DEPARTMENT 6
SHEEP
Superintendent - Donyaellie Wheaton - 517-652-9772
Assistant Superintendent - Adam Wheaton, Theia Priesman – 269-245-9991

GENERAL RULES - Judging Wednesday at 9:00 am

1. All sheep must have an official ID for scrapie.
2. Livestock exhibitors must be in compliance with animal health requirements as defined by the department. Please refer to the MDARD web site www.michigan.gov/mdard and Exhibition Requirements for Livestock.
3. Check-in all breeding sheep with superintendent on Sunday from 1-4. Limit of 5 breeding animals, any number in a class.
4. Judging at 9:00 am. Wednesday. Showmanship followed by individual market lamb, pens, feeders, wool judging, and breeding stock. Only exhibitors are allowed in show ring.
5. When entering feeder or market lambs indicate the section and class number 703 or 715.
6. First market class starts at 100 lbs.
7. Members may show two individual market or two individual feeder lambs.
8. A pen consists of two lambs, a limit of one pen.
9. An exhibitor may show one carcass lamb.
10. No market or feeder lambs can be shown in breed classes.
11. All exhibit wool can be tied with paper twine or in a paper or plastic bag, and be 2026 wool. Wool must be placed in the display area in the exhibit building by noon on Monday.
12. Showmanship age as of Jan 1st of the current year.
13. Breeding Sheep must be owned by the exhibitor by the last Saturday in April. Market and carcass lambs must be weighed-in and tagged on the last Sunday in April or they will not be eligible for show. **Sheep tag in will be held at the Sheep Barn at the Eaton County Fairgrounds on April 28, 2024, 1pm-4pm.**
14. Market lambs should be shorn before the fair.
15. Halters are optional for 12 and under in showmanship and market classes. Halters may be used by anyone in breeding classes.
16. A practice showmanship class will be held on Sunday at 5 p.m. for any exhibitor who wishes to participate. .
17. Lamb weigh-in will be on Sunday July 12th from 1-4 p.m. Lambs may only be weighed once.
18. No unethical fitting will be allowed.
19. An official scrapie ID must be presented at the same time for all breeding and market animals.
20. There will be a manure disposal fee of $3.00 per pen. Fees are due on June 1st to the superintendent.. Please make checks payable to the Eaton County Agriculture Society.
21. All market animals must be owned by the exhibitor.
22. If a sustained prolapse is evident the superintendent will have the option to send the animal home.
23. Exhibits removed by any person or persons prior to release without permission and early release form signed by the superintendent and fair board liaison will forfeit placements, ribbons or trophies for that exhibit and will not be allowed to enter exhibits the following year.
24. **There will be no drenching! Consequence – If you do you will not be allowed to show in Market Class and will sell last in the sale.**

THESE RULES HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE MICHIGAN STATE SHEEP COMMITTEE

1. No muzzles on lambs at any time.
2. Pens to be bedded with natural material (wood shavings, straw, etc.) no carpets.
3. While in the show ring the lamb is to be shown with all four feet on the ground.
4. Water must be available in pens at all times except 12 hours prior to entering show ring.
5. Humane handling practices of sheep at all time.
6. No liquid feeding of lambs.
7. The tail can be lifted from the exterior

SECTION 85 - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP
Ribbons
Classes will be divided by age.
Show order - oldest to youngest

Class
672. All Sheep Showmanship
Showmanship 1
Showmanship 2
Showmanship 3
Showmanship 4
Showmanship 5
Showmanship 6
Showmanship 7
Showmanship 8
Showmanship 9
Showmanship 10
Showmanship 11
681. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman
682. Champion Novice Showman –Must be 1st year Showman

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SECTION 86 - SHROPSHIRE
Ribbons

Class
683. Jr. Ram Lamb (born after January 1st of current year)
684. Sr. Ram Lamb (born September 1 – December 31st of previous year).
685. Ram over 1 year and under 2 years
686. Ram 2 years and over
687. Jr. Ewe Lamb (born after January 1st of current year)
688. Sr. Ewe Lamb (born September 1st – December 31st of previous year).
689. Ewe over 1 year and under 2 years
690. Ewe 2 years and over
691. Pair of Lambs - any sex
692. Pair of Yearlings - any sex
693. Ewe with lambs - at side
694. Champion and Reserve Champion Ram
695. Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe

SECTIONS 87-95
Classes same as in Section 86

SECTION 87 - SUFFOLK

SECTION 88 - HAMPSHIRE

SECTION 89 - DORSET

SECTION 90 - SHETLANDS

SECTION 91 - ROMNEY

SECTION 92 - CROSSBREEDS

SECTION 93 - NATURAL SHEEP

SECTION 94 – LINCOLN / COTSWOLD / MARINO

SECTION 95 - ALL OTHER PUREBREDS

SECTION 96

Class
696. Supreme Champion and Reserve Ram over all breeds
697. Supreme Champion and Reserve Ewe over all breeds

SECTION 97
FLOCK CLUB EXHIBIT
Ribbons

Class
698. Flock consisting of 5 club animals, either market or breeding, exhibited by at least two members from one club. only one entry per club.

SECTION 98 - WOOL
Ribbons

Exhibitor must name the breed of sheep on the entry tag.
Fleece may be from a Ram or Ewe

Class
699. Long Wool
700. Medium wool
701. Fine Wool
702. Champion Fleece

SECTION 99 - MARKET & FEEDER LAMBS
Ribbons

Class
703. All market & feeders will be placed in one of the following classes after weigh-in
704. Light Lightweight Lamb
705. Middle Lightweight Lamb
706. Heavy Lightweight Lamb
707. Light Middleweight Lamb
708. Middle Middleweight Lamb
709. Heavy Middleweight Lamb
710. Light Heavyweight Lamb
711. Middle Heavyweight Lamb
712. Heavy Heavyweight Lamb
713. Extra Heavyweight Lamb
714. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Lamb

715. All pens will be placed in one of the following classes after weigh-in (715 is not a premium class)
716. Lightweight Pen of Lambs
717. Light Middleweight Pen of Lambs
718. Heavy Middleweight Pen of Lambs
719. Heavyweight Pen of Lambs
720. Extra Heavyweight Pen of Lambs
721. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Pen
722. Individual Feeder Lamb
723. Pen of Feeder Lambs
724. Bred and Owned Market Lambs - (lamb must have been born and raised on the family farm from a ewe owned by the exhibitor or the family. Lambs entered in this class must gain a minimum of .5 pound of weight per day from time of weigh-in until check-in at fair. This is an easily attainable rate of feed conversion for lambs grown under desirable production conditions. Superintendent will have rate gain available on show day).

SECTION 100 - RATE OF GAIN
(May not be done due to State Restrictions)
Contact Superintendent

Ribbons

Class
725. Pounds gained from weigh in on the last Sunday in April through July 7th.
726. Best rate of gain. Rate of gain should be posted above the animal while being exhibited at the fair. Exhibitor's highest gaining animal is eligible.

SECTION 101 - SHEEP LEAD CLASSES
Superintendent - Renee Dingman-269-763-3839
Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m. in the Sheep Ring
Ribbons

1. Animal must respond by use of halter only.
2. Present sheep in an attractive manner.
3. Exhibitor will be judged on the mode of dress selected, this must be appropriate, attractive, with at least one article of clothing made of wool or wool blend: in addition to how sheep respond to halter.
4. Classes are open to both boys and girls.
5. Animal need not be owned by exhibitor.
6. A different animal must be used by Jr. and Sr. exhibitors.
7. Ages for all classes as of Jan 1st of the current year.

Class
727. Jr. Lead Ages 8-14
728. Sr. Lead Ages 15-19
729. Champion

SECTION 102 - SHEEP DECORATIVE CLASS
Superintendent - Renee Dingman -269-763-3839
Judging follows Lead Classes
Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
Ribbons

1. May work as individuals, pairs or group.
2. The animal and contestant(s) may be more decorated than in lead classes.
3. Animal need not be owned by exhibitor.

Class
730. Ages 8-19

SECTION 103 – PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP
Ribbons

1. Lambs may be brought in on the day of the show only or can be a lamb already on the fairgrounds. Judging follows Sheep Decorative Class, Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Class
731. Peewee Showmanship (clover buds ages 5-7). Youth showing in this class must be accompanied into the show ring by a parent, legal guardian or owner of lamb shown.