

DEPARTMENT J—SHEEP/LAMBS

Judging: Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

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SHEEP/MARKET LAMBS

1. Exhibitors must have ownership by May 15th of current year and exhibitor must be personally responsible for care and feeding.
2. Lambs must be a minimum of 90 pounds.
(1) Exhibitors may show two (2) market lambs, and sell one lamb.
3. Lambs must be ewes or wethers, ram lambs must be castrated by June 1.
4. Lambs will be divided into equal classes of approximately equal weights.
5. Weigh-in will be Sunday, at 5 pm after goats.
6. All market lambs will be registered with sheep department by midnight of the 3rd Saturday of May; members may tag up to 5 lambs. All lambs will be registered using mandatory USDA Scrapie tags.
7. Rate-of-gain for lambs will be optional. Rate-of-gain animal will be market only.
8. All market lambs must be slick shorn before they can be weighed in on Sunday of Fair.
9. Five through seven-year-old Showmanship class exhibitors must use brother's, sister's, or friend's lamb.
10. Sheep will be sold in order placing with Grand & Reserve Champions first, followed by Grand & Reserve Champion Pens and Champion Homegrown.
11. Record books are highly encouraged but not required to show or sell. Must be turned in to superintendents after weigh-in on Monday, of Fair, by 5:00 pm.
12. Market animal may not be entered in any other class except Market, Showmanship and Homegrown if they qualify.
13. The winner of each class (except) must come back for Supreme Showman.
14. Homegrown is defined as: Ownership and direct possession of Dam and offspring at time of birthing, at member's home address through exhibition.
15. Exhibitors are responsible after the market lamb sale to post buyers names before they leave the sheep barn within 30 minutes. Failure to comply will result in a \$20.00 fine will be assessed by the area superintendent. Fines must be paid to fair office prior to auction check being distributed.
16. Exhibitors must exhibit, in showmanship classes, only lambs entered in the exhibitor's name, as of Monday weigh-in at fair. If the exhibitor is selected for the Championship Drive, the same lamb must be used. This rule applies to wool breeds also.
17. Failure to comply with any of the rules, or lack of care of an exhibitor's animal, may result in removal of the exhibit and forfeiture of sale privileges and/or loss of exhibiting privileges for not more than 2 years at the Eastern Michigan State Fair.
18. Market lambs must be born on or after January 1st of current fair year.
19. Exhibitors must be present at time of fitting. Exhibitors must assume the primary role in fitting their own sheep, unless there is a concern for the safety, as decided by the Superintendent(s), of the exhibitor and/or animals, in which case a second party may volunteer to assist. The sole purpose of a second party assisting an exhibitor with fitting shall be for either education/instruction or for safety precautions, not to perform the majority of the fitting.
20. Morning chores to be completed by 9:00 am. This includes feeding, watering and pens cleaned or top dressed. Pens must be cleaned Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, can be top dressed Wednesday and Friday.
21. Blankets/coverings must be removed for inspection, weigh-in and on sale day. They must also be removed while in the championship barn.

All Sheep Breeding Animals

List section & class numbers for each animal on entry form. State breed and class in description on entry form.

- DIVISION 1 – SHROPSHIRE**
- DIVISION 2 – MERINO**
- DIVISION 3 – OXFORD**
- DIVISION 4 – CHEVIOT**
- DIVISION 5 – HAMPSHIRE**
- DIVISION 6 – SUFFOLK**
- DIVISION 7 – SHETLAND**
- DIVISION 8 – LINCOLN/COTSWOLD**
- DIVISION 9 – COLUMBIA**
- DIVISION 10 – CORRIEDALE**
- DIVISION 11 – SOUTHDOWN**
- DIVISION 12 – DORSET**
- DIVISION 13 – MONTADALE**
- DIVISION 14 – ROMNEY**
- DIVISION 15 – SLICK SHORN**
- DIVISION 16 – CROSSBREEDS**
- DIVISION 17 – JACOBS**
- DIVISION 18 – ANY OTHER BREEDS**
- DIVISION 19– NATURAL COLOR FLEECE**

