

2025 SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION
YOUTH OPEN BREEDING SHEEP SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS
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PURPOSE:

THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION YOUTH BREEDING SHEEP SHOW IS TO PROVIDE A MEANS TO PROMOTE THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY IN FLORIDA. FURTHERMORE, THIS IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT FOR YOUTH IN FLORIDA. THIS SHOW PROVIDES YOUTH WITH A MEANS TO GAIN RECOGNITION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SHEEP PROJECT.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. ONLY A BONA-FIDE 4-H OR FFA MEMBER, WHO IS AT LEAST 8 YEARS OF AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1ST AND IS ENROLLED IN A FLORIDA RECOGNIZED SCHOOL ARE ELIGIBLE. YOUTH MUST NOT HAVE COMPLETED THE 12TH GRADE.
2. ANIMALS THAT CANNOT BE HANDLED PROPERLY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
3. SHEEP MUST BE IN SHOW SHAPE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR.

SCHEDULE

CHECK-IN IS FROM 10:00 AM-12:00 PM SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2025.
THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AFTER THE MEAT GOAT SHOW SATURDAY MARCH 1, 2025.

ENTRIES:

1. THERE WILL BE NO MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR.
2. \$30.00 ENTRY FEE WITH A \$10.00 ENTRY FEE FOR SHOWMANSHIP.
3. USE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM FOR EACH EXHIBITOR.
4. ALL INFORMATION AND SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED ON ENTRY FORM.
5. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY **FEBRUARY 26, 2025**, ALONG WITH THE ENTRY FEE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SHOWMANSHIP.
6. ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT CHECK-IN. HOWEVER, A \$50.00 LATE FEE WILL BE APPLIED. LATE FEE IS DUE IN CASH.
7. EACH ANIMAL ENTERED IN THE SHOW MUST HAVE THE CORRECT BIRTH DATE ON THEIR ENTRY FORM.
8. ANIMALS MUST BE SHOWN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISION AND CLASSES. EXHIBITOR THAT HAS BEEN INCORRECTLY ENTERED MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE, BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR PROPER DIVISION/CLASSES PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SHOW.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

1. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE, PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION AND FREE OF EVIDENCE OF DISEASE. THE OFFICIAL USDA SCRAPIE EAR TAG IS REQUIRED AND WILL BE INSPECTED UPON ARRIVAL.
2. THERE WILL BE NO VET CHECK AT THE SHOW.

ETHICAL TREATMENT:

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE TREATED IN AN ETHICAL AND HUMANE MANNER. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE SHOWN IN THEIR NATURAL CONFORMATION AND STRUCTURE WITHOUT ALTERCATION. GROOMING, TREATMENT OF HAIR & TRIMMING OF THE HOOVES ARE ACCEPTED. ANY VIOLATION MAY RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ANIMAL AND THE EXHIBITOR.

GENERAL:

1. THE OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE AND CLEAN-UP OF HIS/HER OWN ANIMALS. ALL EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR STALL AREAS CLEAN BEFORE LEAVING THE GROUNDS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PREMIUM MONEY. THE STALLS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BY THE SHOW CHAIRMAN.

2. **DUE TO THE EXCESSIVE DEMAND ON THE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, GENERATORS ARE WELCOME TO BE USED OUTSIDE.**
3. EXHIBITORS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR ANIMAL UPON ENTERING THE FAIRGROUNDS.
4. ALL ANIMALS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED WITH A HALTER AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR EXHIBITOR BEFORE AND AFTER THE SHOW.
5. THE EXHIBITOR IS REQUIRED TO WEAR PANTS, COLLARED SHIRTS, CLOSED TOED SHOES OR BOOTS.
6. ONLY ONE ENTRY ARMBAND FOR EXHIBITOR. PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WILL NOT RECEIVE A PASS. **PASSES CAN BE PRE-PURCHASED DURING REGISTRATION, ONLINE AT SUMTERFAIR.NET OR AT THE GATE AT TIME OF CHECK-IN. DAY PASSES FOR ADULTS 12 & UP ARE \$10.00, KIDS 6-11 YEARS, SENIORS & MILITARY ARE \$7.00. WEEKLONG PASSES ARE \$45.00, 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE.**
7. SHAVINGS FOR THE STALLS ARE NOT PROVIDED. EXHIBITORS MUST BRING THEIR OWN SHAVINGS.
8. DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITORS AND/OR ANIMALS WILL NOT RECEIVE REFUNDS FOR ENTRIES OR PASSES.
9. EACH EXHIBITOR/OWNER ASSUMES ALL LIABILITY IN CASE OF DEATH OR INJURY TO HIS/HER ANIMAL AND ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE OR DEATH INCURRED BY HIS/HER ANIMAL.
10. THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION AND/OR ITS DIRECTORS WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY OR LOST TO HUMAN, ANIMAL, OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

