

Department 04 - Sheep Junior Division

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Check-In Time & Day – 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair

Weigh-In Time & Day – 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair. Weigh-ins are completed in the following order: Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef

Ultrasound Time & Day – Begins at 5 p.m. on Wednesday of the Fair. Ultrasounds are completed in the following order: Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep

Judging Time & Day – Approximately 3 p.m. on Thursday of the Fair (following the Swine show)

Check Out – 4 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair

ADDITIONAL RULES OF ENTRY

- Youth eligible to exhibit in this department are those enrolled in a 4H, FFA, or other approved youth group carrying a similar supervised program in a Sheep project area.
- Only one entry may be entered under each lot number.
 - o Exception: Class N: Sheep Market Class

REQUIREMENTS, REGULATIONS & RULES:

A complete list of animal exhibit rules can be found in the 'General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors' section of the premium book. All rules within that section of the premium book apply, in addition to the information documented herein.

Animal Identification:

- All Sheep to be exhibited at the fair must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official scrapie identification.
- Exhibitors using ear tags for identification are responsible for replacing lost tags and reporting old and new tag numbers to the department Superintendent.

Required Records or Documents:

- Exhibitors must turn in record keeping documents from their project to the department Superintendent at check-in.
 - o 4-H Project Record Book pages or FFA SAE Award Application qualifies.
 - Other record forms need to be submitted to the Fair Board in advance of the Fair for approval.
 - o 'Youth Livestock Project Record' form (choose the correct grade) for Market Lambs only.
 - o 'Livestock Managerial Project Agreement' form if the animal is not owned by the exhibitor.
- All records must be signed and fully completed, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Animal Health:

- All health requirements set by the State of Wisconsin DATCP must be met before the animals are allowed entry at the Fair.
- No sheep are to be unloaded from trailers on entry day until health papers are turned in and the animal is checked in by superintendent.
- Make sure health papers are filled out completely.

Additional Rules for Exhibits:

- Exhibitors entering two market lambs will select one of their entries to be in the ultrasound carcass class. The selection must be reported to the superintendent immediately following weighing of the animals.
- Real-time ultrasound will be used to determine carcass measurements on market lambs. The judge will not have access to ultrasound data before judging the market lamb class.
- Exhibitors will report the market lamb they want entered in the ultrasound contest to the department superintendents at the time of check-in on Wednesday evening.
- All live and Ultrasound Lambs must meet all market lamb requirements.
- Breeding animals of wool breeds shall be shown with 2 inches of fleece or less.
- All other breeds shown in breeding classes shall be shown with 1 inch of fleece or less. Market lambs shall be shown with no more than ¼ inch of fleece and must be sheared before weigh-in. Both weather and ewe lambs are eligible to show in the market classes.
- Ewe lambs shown in the market class cannot be shown in a breeding class. All live and Ultrasound Lambs must meet all market lamb requirements.
- A pen of market lambs consists of two market lambs.
- Sheep with horns longer than 1" (measured from the hairline), will not be permitted to show. Loosely attached spurs (not attached to the skull) are allowed.
 - o Exception: If the horns are the breed standard such as British blackface or Jacob. The showing of these animals with other animals in class will be left to the discretion of the judge.

Weigh-In Requirements and Performance Standards:

- Lambs must be weighed on test and identified at the time and place specified by the Oconto County Youth Livestock Committee and Fair Board.
- Exhibitors are responsible for transporting their lambs to the fairgrounds to be weighed. Exhibitors may weigh-in four (4) lambs and may show two (2) lambs in the market class and one of those market class exhibits in the ultrasound carcass class.
- Livestock market project animals will be weighed off test (i.e., move through the scale) only one time. Preliminary weighing or reweighing of underweight animals at the Fair is prohibited. Lambs must be identified by the individual exhibitor, not by family.
- The following performance standards must be met for lambs to qualify for the Sale of Champions: Live Market Class and Ultrasound Class
 - o Minimum average daily gain on test: 0.40 lbs.
 - o Minimum finished weight: 90 lbs.

Department Definitions (as defined by ATCP 160.08):

- Spring Lamb: Born on or after February 16 of the exhibit year.
- Fall Lamb: Date of birth is between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.
- Winter Lamb: Date of birth is between January 1 and February 15 of the exhibit year. Yearling Ram or Ewe: Born outside the date of birth limitations listed above. The age of yearlings may be subject to verification by a veterinarian's examination whose findings shall be final.

AWARDS - ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURESSale of Champions

Youth exhibiting in any market lamb class can qualify for the Sale of Champions if all requirements are met.