Class 8001: Yearling ram

Class 8002: Ram lamb under one-year

Class 8003: Yearling ewe

Class 8004: Ewe lamb under one year

Class 8005: Flock; ram, yearling ewe, ewe lamb

Class 8006: Ewe fleece

Class 8007: Ram fleece

Class 8008: Home Grown Breeding Sheep

Awards: 1st-6th placings

Champion Ram & Champion Ewe

Supreme Champion Ram, winners from over all breeds

Supreme Champion Ewe, winners from over all breeds

Champion Homegrown Breeding Sheep over all breeds

DIVISION 21 - RATE-OF-GAIN

Class 8011: Rate-of-Gain Contest (Not in Fair 2024)

Award: 1st place only

DIVISION 22 - MARKET LAMBS

1. Superintendent to determine weight class break down.
2. Lambs showing as pen of two may also be shown as individuals.
3. If entering 2 lambs, please enter 2 in registration.

Class 8010: Feeder lambs (Those animals that do not qualify for market class.)

Class 8015: Market lambs

Class 8016: Homegrown Market Lambs

Class 8017: Pen of market lambs

Awards:

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion, Winner from Class 8015

Grand Champion Homegrown, Winner from Class 8016

Grand Champion Pen & Reserve Champion Pen of two for Class 8017

DIVISION 24 - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

1. To participate in this section, exhibitor must have made entry and shown in any Sheep class, Department J.
2. If classes are too large, they will be split in half with top six in each class coming back for Champion & Reserve Champion.
3. Sprouts must have a teen or adult helper with them when showing.

Class 8020: Sprouts, 5-7 years old

Class 8021: Advanced Senior Showman, 17-19 years old

Class 8022: Senior Showman, 14-16 years old

Class 8023: Intermediate Showman, 11-13 years old

Class 8024: Junior showman, 8-10 years old

Awards: Sprouts – Participation Ribbons & Overall Champion

DIVISION 25 - LEAD CLASS

The participant's outfit must be at least 50% wool. The outfit may be purchased, but there is a preference for homemade. All participants' outfits need to be owned by exhibitor previous to show day at fair. The participant is required to have a narrative describing the outfit, and some background information on the participant's schooling, hobbies and involvement. The sheep being used does not have to be owned by the participant. The sheep must be fitted for show. The sheep may also be outfitted.

Scoring: 1/3 participant's outfit 1/3 participant's poise & narrative 1/3 sheep appearance and control

Class 8030: Senior; 16-19 years of age

Class 8031: Intermediate; 12-15 years of age

Class 8032: Junior 8-11 years of age

DIVISION 26 - SHEEP TEAM FITTING & SHOWING

Contestants must provide sheep and all necessary equipment for show (animals may be brought in the day of competition and released immediately after). Teams should be planned in advance of entering. The contest consists of working with a sheep with at least 1-1/2 inches of fleece. Sheep may not be washed; the bellies may be shorn off in advance. Sheep may be any age over 6 months. Each team will be given 30 minutes to get the animal into show shape. Team consists of two (2) people in same age category. All work to be done by the team members. Contestants must provide all necessary equipment to prepare animal for show. The results of the contest will be determined by how well the animal has been prepared for the show. Electric shears are not allowed in the contest.

Scoring: 50% team harmony & unison 50% sheep fitting

Class 8040: Senior teams, 16-19 years

Class 8041: Intermediate teams, 12-15 years

Class 8042: Junior teams, 8-11 years

Awards: 1st-3rd placings

DIVISION 27 - COSTUME

Class 8050: Sprouts, 5-7 years

Class 8051: Juniors, 8-10 years

Class 8052: Intermediates, 11-13 years

Class 8053: Seniors, 14-16 years

Class 8054: Advanced Seniors, 17-19 years

Classes may be combined depending on number of entries.

Awards:

1st-6th placings, Sprouts – Participation Ribbon

DIVISION 28 - RECORD BOOKS

Class 8060: Sprouts Record Book, 5-7 years

Class 8061: Junior Record Book, 8-13 years

Class 8062: Senior Record Book, 14-19 years