

# 4-H & FFA SHEEP

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**July 1, 9, 18, 31** Livestock Interviews

### **Saturday, August 9**

by 10:00 AM Sheep arrive – health inspection of breeding sheep – Barn 11  
9:30-10:00 AM All market lambs will be weighed, and health inspection – Barn 11  
10:30 AM Sheep Exhibitor Meeting– Showplex  
12:00 NOON 4-H Fleeces in Place

### **Sunday, August 10**

3:00 PM 4-H Leadline Contest – Livestock Arena  
5:00 PM Sheep Dressing Contest – Livestock Arena

### **Monday, August 11**

1:00 PM 4-H Sheep Show, Showmanship & Breeding & Market & NYBBR Classes – Livestock Arena

### **Friday, August 15**

6:15 PM Sheep & Meat Goat Exhibitor Meeting– Showplex

### **Saturday, August 16**

11:00 AM Special Awards and Announcements prior to auction  
11:30 AM 4-H Market Auction – Showplex (Order: Swine, Goat, Lamb, Beef)  
6:00 PM Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors- Barn #2

### **Sunday, August 17**

6:00 PM 4- H Breeding Sheep Released – exhibitors will receive a release ticket with designated time.  
8:00 PM 4-H Market Lambs Released

## **SHEEP RULES – 4-H and FFA**

- a) All ovine (sheep) health records must accompany animals to the Fair.
  - a. All sheep must have a scrapie tag which is to be used as positive identification on the official sheep entry form and health papers.
  - b. All sheep must have been administered a rabies vaccine on or before July 19, 2025 to adhere to the 21 days withholding period.
  - c. All market lambs must be shorn prior to the Fair and show in short fleece (maximum fleece length of 1/4" on entire body).
  - d. All animals must have docked tails.
- b) All market lamb participants must submit a Market Lamb Registration form by May 2, 2025, submitted to Tammi Kron, CCE Erie, 21 S. Grove Street, Suite 300, East Aurora, NY 14052.
- c) All breeding sheep participants must submit provide proof of ownership as of May 1, 2025 (Registration paper of Lease Agreement) registration paper will be reviewed at the conclusion of the exhibitor meeting on August 9, 2025 to verify ownership date.
- d) Market Lambs must weigh at least **100 lbs.** at time of Fair weigh-in or they will not be eligible for the market show or sale. All lambs will be weighed **ONE TIME ONLY**.
- e) If a member identified a second lamb on May 2, 2025, the first lamb weighed in will be the market project animal. If the first lamb does not make weight the second lamb may be weighed and used for the sale.
  - a. Members may not post "for sale" signs on pens of non-sale market lambs.
- f) **Market Lambs will be sold on Saturday, August 16, 2025. ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 8:00PM. Failure to do so will result in not being able to participate at the Erie County Fair in the future and forfeit of premium checks.**
- g) Lambs that are non-sale animals or those that are not shown in the sheep show (animals pulled from the show at the owners discretion) are not permitted on a 4-H hired trailer.

## **4-H Specific Requirements – FFA participants please refer to FFA General Rules**

- a) CLOVERBUDS (5-7 years old) are eligible for showmanship and breeding classes, are not eligible to compete in any champion classes and may show only a single entry, Junior Ewe Lamb. Older ewes may be shown with prior approval from the 4-H Sheep Advisory Committee. Cloverbuds are required to have an adult with them in the show ring. Cloverbuds may exhibit a non-sale market lamb – no minimum weight requirements.
- b) All exhibitors selling market animal in the auction, a non-sale lamb and or breeding animals are required to complete the following:
  - a. Attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March)
  - b. Attend 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific.
  - c. Complete a public presentation prior to May 2025.
  - d. Participate in a livestock interview in July 2025.
- c) Youth exhibiting sheep or a non-sale lamb must be 8 as of January 1, 2025.
- d) Youth exhibiting a sale Market Lamb must be 9 as of January 1, 2025.

Sheep showing in the open show and staying for the 4-H show will stay in Barn 11 in the same pens. Members may take animals exhibited in the open show home and bring back for the 4-H show if you wish, however all stall decorations must be removed. All exhibitors staying are required to clean each of your pens entirely and re-bed on the changeover.

Project Champion Award donated by: The Erie County 4-H Sheep Advisory Committee, In memory of My. Philip Taylor & Mr. Chet Kruszka  
Honorable Mention Project Champion Award donated by: Rebo Supply, Inc., Elma  
Project Champion Belt Buckle donated by: H&R Rustic Acres, Silver Creek in Memory of Orin Kelkenberg

## MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

### Market Lamb Showmanship

All ages of showmanship are as of January 1 of the current year.

