

# DEPARTMENT U SHEEP

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**\*\*\*\*Show starts promptly at Saturday, July 8, 2023 @1p.m.\*\*\*\***

## Entry Fee: \$2.00

Late Entries are accepted strictly on available basis and must pay a \$3.00 per class fee in addition to regular entry fee. **ALL LATE ENTRIES MUST CALL SUPERINTENDENT.**

Please refer to State Regulations for livestock health requirements (sec. 351.4). Entries open to residents of Madison, Herkimer, Oneida, Otsego, Cortland and Chenango counties only. Each farm address is limited to a maximum of 20 head total.

1. Entries close one week prior to opening day of Fair. Entry fee for each single & group entry to be paid at time entry is made. All animals to be shown in group classes must also be shown in their individual classes. No entry fees will be refunded.
2. Animals may start arriving at 5p.m. ALL MUST be in place by 7:30p.m. Friday July 7, 2023. Animals may arrive day of show with superintendent approval; please have health papers ready for the state vet to check in.
3. Limit of two prizes in one class to a farm or consignor.
4. All animals will be brought out of pen to be shown. Failure to do so will cause forfeiture of premium.
5. Exhibitors will supply their own bedding, and feed. Exhibitors will clean pen area at close of fair and pile manure in designated area.
6. Registered stock will be in name of the exhibitor or immediate family. Proof of ownership to be based on date of registration (30 days from transfer). All registered entries must carry the registration tag of their breed in their ear. All registration papers must be available show day.
7. Sheep not registered must be shown in the commercial class.
8. No market lamb will be shown with more than 1" of wool. All market lambs are to be shorn within 30 days of the fair and are to have been born after January 1st of the current year.
9. The judge may refuse or reject any exhibit which is in his/her opinion not worthy or representative of its breed.
10. The decision of the judge is final in all cases.
11. All sheep will be examined by a state veterinarian. Exhibitors will be present and have a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian that his/her flock is free of all infectious disease and not under quarantine. Any sheep showing evidence of infectious or contagious disease, internal or external parasites, or in generally unthrifty condition will cause dismissal of the entire flock.
12. All animals will be required to show proof of Rabies vaccination and current health papers.
13. **Exhibits will be released after 2:00 pm Sunday. Anyone leaving before this time without permission of the Superintendent will forfeit all premiums.**
14. Premium checks will be mailed.

## SECTIONS:

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| 1. Oxford     | 9. Suffolk               |
| 2. Hampshire  | 10. Tunis                |
| 3. Shropshire | 11. Dorper               |
| 4. Cotswell   | 12. East Friesian        |
| 5. Corriedale | 13. Dorset               |
| 6. CVM        | 14. Horned Dorset        |
| 7. Romeldale  | 15. Border Cheviot       |
| 8. Lincoln    | 16. North Border Cheviot |

17. Southdown
18. Finn
19. Shetland
20. Jacobs
21. Icelandic

22. Any other breed
23. Commercial White Wool Breeds
24. Commercial Naturally Colored Breeds
25. Commercial White Meat Breeds

PREMIUMS – **SECTIONS 1-25**: 1<sup>st</sup> \$10.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$8.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.00    **SECTION 26**: 1<sup>st</sup> \$8.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$6.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3.00

**Classes are divided by the following and are the same for all breeds:**

- Junior Lambs – born on or after 2/16 current year
- Intermediate Lambs – born 1/1 – 2/15 current year
- Senior Lambs – born 9/1 – 12/31 previous year
- Junior Yearling Ewes – born 1/1 – 8/31 previous year
- Senior Yearling Ewes – born 9/1 – 12/31, to be 12-24 months of age

### **CLASSES FOR SECTION 1-25**

1. Junior Ram Lamb
2. Intermediate Ram Lamb
3. Senior Ram Lamb
4. Pair Ram Lambs
5. Yearling Ram, any ram 12-24 months old
6. Mature Ram, 24+ months old. \*\*\*Must be able to be handled by 4-H'er\*\*\*
7. Pair of Rams ( any age)  
Champion Ram- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each class competing.
8. Junior Ewe Lamb
9. Intermediate Ewe Lamb
10. Senior Ewe Lamb
11. Pair of Ewe Lambs
12. Ewe, Yearling
13. Ewes, 2-3 years old.
14. Ewes, 4 years and older.
15. Pair of Mature Ewes.
16. Best Two Females, owned and bred by owner.  
Champion ewe, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of each class competing.
17. Dam and Offspring(s)
18. Get-of-Sire (any three, any sex, any age but by the same sire)
19. Flock- 1 Ram (any age and 2 ewes any age)
20. Mixed Pair, 1 male and 1 female.

\*\*\*Supreme Champion Ram & Supreme Champion Ewe- All breed champions will compete including the commercial class. \*\*\*

### **Section 26- Market Lambs (Shown after the breed classes)**

No market lamb will be shown with more than 1 inch of wool. All market lambs to be judged on market basis- ewes or whether- **NO RAMS.**

1. Market Lamb- Light weight
2. Market Lamb- Medium weight
3. Market Lamb- Heavy weight
4. Pen of Three Lambs

## **Section 27 - Wool Fleece**

### **To be judged after all sheep have been shown.**

Class Exhibitor may enter not more than two fleeces per class from sheep owned by him/her.

All fleeces will have been shorn since December of the previous year.

Fleeces should be rolled with skin side out and placed in a clear plastic bag.

Fleeces may be opened by Judge.

Each fleece will have a tag with exhibitor's name.

Fleece will be rejected if it has paint, tar, excessive vegetation matter, weak staples or broken fiber.

Fleeces will be displayed in the sheep barn and cared for by the superintendent.

## **CLASSES – Section 27**

1. Fine wool (Finn, Merino, and other fine wool breeds)
2. Medium Wool (Columbia, Corriedale, Southdown and other medium wool breeds/crosses)
3. Long Wool (Romney, Border Leicester, Cotswold and other breeds/crosses)
4. Naturally Colored Wool - Fine
5. Naturally Colored Wool - Medium
6. Naturally Colored Wool - Coarse

## **Section 28-Sheep Showmanship**

No pre-entry is required

1. Novice – 1<sup>st</sup> year of showing sheep
2. Junior - Age 13 and under
3. Senior - Age 14 and older
4. Adult

## **SHEPARD AWARD**

This award will be given to the exhibitor that shows attentiveness to their flock, pride in their decorations of their pens, and over all care of their area.

## **DEPARTMENT U-A** **JUNIOR SHEEP**

### **NO ENTRY FEE – MUST ENTER OPEN CLASSES ALSO**

Same rules and classes as open division. Minimum age for exhibitor is 9 years old. Exhibitor must show own sheep unless he or she has multiple sheep in the same class. Judging will be based on The Danish System.

**DRESS CODE:** Please be mindful that while showing sheep we are often bending over to reach our animal for positioning. Dress should be modest in that both our tops and bottoms are always concealed. If you do not have a shirt that will prevent improper exposure, one will be provided for you to use during the show by the Superintendent. What constitutes proper and improper dress is at the sole discretion of the Superintendent.