

DEPT 4 – SHEEP

Health Requirements

Please refer to the Animal Health Rules & Regulations Summary page earlier in this Fairbook for full detail.

General Rules

1. In order to participate in the Showmanship Class and Carcass Evaluation Class the exhibitor needs to sign up on their entry form.
2. Limit of 8 animals per exhibitor, which includes Breeding Stock, Meat Animal, Showmanship and Carcass class. Meat animal exhibitors cannot have more than 2 meat animal exhibits.
3. 3rd Grade Members may exhibit **one sheep** in the Showmanship Class and/or appropriate breeding stock class. Third graders may participate in showmanship with another exhibitor's animal if they do not have one at the fair. All exhibitors must be able to control their sheep. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to follow all health requirements and the rules for the department and project livestock rules.
4. While on the fairgrounds all animals must be fitted by the exhibitor, immediate family, another St. Croix County Fair Junior Exhibitor, or a St. Croix County 4-H Project Leader. Immediate family is defined as the exhibitor's parent, brother, sister, step-parent, grandparent or legal guardian. If the project member doesn't abide by the rule the animal is subject to disqualification and will be ineligible for auction or show per discretion of the St. Croix County Livestock committee.
5. All sheep must be checked in at the designated registration area prior to penning on Thursday of the fair. No exceptions. Exhibitors **MUST** present all scrapie's identification and flock tags at the designated registration area prior to penning. Please, refer to rules and guidelines for check-in information
6. If only one exhibitor is competing in any class, the judge may recommend any placing of his/her discretion. Judges will not place unworthy entries. Classes may be combined at the Livestock Committee's discretion.
7. Sheep show times will be provided in the 4-H Communicator and posted at the Fair. Times are subject to change.
8. Proper attire is **strongly recommended**. That includes appropriate footwear for species, good polo or button-down shirt, skirt at or below the knee and a pair of jeans/slacks (long pants) in good repair.
9. Only St. Croix County sheep exhibitors may show animals in the show.
10. Fitting equipment and tack will be allowed in designated areas only. Equipment and debris must be cleared from public walkways 60 minutes prior to the start of the show. Equipment, tack, and debris must be cleared from all barn area within 30 minutes after the end of the show.

Market Sheep

1. Limit of 2 market animals per exhibitor.
2. All animals, must have official scrapie tag or other form of scrapie identification (tattoo) as outlined in the Animal Health Rules & Regulations Summary page earlier in this Fairbook.
3. Market Sheep will be weighed in on Thursday of the fair. All eligible animals **MUST** have a SCLC ear tag upon arrival to the fairgrounds. After weigh-ins the sheep will be divided into the appropriate amount of classes according to weights determined by the Livestock Committee.
4. If an exhibitor is showing 2 sheep and both market sheep fall into the same weight class, one sheep must move to the heavier weight class. If both sheep fall into the heaviest weight class the exhibitor will only be allowed to take premiums on one exhibit.
5. To be eligible for the auction, minimum weight of 100 lbs. and no maximum must be met.
6. All Market lambs must be slick shorn prior to weigh-in and show. Slick shorn is defined as wool no longer than 1/4".
7. A pen of finished lambs is 2 market lambs only.
8. Exhibitors may not use another exhibitor's animals to compete in a pen.
9. Bred & Owned Market Lambs need to have the dam of the offspring owned & bred by the exhibitor and/or family.

10. A market sheep can be a wether or ewe. If a ewe is shown it is excluded from Breeding Stock classes.
11. Market Sheep may only be shown in designated market class, pen of finished lambs, and showmanship class.
12. Market animal exhibitors need to refer to the livestock rules for further detail not included in the fairbook.

Breeding Stock Sheep

1. All registered breeding stock animals must be registered through a recognized breed association.
2. Proof of registration must be presented at the time of check-in for all registered animals. Proof of registration includes one of the following: Registration of animal exhibited or letter from the breed association declaring the animals is registered. All permanent identification will be checked before penning.
3. All breeding stock animals must be owned, in possession of by May 1st, and registered by the time of the fair, or have a Managerial Agreement Form on file with the Livestock Committee by June 1st.
4. Commercial Animals—the sire and dam must be of the same breed, non-registered. NO WETHERS.
5. Crossbred Animals—the sire and dam must be two different breeds. NO WETHERS.
6. Any Other Breed is reserved for breeds not listed as a class.
7. All Wool Breeding Stock classes shall be shown with wool lengths according to breed standards.
8. All meat breeds shall have no more than 2 inches of wool growth. Exceptions are Southdown, Shropshire, and Wether style animals must be slick shorn. Slick shorn is defined as wool no longer than 1/4”
9. A pair of lambs includes a spring, winter or fall ram lamb and a spring, winter or fall ewe lamb of the same breed (one lamb of each sex) shown in appropriate classes by the same exhibitor.
10. A pen of includes a spring, winter or fall ram lamb or a spring winter or fall ewe lamb of the same breed and same sex shown in appropriate classes by the same exhibitor.
11. A flock consists of 3 animals including a ram (yearling or lamb) and a combination of 2 ewes (lamb, yearling, or mature) shown in appropriate classes by the same exhibitor.
12. Exhibitors may not use another exhibitor’s animals to compete in a pair, pen, or flock.
13. Breeding stock sheep shall have NO MARKET TAGS.
14. Breeding stock exhibitors need to refer to the Livestock Rules for further details not included in the fairbook.
15. Bred and owned breeding stock lambs need to have the dam of the offspring owned and bred by the exhibitor and/or family.*

Age Classification

Spring Lamb: Born on/after February 16 of the exhibit year

Winter Lamb: Born between January 1 and February 15 of the exhibit year

Fall Lamb: Born between September 1 and December 31 of the year preceding the exhibit year.