**Awards: Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00**

**Class #1 - Senior Market Showmanship** – 16-18 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class #2 - Intermediate Market Showmanship** – 13-15 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class #3 - Junior Market Showmanship** – 9-12 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class #4 - Novice Showmanship** – open to first year exhibitors, with no prior experience in showing and fitting market lambs up to 13 years of age as of 01/01/2025

### Champion Market Showman:

Previous winners of Champion Showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete.

Entries for this class are limited to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place showman for classes 1-4.

## BREEDING SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

### Breeding Sheep Showmanship

All ages for showmanship are as of January 1 of the current year.

**Awards: Blue \$8.00 Red \$6.00 White \$4.00**

All exhibitors of breeding sheep must participate in Purebred Sheep Showmanship

**Class #7 - Senior Breeding Showmanship** – 14 – 18 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class #8 - Junior Purebred Breeding Showmanship** – 8 – 13 years old on 01/01/2025

### Champion Purebred Breeding Sheep Showman:

Previous winners of Champion Showman must compete in the age class in which they would normally compete. Entries are limited to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place showman in classes 7 & 8.

## CHAMPION SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

### Champion Sheep Showman

To consist of the 2025 Champion Market Showman, and the 2025 Breeding Sheep Showman

### Class # 13 - Master Showman:

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Sheep Master Showmen and 2025 Champion Sheep Showman. If you have achieved the Sheep Master Showman title, please enter this class.

## CLOVERBUD CLASSES

**Cloverbud Classes will be held at the conclusion of the selection of the Master Sheep Showman.**

**Class #1 – Cloverbud Market Showmanship** – 5-7 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class #2 – Non-sale Market Lamb** – all lambs show together, no minimum weight requirement.

**Class #3 – Cloverbud Breeding Showmanship** – 5-7 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class #4 – Cloverbud Ewe Lamb** – all breeds show together.

## BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

### Breeding Sheep Classes

Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

#### RULES

- a) Limit of two animals per class and 10 animals in total.
- b) Classes may be split or combined at the discretion of the sheep advisory committee and Livestock Educator.
- c) Breeding sheep are released from the Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM exhibitors will receive a release ticket with specific release time.
- d) Champion Ram and Champion Ewe of each breed will compete for Best of Breed.
- e) Exhibitors must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2025.
- f) Only one entry for group class
- g) Sheep will be shown by alternating breeds with classes if it is warranted.
- h) Animals in group classes must be owned by the one exhibitor, no combining of animals for the class. (Classes 15, 17, 21, 25, 26, 27)
- i) Cloverbuds are only eligible to show one (1) Junior ewe lamb – Class #12.
- j) Cloverbuds are not eligible for champion classes.

## BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

### Section A – Dorset

### Section B – Hampshire

### Section C – Southdown

### Section D – Suffolk

### Section E – Tunis

### Section F - Cheviot

### Section G – Any Other Wool Breed (list breed on your entry form)

### Section H- Any Other Meat Breed (list breed on entry form)

### Section I- Commercial Meat (Class 13-17 Only)

### Section J- Commercial Wool (Classes 13-17 Only)

Sections A-H are open to purebred/registered animals.

Sections I-J are open to commercial (unregistered) animals.

#### Class #

13. **Junior Ewe Lamb** – born after 1/1/2025

14. **Senior Ewe Lamb** (born after 9/1/2024 but before 12/31/2024)

15. **Pair of Ewe Lambs**

16. **Yearling Ewe** – born between 9/1/2023 and 8/30/2024

17. **Pair of Yearling Ewes**

18. **Mature Ewe**

*Champion Ewe*

20. **Purebred Ram Lamb** - born after 9/1/2024

21. **Pair of Ram Lambs**

22. **Purebred Yearling Ram** -born between 9/1/2023 and 8/30/2024

23. **Purebred Mature Ram** (any breed)

*Champion Ram*

25. **Mixed Pair- Consists of 1 ram and 1 ewe same age and breed**, exhibited by the same exhibitor.

26. **Get of Sire- 3 animals of any sex, any age from the same ram**, exhibited by the same exhibitor.

27. **Young Breeders Flock** - shall consist of one ram (any age) and two ewes (any age). All animals must be of the same breed, exhibited by the same exhibitor.

*Champion Ewe*

*Champion Ram*

*Champion Young Breeders Flock*

## PROJECT MARKET LAMB

Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00

All lambs entered in this class will be sold on Saturday, August 16, 2025.

One sale animal per member is permitted. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs.

**Class #26 – Project Market Lamb (Sale Market Lamb Class)**

## OTHER SHEEP COMPETITIONS

**Class #47 – Sheep Educational Poster** – Participants shall construct an educational poster to educate the general public about an aspect of the sheep industry. Exhibitors may use any suitable materials or photographs on their posters with accurate information. Posters will be evaluated on content, illustration, organization, clarity, visual appeal, and readability.

