

4-H SHEEP

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Sheep Orientation - Sunday, August 1st - 4:00 P.M. - Fairgrounds
Showmanship Show - Sunday, August 8th - 7:00 P.M.
Market Lamb Show - Monday, August 9th - 5:00 P.M.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must comply with all general and 4-H rules.
2. All market lambs must be born on or after January 1, 2010 and have their baby teeth.
3. Market lambs must be owned and registered with the 4-H office by May 31st of the current year. Exhibitors are limited to 6 market lambs at the Howard County Fair. Market lambs may not be switched between family members after registration and are automatically entered in the fair.
4. Breeding sheep must be entered using fair entry blanks. Indicate the least number of pens needed. Tack pens are not available. Pen assignments are the responsibility of the Superintendent and will not be changed.
5. Lambs will be weighed on Saturday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. and graded for sale consignment on Sunday, August 8th, at 12:00 noon. All 4-H members must be present with their sheep when weighed and when graded. All sheep exhibitors must be present for orientation. Market Lambs due on grounds by 6:00 p.m. Saturday.
6. Exhibitors must show their own animals except in pair classes where they may have assistance from another Howard County 4-H'er. Exhibitors may only show one pair. Both lambs from a pair class may be shown as individuals. 4-H'ers must use their own sheep for showmanship. Other sheep may be used for Showmanship Sweepstakes if the participant does not have sheep entered. Market or Breeding animals may be used in Showmanship Classes. Showmanship Sweepstakes is open to all former overall winners regardless of age.
7. All market lambs must be completely slick shorn prior to arrival on the grounds. Sheared within 1 week of the start of fair. No butt wool allowed. No more than 1/8 inch of wool is allowed anywhere on the lamb. No artificial coloring is allowed. Lambs not meeting these criteria will not be weighed and will be disqualified from the show. Lambs must be dry at weigh-in.
8. Market lambs will be shown by weight. Exhibitors are limited to no more than 2 lambs in the same weight class. Only ewe and wether lambs may be shown in the market classes.
9. All wether lambs must be completely healed. Wether lambs showing signs of testicle presence, unhealed scrotum, or other stag characteristics will be disqualified from the show. Ewe lambs shown in breeding classes are not eligible to be shown in market classes. Prolapsed animals will be sent home. Animals with Foot Rot, Sore Mouth, and/or lamb fungus will be sent home.
10. All animals must be washed prior to showing.
11. Sheep exhibits may not be removed from the sheep barn during the fair without the superintendent's permission.
12. Shavings or straw are permitted. Bedding material must be supplied by the exhibitor. All pens must be cleaned upon removal of animals from fairgrounds or premium money will be forfeited.
13. Aisles are to be kept clear at all times. Feed, trimming stands, etc. must be in the designated areas. After trimming, feeding, or handling animals, aisles must be swept. No fans allowed in aisles!
14. Clean water in adequate quantity must be available at all times.
15. Pens shall be clean and maintained in healthful conditions for the sheep.
16. All sheep shall be handled and cared for with good shepherding skills. Practices that may be interpreted as inhumane will not be tolerated. Abusers will be immediately disqualified from the show. Ramping and lcing are not allowed. No forcing of fluids/food unless under veterinary supervision.

17. Pair entries and bred and owned entries must be completed and turned in at weigh-in on the designated sheet. Bred and owned animals must come from a female owned by the 4-H'er prior to breeding and under direct care of the 4-H'er. 4-H'er must be registered in the sheep breeding project. Breeding sheep projects are subject to verification at any time throughout the year. Family owned or farm owned does not qualify. Sign up at weigh-in. One entry per exhibitor.
18. **Market lambs must gain .4 pounds per day from county id weigh-in to fair weigh-in to show.**
19. Sale animals must be healthy at sale time in order to sell.
20. Lost ear tags will cost \$10.00/per tag to replace.
21. 4-H'er is responsible for bringing the correct animal to class. Incorrect animals and 4-H'er will be excused from incorrect class. Premiums will be forfeited.
22. Rate of Gain ties will be broken on the animal with the lower starting weight.
23. The Maryland 4-H Tail Docking policy will be in effect for all sheep as indicated in the policy.

