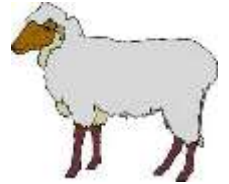


Sheep/Tack/Displays released Saturday night 10-11pm & Sunday 9 am to noon
No Sheep/Displays/Tack to be taken down/packed up/removed from building before 10 pm
Saturday (Includes decorations, tools, supplies, animals, etc.)

SHEEP EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT SUNDAY morning to cleanup/fold/stack pens
Then, sign out with Department Superintendent.
EXHIBITORS who fail to comply and fail to sign out will FORFEIT PREMIUMS

DEPARTMENT 25
MARKET LAMBS & BREEDING SHEEP
LISA WHEELER – SUPERINTENDENT



SPECIFIC RULES:

1. All exhibitors must comply with Sheep Dept. General Rules. NOTE: rules #9 and #10.
2. A \$2.00 fee will be assessed for each animal entered. **THESE NON-REFUNDABLE FEES MUST BE MAILED TO Valerie Harlan by June 1st.** This fee is separate from the tagging fee assessed by the MD 4-H Program to purchase the animal ear tag.
3. All breeding sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned and registered with the appropriate Breed Association in the name of the exhibitor by July 1 of current year. **Registration papers for each animal must be furnished and available anytime during the fair.** Leased breeding sheep must comply with Livestock Department General Rule #4. Sponsor must sign the section on Lessee Compliance in the Lease Agreement and a copy of the signed Lease Agreement **MUST BE MAILED TO Valerie Harlan.**
4. Breeding Sheep will be shown with Registration Papers only, by breed, or as non-registered sheep.
5. Name of the exhibitor as shown on the entry form must be identical to that shown on the Breed Association Registration Paper.
6. Substitutions: Exhibitors are permitted to substitute one animal for another in the same class but substitution must be within the same breed.
7. **All exhibits must be in place on Thursday by 9 am.**
 - Animal Exhibitors must have registration and health papers available at all times.
 - **ALL REQUIRED EAR TAGS (farm tag, 4-H tag, RFID tag, scrapie tag) MUST BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.** Animals without required tags upon arrival to the Fair Grounds will not be permitted on the grounds. In the event that any animal loses the tag prior to the Fair, the 4-H Extension Educator must be notified immediately.
 - All sheep are required to have appropriate scrapie identification (see Sheep Dept. rule #9)
8. **Show Attire:** 4-H exhibitors must wear approved uniforms at all times while in show ring, as clearly stated in [Rule #23 of the General Rules and Regulations.](#)
9. Once sheep are checked in they may not be removed from the grounds during the Fair without the superintendent's permission.
10. No artificial coloring may be used on animals at any time.
11. Teeth requirements: Spring Lambs–All lamb teeth must be present. Fall Lambs–Yearling teeth may be present but must not be even with the lamb teeth at time of show. Yearling–Sheep may not have more than 4 permanent teeth showing at time of show.
12. All Market lambs must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and been owned in the name of the exhibitor by May 1 of the current year. Market sheep and commercial sheep must be tagged with a MD 4-H Livestock tag prior to arrival at the Fair.
13. Market Lambs must be born no earlier than 1/1/2018. Market lambs may be ewes or wethers. All castrated lambs must be completely healed.
14. All market lambs must be completely slick shorn within 1 week of the start of the Fair. **NO BUTT WOOL ALLOWED.** No Artificial coloring is allowed. Lambs not meeting the criteria will not be weighed and will be disqualified from the show.
15. Sheep exhibited in a market class may not be exhibited in a breed class.
16. Only one entry per exhibitor in pair and group classes.
17. No sheep will be permitted in the ring unless properly cleaned and blocked.
18. All 1st & 2nd place Market Animals must be presented for selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champions.
19. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion must grade and be sold at the Livestock Sale. The animals must meet quality standards and will be graded by the Grading Committee.

20. All Sheep exhibitors who sell in the Livestock Sale must comply with the Livestock Sale rules. Only market sheep exhibited in the show may sell if they meet quality standards as determined by the Grading Committee.
21. Exhibitors may nominate up to 4 animals for market classes, however, an exhibitor may only show 2 animals per weight class. Market lambs will be shown by weight classes, not by breed. Approximate weight classes determined after weights received.
22. Per Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows and the MD Department of Agriculture, all market lambs must be slick-shorn **PRIOR TO ARRIVAL at the fairgrounds**. This is to decrease problems from Club Lamb Fungus. **No animals will be shorn once they come on the premises.**



ONLINE ENTRIES—be prepared to type

Animal Name
Breed
Sire/Dam
Breed Registry #
Scrapie Ear Tag#
4-H Ear Tag # for Market Lambs
DOB – date of birth

SECTION K - MARKET LAMB CLASSES

Classes

2511	Market Lamb
2512	Pair of Market Lambs (shown individually in class 2511)

SECTION L – GROUP CLASS

Class

2513	4-H Club Group to consist of: 3 sheep – owned and exhibited by 3 different club members belonging to same 4-H club – sheep may be breeding or market sheep and do not have to be of the same breed.
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SECTION A - FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Classes

25100	Novice – 1 st year showing, any age
25101	Jr. Fitting and Showing
25201	Int. fitting and Showing
25301	Sr. Fitting and Showing

BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

SECTION B - DORSET

SECTION C - HAMPSHIRE

SECTION D - MONTADALE

SECTION E - SHROPSHIRE

SECTION F - SOUTHDOWN

SECTION G - SUFFOLK

SECTION H - TUNIS

SECTION I - OTHER BREED

SECTION J - COMMERCIAL

Classes

2501	Yearling Ram, over 1 year of age but not over 2 years of age
2502	Fall Ram, Born Sept 1 to December 31, 2017
2503	Spring Ram, born after January 1, 2018
2504	Pair of Rams, either Fall or Spring (shown individually in classes 2502 or 2503)
2505	Yearling Ewe, over 1 year of age but not over 2 years of age
2506	Pair of Yearling Ewes, over 1 year of age but not over two years of age (shown individually in class 2505)
2507	Fall Ewe born Sept 1 to December 31, 2017
2508	Spring Ewe, born after January 1, 2018
2509	Pair of Ewe Lambs, either Fall or Spring (shown individually in classes 2507 or 2508)
2510	Breeders Young Flock, Ram (any age), Yearling Ewe, Ewe (Spring or Fall)—Total 3 animals shown (shown individually in classes 2501 to 2508)

HERDSMAN AWARD

COW PALACE BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, SHEEP AND SWINE HERDSMAN AWARD

Sponsored by the Warns Family Exhibitors automatically entered

Each category is worth 10 points each. Exhibitors' areas will be judged approximately 3 times per day unannounced, at any time of the day, by unbiased individuals as well as the Dept. Superintendents. The scores from each day will be totaled at the end of the fair and the winner will be announced.

Exhibitor's name must be clearly identified to be judged.

Judging Criteria:

1. **Cleanliness and care of Animal**
2. **Cleanliness of Bedding**
3. **Cleanliness of Feed/Tack Area & Central Aisle**
4. **Attractiveness of Exhibitor's assigned area**
5. **Breed Promotion / Educational Display**
6. **Assigned area and Display identified with exhibitor's name**