JUDGING:

1. THE SHOW COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DIVIDE OR COMBINE CLASSES BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES.
2. ALL PREMIUM MONIES WILL BE PAID TO THE EXHIBITOR DESIGNATED ON THE ENTRY FORM.
3. ANIMALS SHOULD BE SHEARED AND GROOMED IN WHATEVER MANNER APPROPRIATE FOR THE BREED WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 INCHES OF WOOL ON ANY PART OF THE BODY.
4. THE BEST OF SUMTER COUNTY CLASS ARE FOR SUMTER COUNTY EXHIBITORS ONLY. THE HIGHEST PLACING SUMTER COUNTY ANIMAL FROM EACH CLASS WILL COMPETE FOR THIS AWARD.
5. ALL ANIMALS WILL BE JUDGED USING THE DANISH SYSTEM AND WILL RECEIVE PREMIUMS.
6. THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL.

SHOWMANSHIP: EXHIBITORS AGE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

1. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL. ANY EXHIBITOR FOUND SHOWING ANOTHER EXHIBITORS ANIMAL OR LOANING THEIR ANIMAL FOR SHOWMANSHIP WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND THE PLACINGS/PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED.
2. ALL SHOWMANSHIP ANIMALS MUST BE ENTERED IN A JUDGED CLASS.

EWE CLASSIFICATION

1. B.F. – BLACK FACE BREEDS (SUFFOLK, HAMPSHIRE, OXFORD, SHROPSHIRE, AND ANY OTHER BREED WITH 75% OR MORE OF THESE BREED)
2. A.O.B. – ALL OTHER BREEDS
3. HAIR – ALL HAIR BREEDS
4. ALL EWES WILL BE SHOWN BY WEIGHT
5. BRED EWES OR EWES WITH LAMB ARE ELIGIBLE TO SHOW
6. ALL AGED EWES SHOULD HAVE LAMBED

SHOW ORDER

SHOWMANSHIP

1. SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP (14 & UP)
2. INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP (11-13)
3. JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP (8-10)

EWE CLASSES:

1. LIGHTWEIGHT
2. MIDDLEWEIGHT
3. HEAVYWEIGHT
4. LAMBS (BORN AFTER MARCH 1, 2023)
GRAND DRIVE
BEST SUMTER COUNTY EWE
SUPREME EWE

RAM CLASSES:

1. YEARLING AND OVER (BORN BEFORE MARCH 1, 2024)
2. LAMBS (BORN AFTER MARCH 1, 2024)
GRAND DRIVE
BEST SUMTER COUNTY RAM

PREMIUM PAYOUTS/AWARDS

THERE WILL BE 100% PAYOUT FOR SHOWMANSHIP TO THE TOP 3 EXHIBITORS IN EACH DIVISION.

BLUE RIBBON=\$50.00

RED RIBBON=\$30.00

WHITE RIBBON=\$20.00

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP
JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
GRAND CHAMPION BLACKFACE EWE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BLACK FACE EWE
GRAND CHAMPION AOB EWE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION AOB EWE
GRAND CHAMPION HAIR EWE
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HAIR EWE
SUPREME EWE
GRAND CHAMPION RAM
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RAM
BEST OF SUMTER COUNTY BREEDING EWE
BEST OF SUMTER COUNTY BREEDING RAM

EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ANIMALS AND EXHIBITORS. THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES THAT OCCUR WHILE IN TRANSIT OR WHILE AT THE FAIR OR ANY VENUE BEING USED BY THE FAIR ASSOCIATION FOR A FAIR EVENT. EXHIBITORS OR GUARDIANS AGREE TO HOLD AND INDEMNIFY SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES, AND VOLUNTEERS HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF EXHIBITOR'S USE OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING INJURY OR DAMAGE TO EXHIBITOR/ OR ANIMAL OR ANY PARTICIPANT AND PUBLIC. THE SUMTER FAIR ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED PERSONAL ITEM.

