

## DEPARTMENT V - SHEEP SHOW

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### Sheep Rules

1. Exhibitors must comply with General Rules. **Special Tail Docking Policy is voluntary. 4-H lambs should be docked no shorter than the distal end of the caudal tail fold. Market lambs that are properly docked will have a minimum tail length of .7 inches. Any sheep or lamb that exhibits a rectal prolapse at a 4-H activity shall be sent home immediately.**
2. **All animals must have appropriate Scrapie ID tags.**
3. Exhibitors must own animal at time of show and registration papers will be checked for breeding animals.
4. Market lambs must be born after January 1 of the current year. Market lambs will be weighed at 9 a.m. and appropriate weight classes will be made. Commercial ewe lambs may be shown in breeding or market but not both.
5. Sheep will be penned in the Swine Barn. Judging will start at 10:00 a.m.
6. All sheep must be washed and fitted for show. Colored sheep will be shown in a clean, natural state.
7. Fitting and Showing dress requirements for showing livestock will be in effect for the entire show, emphasis will be primarily on showmanship.
  - Fitting and Showing Attire
  - 4-H Boys - tan or green pants; tan or white shirt, with green or black tie
  - 4-H Girls - green or tan skirt or pants, white or tan shirt with green or black neck piece
  - FFA Boys - tan or black pants, tan or white shirt, with blue or black tie
  - FFA Girls - tan or black skirt or pants, tan or white shirt with blue or black neck piece
8. **Caps are not to be worn in the sheep ring.**
8. **All entries are subject to the current Maryland Health Regulations and a copy should be brought to the fair for State Veterinarians to check.**
9. No artificial coloring may be used.
10. All yearlings must be registered in the name of the exhibitor. Registration papers for lambs may be pending.
11. Breeding lambs cannot be born before September 1, of the previous year.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for providing bedding and **cleaning their pens and removing the bedding from the grounds at the end of the day.**
13. Exhibitors may enter more than 6 animals but will receive participation premiums for a maximum of 6. No more than two entries per class per exhibitor.
14. Halters are optional.

## **Awards**

- Ribbons will be awarded 1st-10th place, and participation ribbons will be awarded beyond 10th place.
- Awards will be presented for Grand Champion Showmanship; Supreme Ewe and Supreme Ram, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market lamb.
- Rosettes will be awarded to all breed champion ewes and rams.

## **Classes:**

### **Cheviot, Colored Sheep, Commercial, Dorset, Hampshire, Montadale, Romney, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Tunis, White Wool, and other Purebreds**

1. Showmanship 8 years old
2. Showmanship 9 years old
3. Showmanship 10 years old  
Champion Junior Showmanship (from class 1, 2, and 3)
4. Showmanship 11 years old
5. Showmanship 12 years old
6. Showmanship 13 years old  
Champion Intermediate Showmanship (from class 4, 5, and 6)
7. Showmanship 14 years old
8. Showmanship 15 years old
9. Showmanship 16-18 years old  
Champion Senior Showmanship (from class 7, 8 and 9)  
Grand Champion Showmanship
10. Ram Lamb
11. Pair of Ram Lambs
12. Ram 1 year and under 2
13. Champion Ram
14. Ewe Lamb
15. Pair of Ewe Lambs
16. Twins (sibling lambs) lambs or yearlings
17. Ewe 1 year and under 2
18. Pair of Ewes 1 year and under 2
19. Champion Ewe
20. Flock, 1 Ram under 2, 1 Ewe Lamb, 1 Yearling Ewe
21. Market Lambs (appropriate weight classes will be determined after weigh-in)  
Grand Champion Market Lamb  
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb