

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.)

ALL SHEEP EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT SUNDAY morning to clean up and help fold/stack pens.

Then, sign out with Department Superintendent.

EXHIBITORS who fail to comply with the above or fail to sign out will FORFEIT PREMIUMS

DEPARTMENT 26 - WOOL SHEEP
SARA ANI - 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. **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](#).
4. 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)
5. All purebred wool sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned and registered with the appropriate breed associations in the name of the exhibitor by July 1 of the current year. (Sheep registered with the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association will be included in this category.) **Leased breeding sheep** must comply with Livestock Department General Rule #4. The 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**.
6. All crossbred or commercial wool sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and have been registered with the 4-H office by May 1 and ear tagged with an official 4-H ear tag.
7. Wool sheep will be judged 60% on wool and 40% on confirmation. Sheep entered in the Natural Colored Wool classes must have 35% colored fleece.

ONLINE ENTRIES—be prepared to type

Animal Name **4-H Ear Tag #**
Sier/Dam **Farm Tag #**
Breed Registration # **DOB – date of birth**
Scrapie Ear Tag #

8. Purebred and crossbred or commercial wool sheep will compete in the same classes determined by wool grade.
 - a. Fine Wool – fleeces with counts of 60's and above. Examples: Merino, Ramboulet, Targhee, Crosses
 - b. Medium Wool– fleeces with counts of 58's & 50's. Examples: Corriadale, Montadale, Tunnis, Crosses
 - c. Long Wool – fleeces with counts of 48's to 44's. Examples: Romney, Border Leister, Lincoln, Cotswold, Crosses
 - d. Course Wool– fleeces with counts of 40's and below. Examples: Karakul, Scottish Blackface, Crosses

SECTION A - FITTING & SHOWING

Classes

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26101	26201	26301	Fitting and Showing

NATURAL COLORED WOOL SHOW

- SECTION B – FINE WOOL GRADE**
SECTION C – MEDIUM WOOL GRADE
SECTION D – LONG WOOL GRADE
SECTION E – COURSE WOOL GRADE

Classes

2601	Yearling ram – ram under 2 years
2602	Ram lamb
2603	Pair of ram lambs (shown individually in class 2601 or 2602)
2604	Aged ewe – ewe over 2 years
2605	Yearling ewe – ewe under 2 years
2606	Pair of yearling ewes (shown individually in class 2605)
2607	Ewe Lamb
2608	Pair of ewe lambs (shown individually in class 2607)

WHITE WOOL SHOW

SECTION F – FINE WOOL GRADE

SECTION G – MEDIUM WOOL GRADE

SECTION H – LONG WOOL GRADE

SECTION I – COURSE WOOL GRADE

Classes

2609	Yearling ram – ram under 2 years
2610	Ram lamb
2611	Pair of ram lambs (shown individually in class 2609 or 2610)
2612	Aged ewe – ewe over 2 years
2613	Yearling ewe – ewe under 2 years
2614	Pair of yearling ewes (shown individually in class 2613)
2615	Ewe Lamb
2616	Pair of ewe lambs (shown individually in class 2615)

SECTION J – WOOL SHOW GROUP CLASSES

Classes

2617	Young purebred flock, to consist of 1 ram, yearling or lamb, 1 ewe, aged or yearling – 1 ewe lamb – white or natural colored, all owned by one exhibitor. (All shown individually)
2618	4-H Club group, to consist of 3 sheep, white or natural colored, owned and exhibited by 3 different club members belonging to the same 4-H club.

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**