- Exhibitors must meet all requirements outlined in 'General Rules for Junior Division Exhibitors' section of the premium book.
- Exhibitors must enter and show at least two (2) animals in the sheep show at the Oconto County Fair.
- Exhibits must meet all weigh-in requirements and performance standards.
- A minimum of four (4) lambs or 50 percent (50%) of the number of qualifying lambs (the calculated number rounded up) will be sold at the Sale of Champions.
 - o The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion lambs of the market lamb classes will sell, if qualified.

- o Additional lambs to sell will be the top-ranked, qualified lambs in the ultrasound carcass class.

Bred and Owned (Ribbon Only)

- Exhibitors with swine owned and bred by the exhibitor.
- The exhibitor must show registration papers as they enter the show ring.

Lot Number:

- o 1.

Other Awards

- Trophies will be presented to the following individuals:
 - o Receiving top blue ribbons in each division in Sheep Showmanship.
 - o Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the market lamb class.
 - o Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the ultrasound market lamb carcass class.
 - o Receiving Best of Show of the Sheep show (breeding sheep).
 - o Producing the highest rate of gain on test with a sale-qualified market lamb.

MEAT BREEDS

CLASS A – HAMPSHIRE, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS B – SUFFOLK, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS C – SHROPSHIRE, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS D – SOUTHDOWN, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS E – TEXELS, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS F – ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED MEAT BREED, PUREBRED & GRADE

WOOL BREEDS

CLASS G – SHETLAND

CLASS H – NATURAL COLORED WOOL

CLASS I – ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED WOOL BREED

HAIR BREEDS

CLASS J – KATAHDIN, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS K – ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED HAIR BREED

CLASS L – CROSSBRED

PREMIUMS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00

Lot Numbers:

1. Winter Ewe Lamb
2. Spring Ewe Lamb
3. Fall Ewe Lamb
4. Yearling Ewe
5. Mature Ewe

CLASS M - ULTRASOUND CARCASS CONTEST

PREMIUMS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

6.00 5.00 4.00 3.00

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must meet all market animal requirements and lamb performance standards.
- Maximum number of entries is one (1) animal per exhibitor.

- This class will use the Danish Judging system.

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Lot Numbers:

1. Ultrasound Market Lamb

CLASS N - SHEEP MARKET CLASS

PREMIUMS (Lot 1): 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

5.00 4.00 3.00 2.00

PREMIUMS (Lots 2-3): Ribbon Only

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must meet all market animal requirements and lamb performance standards.
- Maximum number of market lamb entries is two (2) animal per exhibitor.
- Classes will be broken by weight of animal, as the superintendents determine class size.
- This class will use the Regular Judging system.

Lot Numbers:

1. Market Lamb
2. Pen of Lambs
3. Unfinished Lamb (did not meet performance standards)

CLASS O - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

PREMIUMS: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50

REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION:

- Exhibitors in sheep showmanship must show one of their project animals in the showmanship class.
- This class will use the Danish Judging system.
- Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, Beginner.
 - o Show order and weight breaks may be changed at the discretion of the judge.

Lot Numbers:

1. Beginner, Grades 3-5
2. Intermediate, Grades 6-8
3. Senior, Grade 9 & up

CLASS P - LEAD CLASS

PREMIUMS: Ribbon Only

REQUIREMENTS:

- The sheep lead class promotes the beauty and versatility of wool clothing for all occasions and gives exhibitors the opportunity to showcase their involvement in the sheep industry.
- Exhibitors must wear garments made predominantly of wool while showing.
- Exhibitors are judged on the fashion and fit of the wool garment they wear while leading a sheep.
- Garment may be purchased or constructed by or for exhibitor.
- Garments should be age-appropriate and lend elegance to the class. This is not a costume class.
- Sheep led must be an ewe of any age, conditioned, fitted, and trained to lead.
- All sheep department rules apply.
- Exhibitors must prepare and submit a commentary, which will be read by the superintendent during the class. (200 words or less)
 - o Include description of garment, breed of sheep led, brief biography of exhibitor including involvement in the sheep industry.
 - o Write commentary in the third person (Example: 'Sue is showing' not 'I am showing')

- o Commentary must be typed, double spaced and submitted before the start of the sheep show.
- o Exhibitor age on the day of show will determine class.

Lot Numbers:

1. Lead class - Age 10 & under
2. Lead class - Ages 11 to 13
3. Lead class - Ages 14 to 16
4. Lead class - Ages 17 to 19

