



SHEEP

Superintendent: TBD
Phone: Agriculture Office
716-649-3900 Ext. 6488 or 6480

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday July 14, 2023

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per class

Late Entry Fee for Entries 7/15/2023 or after: \$15.00 per class
(the late fee is instead of the \$5 early entry fee, not in addition to)

Entries made on 8/1/23 or later must call the office at (716) 649-3900 ext. 6488 or 6480

Join us in celebrating last year's 4H & FFA Champions at the Breakfast with Champions Event on Saturday, August 12th at 10:00am
\$25 tickets can be purchased at www.ecfair.org

SHEEP SCHEDULE

Arrival: Animals may begin to arrive on Tuesday, August 8th at 9:00am, but must be in place no later than 10:00am on Wednesday, August 9th
Check-in: Wednesday, August 9th from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Exhibitors must be by their animals at that time (with animal registration papers)
Exhibitor Meeting: Wednesday, August 9th at 1:00pm – Barn 11
Show: Market Lamb and Showmanship Show – Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 at 4:00pm – Livestock Arena
Breeding Sheep and Shorn Fleece Show - Thursday, August 10th, 2023 at 11:30am- Showplex
Judge: TBD
Release: Friday, August 11th, 2023, at 7pm

Twist of Fate Tack Shop will be returning this summer! Call (860) 759-9335 with your supply order!

SHEEP RULES

- Please read all Fair Rules & Regulations, IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Animal Health Requirements.**
- All exhibitors must purchase a \$18.00 Exhibitor's wristband or an Erie County Agricultural Society Membership. If your animals do not come to the fair, you will not receive your exhibitor wristbands.
- Youth exhibitors may enter any animal in the Open Class department. However, when entering in the open class the youth must pay ALL appropriate fees; this includes the exhibitor wristband, entry fees or late fees.
- Exhibitors are not guaranteed "tack space/pens".** If space allows, additional pens used for tack will be assigned by the superintendent.
- An official Registration Certificate must be shown on each animal (except Commercial and Market). All animals must be 100% Fullblood, no percentage papers will be accepted. PENDING APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** These will be checked for identification, ownership, and birth date, including All Other Wool Breeds & All Other Meat Breeds.
- Rules of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Standards for the Conduct of Agriculture and Markets for Fairs and Summary of Livestock Health Requirements shall apply.
- Initial sawdust bedding will be supplied to exhibitors. However, if the exhibitor wishes to have shavings or straw they must bring it or buy it from a purveyor on the grounds. The Fair will not be providing additional straw or shavings.
- No exhibitor shall receive any more than two (2) premiums in each class or break. No animal shall compete for more than one premium, aside from group classes and market lambs and commercial ewes. Commercial ewe lambs may cross enter the Market Lamb Show or vice versa, however as second entry fee must be paid.
- All sheep will be examined by a NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets veterinarian and those animals showing evidence of scab infection will be barred from showing and must be removed from the grounds.
 - All sheep exhibited must be free from scab infections
 - Animals from a flock under quarantine for any reason cannot be exhibited.
 - All exhibits must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate.
- Premium Checks will be mailed within one week of the show.
- All animals entered and shown in a group class must be entered in individual classes and must be owned by the same exhibitor/farm.
- Exhibitors must be at least 4 years of age to exhibit livestock at the Erie County Fair.
- The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases, the decision of Show Management, or such referee appointed shall be final.
- If you are planning on camping in the livestock lot, please note that payment does not guarantee a spot. You will be notified & refunded if camper lot is full.
- Exhibitors will be responsible to weigh their own lambs. All weights must be submitted to the superintendent no later than 12pm on Wednesday, August 9th.**
- Showmanship will be offered at the beginning of the Market Lamb Show. Sign up will take place at check in with the superintendent.

Release Schedule:

For your safety and the safety of the public the Erie County Fair has a release schedule. This program was designed to eliminate the congestion of trucks and trailers on the Fairgrounds during release times. Each exhibitor will receive a time slot. Each time slot will be 30 minutes. You will only be allowed into the Fairgrounds with your truck and trailer for that time slot assigned. The exhibitor's that have the longest travel time will receive the earliest time slot. Multiple trips will also be considered. It is in each exhibitor's best interest to help each other load animals and tack.

Erie County Fair Dates: August 9-20, 2023

Youth Livestock Expo, 4H & FFA Layover Information:

Sheep that are showing Open Class can stay over in Barn 11 until the YLE, 4-H, and FFA move in on Tuesday, August 15th. The pen assignments from one rotation to the next shall remain the same, so you will not need to move your livestock.

BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

Thursday, August 10th at 11:30am sheep will show in order listed below starting with meat breeds followed by wool breeds.

Must have 6 head or more to warrant offering of a breed. If there are 6 head of a specific breed that is not listed below, a division will be added at that time.

