

## Sheep

Superintendent: Devin Fisher

### Exhibit Schedule

<b>Entries Close</b>	Monday, June 15
<b>Arrival - Health Check - Weigh-In</b>	Wednesday, July 22, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
<b>Exhibitor Meeting</b> - O'Connor Field House	Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 p.m.
<b>Market Sheep Photos</b> - Photo Tent	Wednesday, July 22, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
<b>Sheep Show (Market)</b> - Fair Building	Thursday, July 23, 1:00 p.m.
<b>No Sale Forms due 1 hour after exhibitors' last market class</b>	
<b>Fair Final Drive - Selection of Grand Champion Market Lamb</b>	Thursday, July 23, 6:30 p.m.
<b>Sheep Show (Breeding / Showmanship)</b> - Fair Building	Friday, July 24, 1:00 p.m.
<b>Barn Dance</b> - O'Connor Field House	Friday, July 24, 8:00 p.m.
<b>Early Animal Release</b> (approval required)	Saturday, July 25, 6:00-8:00 a.m.
<b>Market Livestock Sale</b> - Fair Building	Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m.
<b>Tack / Equipment Removal</b> (by hand only)	Sunday, July 26, 8:30 p.m.
<b>Animals Released</b>	Sunday, July 26, 9:30 p.m.

1. General rules listed in this guide apply to all exhibitors.
2. **SHOW LIMIT** - The total number of sheep exhibited at Fair is limited to 4 per exhibitor, with a maximum of 2 market lambs.
3. **ARRIVAL** - Detailed arrival procedures, including traffic flow and unloading requirements, will be communicated to exhibitors prior to the Fair. Exhibitors must follow all instructions provided by Fair staff and superintendents upon arrival. Bring all large equipment and feed on Monday, July 20, 12:00-8:00 p.m.
4. **RELEASE** - Exhibitors may begin removing tack and equipment by hand only at 8:30 p.m. Trailers are staged facing west on Stock Trail Road. Sheep load out through Gate 2. Exhibitors must clean their pens and remove all trash from their exhibit area prior to release. **EARLY ANIMAL RELEASE** - Livestock may be released early on Saturday, July 25, 6:00-8:00 a.m. Exhibitors must request early release on their entry; approval is not guaranteed. Superintendents assign release times between 6:00-8:00 a.m. Trailers enter Gate 6 and exit through Gate 5.
5. **HEALTH INSPECTION** - All animals are inspected by a veterinarian upon arrival at the Fairgrounds. Animals showing signs of contagious or infectious disease are not permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds. Any animal with an obvious medical condition that could be considered contagious must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 2 weeks prior to Fair check-in from a licensed veterinarian. Animals presenting a CVI are still inspected by the veterinarian at Fair check-in. If the veterinarian determines the animal to be unacceptable or potentially contagious, the animal will not be permitted to remain on the Fairgrounds. This decision is final.
6. **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION** - All sheep (except wethers) must have an official Federal Scrapie Program tag.

- HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** - Animals that prolapse (and cannot return to normal position without assistance) during the Fair are not allowed to show or sell and must be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. To help prevent prolapse, it is recommended that tails be docked at the distal end of the caudal fold in accordance with AVMA guidelines.

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**Division 65A - Sheep Showmanship**

- Refer to Showmanship section for additional rules and Round Robin information.
- Age is determined as of January 1 of the current year.

**Class**

01 FFA

**Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion FFA Showman**

02 Novice (Youth 8-10 years old and first year showing any animal)

03 Junior (Youth 9-10 years old)

**Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior Showman**

04 Intermediate (Youth 11-13 years old)

05 Senior (Youth 14-16 years old)

06 Advanced Senior (Youth 17-18 years old)

**Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Senior Showman**

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**Division 65B - Breeding Sheep**

- Base date for age is September 1.
- All breeding sheep must be presented at the scale for breed identification.
- Recognized breeds are shown separately, with an additional crossbred class.

**Ewes**

**Class**

01 Ewe lamb, born January 1 - present date (May not have shown in market class)

02 Ewe lamb, born August 31 - December 31 (May not have shown in market class)

03 Yearling Ewe, 1 year and under 2 years

Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe by breed

**Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe**

**Other**

**Class**

04 Haired Sheep

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**Division 65C - Market Sheep**

- Minimum weight at final weigh-in is 110 lbs. Animals weighing under 110 lbs. will be shown in the feeder class and are not eligible for the Market Livestock Sale or Final Drive.
- All market lambs must be born on or after January 1 of the current year.
- All market lambs must be slick shorn (recommended within 1 week prior to Fair).
- All market lambs must be dehorned.
- Market lambs will be divided by breed according to the classification guidelines below. Exhibitors must indicate breed on the entry. Breeds will be confirmed at final weigh-in by a classifier. The decision of the classifier can supersede the entry and will be final. No changes to the breed classification will be made after the animal leaves the scale area.

**Class**

01 Market Lamb

Champion & Reserve Champion Market Lamb by breed division

**Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb**

**BREED CLASSIFICATION GUIDELINES**

**Dorset**

- Head - face should be white, moderately long, with a clean, open appearance; wool on the forehead and cheeks is acceptable
- Nose - pink to flesh-colored, broad muzzle, free of dark pigment
- Ears - medium length, slightly forward, covered with white hair, free of wool
- Legs - white, may have wool down to the knees and hocks but should be clean below
- Body wool free of dark fibers

**Hampshire**

- Head - face of good length, dark, free of wool from eyes down, unbroken wool cap extending from neck over forehead.
- Ears - moderate in length, thick, covered with coarse dark brown or black hair, free from wool
- Legs - some wool below knee
- Nose - broad muzzle, coarse dark brown or black hair, wool feathering desirable, open around eye, "frostiness" on nose
- Body wool free of dark fibers
- Off color - free of white spots on jaws, legs and ears

**Natural Colored**

- Any breed of sheep that has a predominant "blue or black tint" to the skin and wool. The body must have this predominant blue or black tint over the majority of the body.

**Suffolk**

- Black hair should cover the legs and head
- Little to no wool should be on the head
- No wool on the legs (below the knees and hocks)
- Ears should be long, "bell-shaped" and covered with black hair
- Body wool free of dark fibers

**CROSSBRED**

Crossbred lambs are classified into 2 divisions as follows.

**Black Face Cross**

- Crosses of black face breeds (including Suffolk and Hampshire cross sheep).
- No crosses of black face breeds with white face breeds.

**White Face Cross (Includes Speckled)**

- Crosses of white face breeds with any other breeds (white or black face).

**BREED DIVISIONS**

The 3 breeds with the highest number of entries are shown as individual divisions. All remaining breeds are combined into the All Other Breeds (AOB) Division. A maximum of 6 divisions will be shown; fewer divisions may be established based on entries.

- Black Face Cross
- White Face Cross
- All Other Breeds (AOB)