**Class #41 – New York Bred, Born and Raised Sheep (sale animal only)**

This class is for 4-H & FFA members that have purchased and raised a market animal from a sheep producer within New York State. Exhibitors must list name and address of the New York producer on the sheep identification card due in the 4-H office on May 2, 2025. All receipts must have been presented with the animal identification card with a statement from the producer verifying that the lamb was born after January 1, 2025, and that the dam was bred in New York (either natural or AI) and lambled in New York. These animals will be recognized during our market lamb show and placed accordingly. The selection of our Grand and Reserve Champion NYBBR Market Lambs will take place prior to the selection of the top 4 overall market lambs.

**Leadline Contest** – The Lead Line contest is a show intended to demonstrate the relationship between the shepherd and the wool products made from sheep (clothing products). The competitor leads a sheep on halter while wearing an outfit made from wool, either sewn, knitted, crocheted, felted or repurposed. Garments should contain a fiber of 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty fiber). The contestant is judged on the handling of the sheep, as well as the outfit and poise. Each participant will complete a short biography that is read while leading the sheep and modeling the garment. Open to both sheep and market lamb exhibitors. Prizes will be awarded.

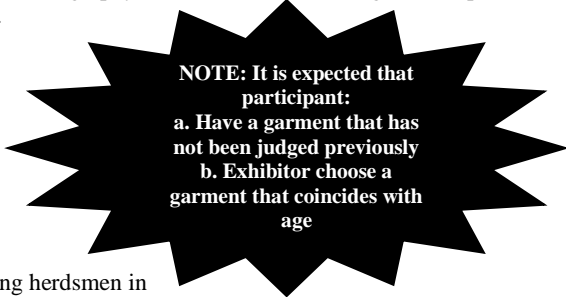
**Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00**

**Class # 32 – Cloverbud Leadline** – 5-7 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class # 33 – Sr. Leadline** – Ages 16 – 18 years old on 01/01/2025

**Class # 34 – Intermediate Leadline** – Ages 13 – 15 on 01/01/2025

**Class # 35 – Jr. Leadline** – Ages 8 – 12 on 01/01/2025



**Sheep Herdsman Contest**

A \$20.00 premium, donated by the Fair, will be awarded to exhibitors selected as the outstanding herdsman in the Jr. Sheep show.

**Fleece Contest**

**Awards: Blue \$7.00 Red \$6.00 White \$5.00**

- a. This contest is open to all 4-H Sheep participants ages 8 and over as of 01/01/2025. All fleeces need to be checked in by 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Entries will be judged Monday after the 4-H Sheep Show.
- b. A member may enter one fleece which was clipped from his/her 4-H Animal.
- c. Fleeces will be judged on the Danish system, taking into consideration such qualities as fineness, length, soundness, purity, character, color and condition.
- d. Fleeces must be from sheep shorn since October 1, 2024, owned by the exhibitor or leased by exhibitor.
- e. Fleeces should be rolled with the fresh cut side facing out and loosely stored in a clear plastic bag
- f. Each fleece should be tagged with the following information:
  - a. Name of exhibitor
  - b. Breed of Sheep
  - c. Date the sheep was shorn
  - d. Class number

Classes:

**Class # 42 – Fine Wool-** wool generally from Merino, Rambouillet

**Class # 43 – Medium Wool-** wool generally from Cheviot, Corriedale, Dorset, Hampshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Tunis

**Class # 44 – Long Wool-** wool generally from Lincoln, Romney, Border Leicester, Cotswold

**Class # 45- Natural Colored Wool-** any natural color fleece other than white.

*Champion Fleece - Rosette*

*Reserve Champion Fleece- Rosette*

**CLASS #40**  
**The Erie County Fair Sheep Dressing Contest**  
 Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM – Livestock Arena  
 Judging to take place in the Showplex  
 Open to all 4-H & FFA Exhibitors in the Fair  
 Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed animal  
 Theme: Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair

<b>Junior</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Senior</b>
<b>Exhibitors Ages 8 – 12</b>	<b>Ages 13 – 15</b>	<b>Ages 16 – 19</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place - \$15.00	1 <sup>st</sup> place - \$15.00	1 <sup>st</sup> place - \$15.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> place - \$10.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - \$10.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> place - \$10.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> place - \$5.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> place - \$5.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> place - \$5.00
4 <sup>th</sup> place - \$5.00	4 <sup>th</sup> place - \$5.00	4 <sup>th</sup> place - \$5.00

Cloverbuds will receive a special prize and Rosette.  
 For further information call 652-5400, ext. 132