MEAT BREEDS

Cheviot

Dorset

Hampshire

Montadale

Shropshire

Southdown

Suffolk

Tunis

Commercial

Any Other Meat Breeds

WOOL BREEDS

Border Leicester

Columbia

Corriedale

Lincoln

Merino

Natural Color

Romney

Any Other Wool Breeds

BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

CLASSES # 1 - 20, PREMIUMS \$25.00 \$22.50 \$20.00 \$17.50 \$15.00

1. Mature Ram

2. Yearling Ram- over 1 yr. and under 2 years

3. Senior Ram Lamb, born before 1/1/2023

4. Pair Senior Ram Lambs

5. Junior Ram Lamb, born after 1/1/2023

6. Pair Junior Ram Lambs

Champion Ram, Reserve Champion Ram

9. Mature Ewe

10. Yearling Ewe- over 1 yr. and under 2 years

11. Pair of Yearling Ewes

12. Senior Ewe Lamb, born before 1/1/2023

13. Pair Senior Ewe Lambs

14. Junior Ewe Lamb, born after 1/1/2023

15. Pair Junior Ewe Lambs

Champion Ewe, Reserve Champion Ewe

18. Mixed Pair, either ram lamb and ewe lamb or yearling ram and yearling ewe

19. Young Flock, 1 ram lamb, 2 ewe lambs

20. Flock; consists of 1 Ram - from any class; 2 Ewes - one yr. & under 2 yrs.; 2 Ewes - under 1 yr.

BREEDING SHEEP AWARDS

Supreme Champion Ram: \$50.00 and Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Ram: Banner

Supreme Champion Ewe: \$50.00 and Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe: Banner

Supreme Champion Flock: \$50.00 and Banner

Reserve Supreme Champion Flock: Banner

SHORN FLEECE SHOW

Entries will be judged after the breed classes. Entries will be left on display.

Rules:

1. Any grower of wool is eligible to enter fleeces; however, fleeces must be entered in the name of the grower.
2. If entrant is not entering any sheep in the show, they will need to purchase an exhibitor ticket for \$18.
3. No fleece may be shown in more than one class.
4. Eligible fleeces must:
 - (a) be fleeces shorn between 2022 – 2023
 - (b) represent not more than a 12 month growth except that in the case of yearlings, a 16 month growth will be allowed.
5. Qualifying fleeces will be penalized against if:
 - (a) showing any paint or tar brands (soluble branding fluids permitted)
 - (b) showing excessive dung locks or tags
 - (c) discolored by excessive moisture
 - (d) contains excessive burrs or other vegetable matter.
6. Fleeces will be weighed, and weight will be noted on entry tag. All fleeces will be weighed in a clear garbage bag.
7. Prepared fleeces should be rolled flesh side out in a manner to allow their being handled without falling apart. It is recommended that the exhibitors pack fleeces rather loosely in clear plastic bags to not impair their character or attractiveness.
8. Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 2 (two) entries in each class
9. Each fleece entered must be tagged with the following information: name and address of exhibitor, breed, number of month's growth and class number.
10. The judge will have the final decision on the class that each fleece is judged in. If he/she feels a class change is warranted your fleece may be judged in a class different than the class you entered.

Classes # 1 – 5

Entry Fee per class \$5

Premiums \$15.00, \$11.00, \$8.00, \$6.00, \$5.00

1. Long Wool, generally from Lincoln, Leicester, Cotswold & Romney
 2. Medium Wool, generally from Columbia & Corriedale
 3. Fine Wool, generally from Merino & Rambouillet
 4. Natural Color Wool, any natural color fleece other than white
 5. Down Wool, generally from Suffolk, Southdown, Cheviot, Shropshire, Tunis, Hampshire, Dorset & Montadale
- Supreme Champion Fleece: \$25.00 and Banner*

SHOWMANSHIP SHOW

There will be a Showmanship Show on Wednesday August 9th at 4:00pm prior to the Market Lamb Show. Exhibitors can sign up at the Fair for the Showmanship Show. There will be no entry fee and no premiums awarded. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen and given awards. The class breakdown is as follows (shown in order):

- Novice Showman- 1st time showman (4-21 years old)
- Pee Wee Showman – 4-8 years old
- Junior Showman – 9-12 years old
- Intermediate Showman – 13-16 years old
- Senior Showman – 17-21 years old
- Adult Showmanship- 22 years old and older

MARKET LAMB SHOW

Class #1 Premiums \$21.25 \$17.50 \$15.00 \$12.50 \$10.00 \$7.50

Market Lambs will be divided by weight (based on the number of entries). Each weight break will be awarded premiums.

1. Market Lamb
 - Grand Champion Market Lamb - \$150.00 & Banner*
 - Reserve Champion Market Lamb - \$75.00 & Banner*

HERDSMANSHIP

Three Herdsmanship awards will be given out to the sheep exhibitors. Recipients of these awards will be judged daily by management, but not announced until the end of the stay.

1st place: \$62.50 and a banner

2nd place: \$37.50

3rd place: \$18.75

The following criteria will be considered for Herdsmanship judging:

1. Stall decorations should tie to the theme. This year's theme will be Patriotic.
2. Cleanliness & neatness of aisles, pens, bedding and animals.
3. Promptness in getting animals into the show ring and competence in show ring.
4. Courtesy to fellow breeders, spectators and others during the exhibit.
5. Personal appearance, including neatness and cleanliness of clothing in and out of the show ring.
6. Systematic and neat arrangement of feed, feed pans, bedding, tack, etc.