must be in place by 8:30am Sunday, August 30, and will be released on Wednesday evening, September 2nd, at 11:30pm. 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 6:30am-8:30am on Sunday, August 30.
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 am on Tuesday, September 1. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries per weight class. All lambs will be shown in regular market lamb classes.**
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.
15. Additional premiums based on placings and the number exhibited in each class will be paid from a fund donated by the Empire Sheep Producers.

B. SCHEDULE:

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am All Youth Sheep in place

10:00 a.m. **Mandatory** Exhibitors orientation meeting – Sheep Showing
Registration Paper check, immediately following meeting.

Tuesday September 1

8:00 a.m. Weigh in market lambs

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 a.m. Showmanship classes. Order: Senior, Junior & Novice
Master Showmanship, Halter Showmanship & Team Showmanship
Market and Breed Classes to Follow
Awards meeting is approximately one hour after the conclusion of the show.

11:30 pm Release of Youth Sheep

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.

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 for the Breed classes. Anyone interested in making donations to the show should contact Beth Allison, 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.

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. Teams will be designated following the regular showmanship contests.

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).

D. TROPHIES

Trophies and monetary awards will be awarded to various champions. These are sponsored by the Empire Sheep Producers and numerous individuals.

The Master Showmanship Award of \$50 is sponsored by the Empire Sheep Producers.

The Master Showmanship Showbox is sponsored by a collection of sheep producers.

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

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.