

DEPARTMENT U SHEEP

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***** Sunday, August 2nd*****

The show will begin promptly at 2:00pm. Showmanship classes will be held at 1:00pm.

Entry Fee: \$2.00

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 20th. Late Entries are accepted strictly on an 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 are 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. All animals to be shown in group classes must also be shown in their individual classes. No entry fees will be refunded.
2. Animal arrival time: 9:00am to 1:00pm. **ALL MUST** be in place by 2:30pm on Saturday, August 1st. Animals may arrive on the day of the show with superintendent approval; please have health papers ready prior to checking in.
3. **Exhibitors are STRONGLY encouraged to stay the entire show. Anyone leaving before this time without the permission of the Superintendent will forfeit all premiums.**
4. Limit two prizes in one class to a farm or consignor.
5. All animals will be brought out of the pen to be shown. Failure to do so will cause forfeiture of premium.
6. Exhibitors will supply their own bedding and feed. Exhibitors will clean the pen area at the close of the fair and pile manure in the designated area.
7. Registered stock will be in name of the exhibitor or immediate family. Proof of ownership is 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 on show day.
8. Sheep not registered must be shown in the commercial class.
9. 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.
10. The judge may refuse or reject any exhibit which is in his/her opinion not worthy or representative of its breed.
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. **The decision of the judge is final in all cases.**
14. **Premium checks will be mailed.**

SECTIONS:

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| 1. Oxford | 8. Southdown |
| 2. Hampshire | 9. Finn |
| 3. Shropshire | 10. Any other breed |
| 4. Suffolk | 11. Commercial White Wool Breeds |
| 5. Tunis | 12. Commercial Naturally Colored Breeds |
| 6. Border Cheviot | 13. Commercial White Meat Breeds |
| 7. North Border Cheviot | |

PREMIUMS – **SECTIONS 1-25**: 1st \$10.00; 2nd \$8.00; 3rd - \$5.00 **SECTION 26**: 1st \$8.00; 2nd \$6.00; 3rd \$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- 1st and 2nd 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, 1st and 2nd 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. Rosette & \$100*****

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 a market basis- ewes or whether- **NO RAMS.**

Classes for Section 26

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.

1. The exhibitor may enter not more than two fleeces per class from sheep owned by him/her.
2. All fleeces will have been shorn since December of the previous year.
3. Fleeces should be rolled skin side out and placed in a clear plastic bag.
4. Fleeces may be opened by the Judge.
5. Each fleece will have a tag with the exhibitor's name.
6. Fleece will be rejected if it has paint, tar, excessive vegetation matter, weak staples or broken fiber.
7. Fleeces will be displayed in the sheep barn and cared for by the superintendent.

CLASSES for 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

SHOWMANSHIP

No pre-entry is required.

CLASSES for Section 28

1. Novice – 1st year of showing
2. Junior – Ages 13 & under
3. Senior - Ages 14 - 18
4. Adult

SHEPARD AWARD

This award is given to the exhibitor that shows attentiveness to their flock, pride in decorating their pens, overall care and cleanliness of their area.

DEPARTMENT U-A JUNIOR SHEEP

All juniors must be entered in open classes (with entry fee). No entry fee for junior classes. Exhibitors who have turned 19 by January 1, 2026, are not eligible. Junior exhibitors will show with open entries but be awarded junior ribbons.

Same rules and classes as open division. The minimum age for exhibitors is 9 years old. Exhibitors must show their 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. Both tops and bottoms are always be to concealed. If you do not have a shirt that will prevent exposure, one will be provided for you to wear during the show. What constitutes proper (or improper) dress is at the sole discretion of the Superintendent or MCF Board of Directors.