



Department 4 – Sheep

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*****The Official Fair Schedule will be posted on The Oconto County Youth webpage*****

ADDITIONAL RULES OF ENTRY

- Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised sheep project are eligible to participate in this department.
- Sexually-intact sheep of any age and all other sheep 18 months of age or older 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 ~~UW-Extension office~~ **Fair Board**.
- All health requirements must be met before the animals are entered. See *Animal Health Regulations for Fairs and Shows in Wisconsin: 2019 Season* section of this book.
- Exhibit decorating rules can be found in the Junior Fair General Rules section.
- **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.**
- For class definitions see *WDATCP Chapter ATCP 160.08 and 160.09* printed in the premium book.
- 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 classes. 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.
- 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.
- A pair of lambs includes a spring or fall ram lamb and a spring or fall ewe lamb owned by the exhibitor.
- A flock shall consist of 3 animals; a yearling or lamb ram, a ewe lamb, and a yearling ewe owned by the exhibitor.
- A pen of market lambs consists of two market lambs.
- Only Touch-Up Clipping Is Allowed On The Fairgrounds. Major body clipping and grooming needs to be done at home before the fair for best results. Final grooming, including touch-up clipping may be done on the fairgrounds. The exhibitor must be the primary groomer with assistance from other current junior exhibitors. Family members may help with an exhibitor's final grooming, especially at younger ages, but the exhibitor is expected to be actively involved. Family includes parents/step-parents, legal guardians, siblings/step siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.
- 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.
- 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
- Write commentary in the third person (Sue is showing . . . not I am showing ...)
- 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.

AWARDS

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- Youth exhibiting in the market lamb class can qualify for the Sale of Champions by meeting the requirements outlined in this section.
- Exhibitors must show two lambs at the Oconto County Fair in order to be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions.
- Lambs must be weighed on test and identified at the time and place specified by the Oconto County Youth Animal Project Committee and Fair Board. Exhibitors are responsible for transporting their lambs to the fairgrounds to be weighed. Exhibitors may weigh-in four (4) lambs. An exhibitor may show two (2) lambs in the market class. An exhibitor may show two (2) lambs in the market class and one of those market class exhibits in the ultrasound carcass class. Lambs must be identified by individual exhibitors – not just by family.
- The following performance standards must be met for lambs to qualify for the Sale of Champions:
 - Minimum average daily gain on test: **0.40 lbs**
 - Minimum finished weight: **90 lbs**
- Lambs will be weighed off the test (i.e. move through the scale) only one time. Preliminary weighing or re-weighing of underweight animals at the Fair is prohibited.
- Exhibitors must complete and sign production and financial records on the forms provided by the UW-Extension office and turn them into the sheep superintendent before ultrasound scanning begins Thursday morning.
- Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, or educational activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify market lambs for the sale one educational activity must be specific to sheep. No duplicate activities, such as two jobs, three age classes, attending two fairs, etc. will be allowed as separate educational requirements--must be three different types of activities. See the list of activities meeting this requirement on pages 7-8 of this premium book.
- Exhibitors of beef, dairy, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must participate in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training to qualify to sell in the Sale of Champions
- Exhibitors are required to enter and participate in the appropriate sheep showmanship class.
- A minimum of four lambs or 50 percent (50%) of the number of qualifying lambs (the calculated number rounded up from zero) will be sold at the Sale of Champions. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion lambs of the market lamb classes will sell, if qualified. Additional lambs to sell will be the top ranked, qualified lambs in the ultrasound carcass class.
- Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the safety and wholesomeness of the meat animals they are producing and exhibiting. All exhibitors and their parent or guardian must certify, on forms provided, to proper withdrawal of all additives and medications in the animal(s) being shown. The exhibitor will be responsible for financial losses incurred due to condemnation of carcasses for illegal residues and may be liable for additional sanctions under state and federal regulations. The Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair Board may, at their discretion, order testing of samples from animals sold at the Sale of Champions for illegal residues at the expense of the exhibitor.
- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions.
 - An exhibitor qualifying a champion or reserve champion must sell the champion.
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 - An exhibitor qualifying two champions or two reserve champions will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - Exhibitors qualifying more than one non-champion entry will decide which exhibit to sell.
 - When an exhibitor qualifies more than one entry for the Sale, the next ranked qualifying entry in the class not sold from the same show will be eligible to sell.
 - Exhibitors who must decide what entry to sell must report their decision to the department superintendent or chairman of the Sale of Champions committee no later than one hour following the end of the last animal show of the fair.
 - If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.
- Exhibitors selling in the Sale of Champions will receive the amount bid for their exhibit, minus a commission determined by the Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair Board. The commission covers awards, advertising and other expenses of the market class and sale. Exhibitors will be paid as soon after the Fair as all auction payments are received, expenses are calculated, and commission is determined.