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PREMIUMS:

Class 1-3	\$5 participation
Classes 4-9	20 18 16 14 12 10 9 8 7 6 5 5
Classes 10-11	RIBBON & TROPHY
Classes 12-15	20 18 16 14 12 10 9 8 7 6 5 5
Classes 16-17	RIBBON & TROPHY
Classes 18-21	20 18 16 14 12 10 9 8 7 6 5 5
Classes 22-25	RIBBON & TROPHY
Classes 26-28	10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Classes 29-30	RIBBON & TROPHY
Class 31	10 8 5 4
Classes 32-34	16 15 14 13 12
Classes 35-47	16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 - end of class
Classes 48-51	RIBBON & BANNER
Class 52	25 23 21 19 17 15 13 11 9 7 6 5 4 3 2

CLASSES:

1. Showmanship, Clover 5
2. Showmanship, Clover 6
3. Showmanship, Clover 7
4. Showmanship, Senior 18
5. Showmanship, Senior 17
6. Showmanship, Senior 16
7. Showmanship, Senior 15
8. Showmanship, Senior 14
9. Showmanship, First Year Senior
10. Senior Champion Showman
11. Reserve Showman
12. Showmanship, Intermediate 13
13. Showmanship, Intermediate 12
14. Showmanship, Intermediate 11
15. Showmanship, First Year Intermediate
16. Intermediate Champion Showman
17. Reserve Showman
18. Showmanship, Junior 10

19. Showmanship, Junior 9
 20. Showmanship, Junior 8
 21. Showmanship, First Year Junior (9 and 10 year olds)
 22. Junior Champion Showman
 23. Reserve Showman
 24. Grand Champion Showman
 25. Showmanship Sweepstakes - open to all former overall winners regardless of age.
 - 26-28. Shepherd's Class - Market lamb, bred, raised by exhibitor, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division. One market lamb per exhibitor. Participants must be enrolled in the breeding sheep project.
 29. Champion Shepherd Lamb
 30. Reserve Champion Shepherd Lamb
 31. Local Club Groups - Three market lambs, owned, fed, and exhibited by three members of one 4-H Club except where only two members in a Club have a project, then one member may exhibit two lambs. 1 entry per club.
 - 32-34. Market Lamb Pairs - will be broken into 3 even classes.
 - 35-47. Market Lambs - Individual Market Lambs will be broken into 13 weight classes. An exhibitor having three lambs falling in one class may move up to the next weight class but not down to a lower weight class.
 48. Grand Champion Pair Market Lambs
 49. Reserve Grand Champion Pair Market Lambs.
 50. Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb
 51. Reserve Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb
 52. Rate-of-Gain
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4-H BREEDING SHEEP

Commercial Meat - Monday, August 9th - 1:00 P.M.

Hand Spinners Show - Tuesday, August 10th - 9:00 A.M.

Meat Breeds Show - Thursday and Friday, August 12th & 13th - 9:00 A.M.

1. All exhibitors must comply with all general rules.
2. All breeding sheep must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned by and registered in the name of the individual owner by **July 1** of the current year. Bill of sale is not acceptable. Registration papers and ear identification of animals will be checked by the Superintendent between 11:00 a.m -12:00 noon. August 8th in the Scale House. Joint ownership will not be allowed. Ear tags must be in all sheep on arrival. Wool Sheep must be registered with breed association or tagged with a Maryland 4-H ID tag by July 1.
3. Exhibitors are permitted to make only 2 entries in each breeding sheep class. Include ear tag and registration number on entry blank. Exhibitors will be permitted to substitute one breeding animal, either in the same class or in a different class.
4. No artificial coloring may be used on any part of the animal regardless of class.
5. Breeding animals must be shown in the proper age category. Lambs may not be moved up.
6. Sheep entered in the colored wool classes must have at least 35% colored fleece. No white sheep. Sheep will be judged 60% for hand spinning quality and 40% for body conformation and soundness. Dung locks are to be trimmed. Registration papers required.
7. Shavings or straw are permitted. Bedding material must be supplied by the exhibitor. All pens must be cleaned upon removal of animals from fairgrounds or premium money will be forfeited.
8. Senior lambs born September 1 to December 31, Junior lambs fall in 2 classes - Early January 1 to February 15; Late after February 16.
9. 4-H Breeding sheep will show with the open breeding sheep. Dual premiums will be paid.
10. Registration papers must be checked in between 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. on Monday in the scale house.
11. Commercial Breeding Sheep must be tagged with a Maryland 4-H Tag by July 1st.
12. The Meat Breed divisions will be determined depending on the number of each breed entered. They will remain as stated below, unless one breed has less than 10 entries and another breed has more than 10 entries. The Show Schedule will be posted by Monday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

