

SHEEP

Chairman - Bruce McCord

Online entries required

Go to dutchessfair.com under "Get Involved" and "Competitions". Click on the enter online box and follow the easy steps!

Rules - Entries close August 1st

1. Before making entries, read Standard No. 350.0 in this Premium Book, Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Markets.
2. Positively no entries accepted after the entry deadline. If no space is available, you will be notified by August 13.
3. All animals must be in place Monday, August 19th at 7:00pm but not before Sunday, August 18th, 3:00pm and remain until 8:00pm Sunday evening, the last day of the fair.
4. No exhibitor except 4-H members going to the state fair may be released before 8pm Sunday, the last day of the fair, without permission from the superintendent.
5. All sheep must have been owned by the individual exhibitor 30 days prior to the show.
6. All purebred sheep must be registered with the breed association of the breed they are showing in and have valid registration certificate available to show at check in.
7. Each sheep must have appropriate, USDA approved ear tags or tattoos corresponding with registration papers. Ear tags or tattoos must be in the ear and will be checked on show day.
8. Each exhibitor shall present to the superintendent upon arrival, a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian indicating that the flock is free of all contagious or infectious diseases and is not under quarantine. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at all NYS Fairs for those species that a USDA licensed vaccine is available.
9. Individual breeds will be shown separately if one exhibitor flock or the minimum of two exhibitors are entered. Any other breed not qualifying will be shown in AOB.
10. One entry per exhibitor will be allowed in pair and group classes. Group class animals must be entered in their individual class and registered under the same name.
11. Only two animals, per class, per exhibitor.
12. Lamb classes will be split for spring and fall lambs. The date of the split is September 1 and January 1.
13. All market lambs must be slick shorn before being weighed in at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, August 20th.
14. Wether sires and dams will be shown slick shorn. Sheep shown in the wether dam class cannot be in the market class. Wether and dam may be pure or crossbred. All purebred and crossbred will be shown together.
15. To maintain our show's credibility any attempts to artificially change the degree of firmness of any market lamb shall be considered unacceptable and will be disqualified.
16. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to keep the area around their pens clean and neat.
17. Exhibitors are encouraged to display farm signs. Other signs will not be allowed.
18. Exhibitors will not be allowed to wash their sheep except in the two designated wash areas.
19. The interpretation for qualification or disqualification will be determined by the superintendent.
20. Sheep will always have clean water.
21. Sheep will receive 2 bales of shavings or 1 bale of straw per pen. A 20 yard container will be available to put waste in during the day.

Open Show - Meat Breeds Thursday at 10am

Judge: Roger High

Cheviot
Dorset
East Friesian
Hampshire
Horn Dorset
Katahdin
Oxford
Shropshires
Southdown
Suffolk
Tunis
Wether Sire Dam
Other Breeds - Meat
Market Lamb

Open Show-Wool Breeds - Friday at 10am

Judge: Bryan Mason
Blue Faced Leicester
Border Leicester
Corriedale
Gottland
Jacob
Merino
Natural Colored - Fine
Natural Colored - Medium
Natural Colored - Long
Rambouillet
Romney
Shetland
Other Breeds-Wool

NATURAL COLORED SHEEP SHOW RULES

General rules will apply for this show except as follows:

1. This show is not open to registered sheep shown in previous classes.
2. All sheep must be identified by legible tattoo or farm ear tag.
3. The judging of colored sheep will be 40% conformation, 60% wool.
4. The judging of wool will be based on its quality for hand spinning. However, adequate size and muscling and soundness must be evident.
5. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to determine before the show, which class the animal should be in, not the Judges!
6. Some class examples: Rambouillet, Merino, Corriedale and Columbias are fine and medium sheep. Romneys and Border-Leicesters are long wools. These are the usual examples. Depending on breeding, classes may change.

Sheep Premium Schedule Placings
1 - \$30, 2 - \$25, 3 - \$20, 4 - \$15, 5 - \$13, 6 - \$10
Every animal after 6th place will receive \$5.00
Supreme Champion will receive a banner and prize

Entry Fee \$5.00

1. Registered Ram-1 yr. old and under 2 yrs.
2. Registered Ram Lamb-Fall
3. Registered Ram Lamb-Spring
4. Registered Ram Lamb-Pair

*Champion Ram of Breed Reserve Champion Ram of Breed
Best Headed Ram*

5. Registered Ewe 1 yr. old and under 2 yrs.
6. Registered Yearlings-Pair
7. Registered Ewe Lamb-Fall
8. Registered Ewe Lamb-Spring
9. Registered Ewe Lambs-Pair

*Champion Ewe of Breed Reserve
Champion Ram of Breed
Best Headed Ewe*

10. Exhibitors Flock (owned by exhibitor)
Ram (yearling or lamb), 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs
11. Breeders young flock (bred and owned by exhibitor)
1 ram lamb 2 ewe lambs
12. Get-of-Sire (3 animals sired by same ram
and both sexes represented).

