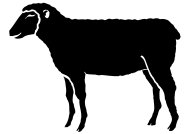


Sheep/Tack/Displays released Saturday night 10-11pm & Sunday 9 am to noon
No Sheep/Displays/Tack to be taken down/packed up/removed from building before 10 pm
Saturday (Includes decorations, tools, supplies, animals, etc.)

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



SHEEP DEPARTMENTS – General Rules

1. **Note:** All entries are subject to Health Regulations for Livestock Exhibited in Maryland. Exhibitors must comply with all General Rules and Regulations and Livestock Department Rules and Regulations.
2. **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.
3. Exhibitor must be present for check of health papers and registration.
4. All exhibits must be in place on Wednesday by 9:30 pm..
 - 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 rule #9).
5. All sheep will be mouthed.
6. An Exhibitor who wins Champion Fitting and Showing may thereafter only show in Champion of Champions Fitting and Showing class.
7. Animals are to be kept in their pens or designated area at all times except for show time or walking to the wash racks. Animals should never be walked in other areas of the barns or Fairgrounds. This is for the safety of both the General Public and the animal.
8. Shavings or straw are permitted. Bedding material must be supplied by the exhibitor. All pens must be cleaned before removal of animals from the Fairgrounds or premium money will be forfeited.
9. **All sheep, regardless of age or sex, must be from flocks registered in the scrapie control program and so identified by a) USDA approved tags, b) a legible registration tattoo, or c) an approved premise tattoo, before going to a MD fair or show. In addition to general requirements for individual sheep, the entire flock must be inspected for the presence of contagious or infectious diseases by an accredited veterinarian.**
10. The tail docking policy previously in effect will be voluntary. (Market Lambs properly docked will have a minimum tail length of .7 inches.) It is recommended that you follow this protocol to reduce the risk of a rectal prolapse. Success of the voluntary policy will be evaluated on a continual basis. Animals observed with a rectal prolapse will be removed from the fairgrounds.
11. Exhibitors are permitted to make two entries per class, regardless of breed, except market lambs, pairs and group classes.
12. All Breeding Sheep classes must meet the minimum criteria of 4 entries, or animals will be placed in the "Other Breeds" classes.

13. NO COMPANION ANIMALS ALLOWED. Only animals entered and being shown are permitted on the fairgrounds.
14. No Sale Or Advertisement Of Animals Permitted Except Through The Livestock Sale.
15. All sheep must be properly presented for show. **Market lambs must be slick shorn PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL** at the fairgrounds. In addition, **no animals will be shorn once they come on the premises**, as a preventive measure against spread of infection from wool-borne disease organisms.

Proposed Premium - \$14 participation per animal shown
\$5 1st in 4-H Club Group Classes