OTHER AWARDS:

Trophies will be awarded to the individuals:

- Receiving top blue ribbons in each division in Sheep Showmanship
- Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the market lamb class
- Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the ultrasound market lamb carcass class
- Receiving Best of Show of the sheep show (breeding sheep)
- Producing the highest rate of gain on test with a sale-qualified market lamb

The name of the group receiving the top blue sheep herdsmanship ribbon will be inscribed on the Sheep Herdsmanship plaque that is displayed in the barn.

Age Classifications:

Winter Lamb:	Born January 1, 2024 to February 15, 2024 the year of the fair.
Spring Lamb:	Born February 16, 2024 to May 15, 2024 the year of the fair.
Fall Lamb:	Born September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 the year prior to the fair.
Yearling Ram or Ewe:	Born January 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 the year prior to the fair.
Mature Ewe:	Born before January 1, 2020 2 years and older.

The age of yearlings may be subject to verification by the department superintendent or Fair veterinarian's examination whose findings shall be final.

Premiums for Classes A - I	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00

MEAT BREEDS

CLASS A – HAMPSHIRE, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS B – SUFFOLK, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS C – SHROPSHIRE, PUREBRED & GRADE

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

WOOL BREEDS

CLASS E – SHETLAND

CLASS F – NATURAL COLORED WOOL

CLASS G – ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED WOOL BREED

HAIR BREEDS

CLASS H – KATAHDIN, PUREBRED & GRADE

CLASS I – ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED HAIR BREED

CLASS J - CROSSBRED

Lot Numbers – Classes A through J:

1. ~~Winter Ram Lamb – must be registered~~
2. ~~Spring Ram Lamb – must be registered~~
3. ~~Fall Ram Lamb – must be registered~~
4. ~~Yearling Ram – must be registered~~
5. Winter Ewe Lamb
6. Spring Ewe Lamb
7. Fall Ewe Lamb
8. Yearling Ewe
9. Mature Ewe
10. Pair of Lambs– Ribbon Only
11. Flock of Three – Ribbon Only

CLASS K – ULTRASOUND CARCASS CONTEST (Danish Judging)

Maximum number of entries is one (1) animal per exhibitor.

Premium	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

Lot Number

1. Ultrasound Market Lamb

CLASS L – SHEEP MARKET CLASS (Regular Judging)

- Maximum number of entries is two (2) animals per exhibitor.
- Classes will be broke by weight of animal, as the superintendents determines class size

Premium (Lot 1 only)	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00

Lot Numbers

1. Market lamb
2. Pen of market lambs - Ribbon only

CLASS M – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP (Danish Judging)

- Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, and Beginner.

Premium	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

Lot Numbers Beginner, Grade 3-5

1. Intermediate, Grade 6-8
2. Senior, Grade 9 & up

CLASS N—BRED AND OWNED

- Sheep owned and bred by exhibitor.
- Must show registration papers as you enter the show ring.

Premium - Ribbon Only

Lot Number

1. Bred and owned

CLASS O – LEAD CLASS

- See description and requirements in Additional Rules of Entry section above.

Premium – Ribbon Only

Lot Numbers

1. Lead class – age 10 and under
2. Lead class – age 11 – 13
3. Lead class – age 14 -16
4. Lead class – age 17 – 19