All the animals entered in group classes must be entered in single classes and all registered in the same name.

13. Market Lamb-will be broken down by weight
75-160 lbs.
*Champion Market Lamb
Reserve Champion Market Lamb*

14. Pair of Market Lambs - Market Lamb classes to be grade or purebred ewe, wether, under 1 yr. of age and will be judged for meat qualities according to market standards regardless of breeding. May not be shown in any other class except market. It's the exhibitor's responsibility to get their market lambs to the scale. Market lambs will be weighed at 5 pm Tuesday, August 20th, All Market lambs must be slick shorn before being weighed in. To be eligible to be shown, market lambs must weigh between 75-160 lbs. No more than four lambs per exhibitor.

Best of Show

Contests will be held Thursday and Friday after their respective shows. Open to breed Champions rams and ewes.

Best Fleece

Each exhibitor may enter one previously shown sheep of their choosing to compete for Best Fleece

JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW

Additional Junior Premiums for All Breed Shows
The Junior Show will be judged simultaneously with the Open Show.

The Dutchess County Fair/Dutchess County Agricultural Society will be offering Junior Exhibitors additional premiums for single classes in all breed shows.

1st - \$12, 2nd - \$8, 3rd - through 6th - \$4.
Every animal after 6th place will receive \$2.00
Group classes are exempt.

Rules: Entry Fee: \$2 - Exhibitors must enter the Jr. Sheep Show online when making open entries by the closing date of August 1st.

1. The animal must be owned in the individual junior name. No family, farm names or partnerships with adults allowed. Sheep entered must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name or be in the process of being registered to the junior exhibitor before June 1st. Futurity are welcome. No lease animals will be allowed.
2. Junior Sheep entries must be entered in the Open Sheep Show.
3. The junior exhibitor cannot be older than 21 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Please put age on the entry form.
4. The junior exhibitor must be present on show day and be actively participating in showing their animal(s) in the show ring at all times. Junior exhibitors must be old enough to handle their own sheep, understand and take direction from the judge, and show at the head of one of their animals in the ring. A maximum of two animals per class will be allowed. Another junior must be showing the second animal. The junior must also be present at sheep check in as well.
5. Please note the Junior Exhibitors will still be eligible for open show premiums and awards, as long as all animals are owned by that Junior Exhibitor.
6. All other Open Sheep Show rules apply.

Breed Classes for Junior Show:

- 1J. Yearling rams
- 2J. Senior rams
- 3J. Junior rams

*Junior Champion Ram
Junior Reserve Champion Ram*

- 5J. Yearling ewes
- 6J. Senior ewe lambs
- 7J. Junior ewe lambs

*Junior Champion Ewe
Junior Reserve Champion Ewe
Best Headed Junior*

Sheep Costume Class will be held on Wednesday at 5pm - see page 26 for details.

Shepherd's Lead Line Classes will use the same premium.

**SHEPHERD'S LEADLINE CLASSES MUST BE ENTERED ONLINE OR AT THE LIVESTOCK OFFICE BY
NOON ON TUESDAY!
Friday at 4pm**

The object of the class is to promote the wool industry. Contestants will be modeling wool garments, along with presenting various breeds of sheep in the most attractive manner possible. 2024 wool garment Shawls & Wraps. The following rules apply:

- a) There must be at least 2 contestants to have a class, otherwise classes will be combined.
- b) Sheep must be ewes, fitted, and trained to show at halter.
- c) Leader attired in an outfit, at least one article is 100% wool.
- d) Entrants should have a sheep or wool interest.

Pre-judging of garment construction and interview of the leader will take place Friday afternoon at 3pm in the Sheep Show Ring. Classes will be held on Friday, August 23rd, at 4pm in the Sheep Show Ring.

18. Shepherd's Lead Line-Youth Division: 10 and under
19. Shepherd's Lead Line-Junior Division: 11-14 yrs. old
20. Shepherd's Lead Line-Senior Division: 15-18 yrs. old
21. Shepherd's Lead Line-Adult Division: 19 yrs. and over

SHEPHERD'S CONTEST

The Dutchess County Fair will award cash prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10 to the exhibitors with the cleanest and most attractive exhibits promoting their sheep breed and the sheep industry. Exhibitors will be judged on the following:

1. Courtesy to the public.
2. Educational value of exhibit.
3. Cooperation and Courtesy with other exhibitors.
4. Sheep Herdsmanship (sheep care)
5. Cleanliness of sheep, pens, aisles and equipment.
6. Personal appearance of exhibitors.

The Dottie Butts award recognizes the contribution of Dottie to the Agricultural Community in Dutchess County through her work at the annual Dutchess County Fair, the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers and individual shepherds she met throughout her life. The recipient is a young shepherd who shows exemplary interest and effort in raising and exhibiting Sheep at the Fair.

