

## DEPARTMENT 6

### SHEEP

Superintendent - Donyaellie Wheaton - 517-543-8615  
Assistant Superintendent - Adam Wheaton

#### GENERAL RULES

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](http://www.michigan.gov/mdard) and Exhibition Requirements for Livestock.
3. Check-in all breeding sheep with superintendent on Monday until noon. Limit of 5 breeding animals, any number in a class.
4. Judging at 9:00 am. Wednesday. Showmanship followed by breeding stock, wool judging, individual market lamb, pen and feeder lambs. 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 **2017 wool**. Wool must be placed in the display area in the exhibit building by noon on Monday.
12. Showmanship age as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.
20. There will be a manure disposal fee of \$3.00 per pen. Fees are due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks payable to the Eaton County Agriculture Society.
21. All market animals must be owned by the exhibitor.

#### 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
681. Champion and Reserve Champion Showman
682. Champion Novice Showman –Must be 1<sup>st</sup> year Showman

#### SECTION 86 - SHROPSHIRE

##### Ribbons

##### Class

683. Jr. Ram Lamb (born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)
684. Sr. Ram Lamb (born September 1 – December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)
688. Sr. Ewe Lamb (born September 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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**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 - BLACK 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 - 4-H FLOCK CLUB EXHIBIT**

**Ribbons**

Class

698. 4-H 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**

**Ribbons**

Class

725. Pounds gained from weigh in on the last Sunday in April through July 8th.

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.

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

Class

727. Jr. Lead Ages 9-14
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 9-19

**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 5-8). Youth showing in this class must be accompanied into the show ring by a parent, legal guardian or owner of lamb shown.