Yearling: Born between September 1 of second year preceding the fair and August 31 of the year preceding the fair.

Mature Ewe: Born outside the date of those specified above (before September of the second year preceding the fair)

Class A—Market Sheep Classes

Lot No	Premiums:	Blue	Red	White	Pink
1. Market Lamb (Light, Medium, Heavy)		5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
2. Market Lamb (Light, Medium, Heavy)		5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
3. Pen of Market Lambs		5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
4. Market Lamb Bred & Owned*		Non-Premium			

Reserve Champion Market Sheep & Champion Market Sheep—Ribbon

Champion Pen of Market Sheep—Ribbon

Reserve Grand Champion & Grand Champion –Rosette

Class B—Carcass Evaluation Contest

Premiums: Blue (6.00) Red (5.00) White (4.00) Pink (3.00)

Rules:

1. Exhibitors are required to sign up for carcass evaluation on fair entry forms in order to participate
2. Rules follow those established by the Livestock Committee
3. Contest will take place at the Fair, time and date established by the Livestock committee

Breeding Stock Sheep Classes

Premiums: Blue (5.00) Red (4.00) White (3.00) Pink (2.00)

Wool Classes

**C—Border Leicester D—Targhee E—Any Other Wool Registered Breed
F—Commercial/Crossbred Wool (No Wethers)**

Lot No

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| 1. Spring Ewe Lamb | 3. Fall Ewe Lamb | 5. Mature Ewe |
| 2. Winter Ewe Lamb | 4. Yearling Ewe | 6. Pen of Ewe Lambs |

Reserve Champion Wool Ewe & Champion Wool Ewe—Ribbon

Reserve Supreme Champion Wool Ewe & Supreme Champion Wool Ewe—Rosette

Lot No

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|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 7. Spring Ram Lamb | 9. Fall Ram Lamb | 11. Pen of Ram Lambs |
| 8. Winter Ram Lamb | 10. Yearling Ram | |

Reserve Champion Wool Ram & Champion Wool Ram—Ribbon

Reserve Supreme Champion Wool Ram & Supreme Champion Wool Ram—Rosette

Lot No

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| 12. Pair of Lambs (Ram lamb & Ewe lamb) | 13. Flock of Lambs |
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Meat Classes

G—Dorset

J—Suffolk

M—Any Other Registered Meat Breed

H—Hampshire

K—Shropshire

N—Commercial/Crossbred Meat (No

I—Southdown

L—Wether Style

Wethers)

Lot No

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|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Spring Ewe Lamb | 3. Fall Ewe Lamb | 5. Mature Ewe |
| 2. Winter Ewe Lamb | 4. Yearling Ewe | 6. Pen of Ewe Lamb |

Reserve Champion Meat Ewe & Champion Meat Ewe—Ribbon

Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Ewe & Supreme Champion Meat Ewe—Rosette

Lot No

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|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 7. Spring Ram Lamb | 9. Fall Ram Lamb | 11. Pen of Ram Lambs |
| 8. Winter Ram Lamb | 10. Yearling Ram | |

Reserve Champion Wool Ram & Champion Meat Ram—Ribbon

Reserve Supreme Champion Wool Ram & Supreme Champion Meat Ram—Rosette

Lot No

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| 12. Pair of Lambs (Ram lamb & Ewe lamb) | 13. Flock of Lambs |
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Class O—Breeding Stock Bred & Owned

Non-Premium

Lot No

1. Bred and Owned Breeding Stock Lambs need to have the Dam of the offspring owned and bred by the exhibitor and/or family.

Class P—Sheep Showmanship

Premiums: Blue (3.00) Red (2.50) White (2.00) Pink (1.50)

Rules: Exhibitors are required to sign up for showmanship on fair entry forms in order to participate

Lot No

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| 1. Senior (Grade 10-13) | 3. Juniors (Grades 6-7) | 5. Novice (Grade 3) |
| 2. Intermediate (Grade 8-9) | 4. Beginners (Grade 4-5) | |

Champion trophies will be awarded in lots 1-4

Reserve Grand Champion Showman & Grand Champion Showman—Trophy

Special Awards for Sheep

Herdsmanship Score Card:

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| 1. General Appearance & Neatness of Exhibit - 35% | 3. Storage of Feed & Equipment & Clean Walkway - 25% |
| 2. Conduct & Appearance of Exhibitors in Attendance - 25% | 4. Originality & Neatness of Decorations - 15% |