

# 4-H SHEEP

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**July 6, 12, 18, 24** Livestock Interviews

### **Tuesday, August 15**

by 10:00 AM Sheep arrive – health inspection of breeding sheep – Barn 11  
9:30-10:15 AM All market lambs will be weighed, and health inspection – Barn 11  
10:30 AM Sheep Exhibitor Meeting with Beef & Meat Goat exhibitors – Showplex  
5:00 PM 4-H Fleeces in Place  
6:00 PM 4-H Leadline Contest – Showplex

### **Wednesday, August 16**

11:30 AM 4-H Sheep Show, Showmanship & Breeding & Market & NYBBR Classes – Showplex

### **Thursday, August 17**

1:30 PM Sheep and Meat Goat Dressing Contest – Showplex

### **Friday, August 18**

6:30 PM Exhibitor Meeting with Beef, Swine, Dairy, Poultry, Rabbit and Meat Goat Exhibitors – Showplex

### **Saturday, August 19**

10:00 AM Exhibitor Hot Dog Roast put on by the Erie County Fair Board of Directors- 4-H Parking Lot  
11:00 AM Pre-Auction Gathering  
11:15 AM Special Awards and Announcements prior to auction  
12:00 NOON 4-H Market Auction – Showplex (Order: Beef, Dairy Steer, Chickens, Rabbits, Turkeys, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine)

### **Sunday, August 20**

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

- a) All sheep health records must accompany animals to the Fair.
- b) Sheep and lambs must carry a scrapie ear tag number that is to be used as positive identification on the sheep entry form and health papers. All market animals must have been identified by Monday, May 1, 2023 through the submission of a sheep identification card listing all ear tag information to the 4-H office. All market lambs must be born after January 1, 2023.
- c) Market Lambs must weigh at least **100 lbs.** at time of Fair weigh-in or they will not be eligible for the show or sale. All lambs will be weighed one time only and no substitutions will be allowed.
- d) All market lambs must be shorn prior to the Fair and shown in short fleece (maximum fleece length of ¼" on entire body). All animals must have docked tails.
- e) All animals **MUST** be owned and cared for by the exhibitor by May 1, 2023. All animals in the Sheep Leasing program MUST be registered with the 4-H Office and all proper paper work submitted by May 1, 2023. (paperwork includes: Lamb Identification paperwork and Sheep Lease agreement showing all registration information of the sheep being leased)
- f) Breeding Animals **MUST** present the registration form at the conclusion of the exhibitor meeting on Tuesday, August 15.
- g) Market lambs must have been administered a rabies vaccine on or before July 24, 2023 in order to adhere to the 21 days withholding period.
- h) Breeding sheep and Non-Sale Market Lamb participants must be 5 years old as of January 1, 2023.
- i) All market lamb participants must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2023.
- j) All exhibitors must have given a public presentation prior to May 2023.
- k) **Market Lambs will be sold on Saturday, August 19, 2023, ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 20, 2023, 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. (See CCE regulations in your handbook)**
- l) Exhibitors must use their sale market lambs for showmanship.
- m) **New for 2023:** Youth may show 2 market lambs, but sell only one:
  - a. Youth will designate the lamb they plan to sell in the auction at the scale on Tuesday, August 15.
  - b. Youth may show the second market lamb in the non-sale market lamb class.
  - c. Youth selling a market lamb must be 9 years old as of 1/01/2023.
  - d. Youth 5 and over may show a non-sale market lamb.

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 MARKET LAMB

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

### CLASSES

**Class #25 – Non-Sale Market Lamb**

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

Project Champion Award donated by:

The Erie County 4-H Sheep Advisory Committee

In memory of Mr. Philip Taylor & Mr. Chet Kruszka

Honorable Mention Project Champion Award donated by:

Reboy Supply, Inc., Elma

Project Champion Jacket donated by: Kelkenberg Family Farm, Clarence Center in Memory of Orin Kelkenberg

## MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP

### Market Lamb Showmanship

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

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

**Class # 1 – Cloverbud Market Showmanship** – 5-7 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 2 - Senior Market Showmanship** – 16 - 18 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 3 – Intermediate Market Showmanship** – 13 – 15 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 4 - Junior Market Showmanship** – 9 – 12 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 5 – 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 1/1/2023

### 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 from classes 2-5.

## 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 # 8 – Cloverbud Breeding Showmanship** – 5-7 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 9 - Senior Breeding Showmanship** – 16 – 18 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 10 - Intermediate Purebred Breeding Showmanship** – 13 – 15 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 11 - Junior Purebred Breeding Showmanship** – 8 – 12 years old on 1/01/2023

### 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 8, 9 & 10.

## CHAMPION SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

### Champion Sheep Showman

To consist of the 2023 Champion Market Showman, and the 2023 Breeding Sheep Showman

### Class # 13 - Master Showman:

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Sheep Master Showmen and 2023 Champion Sheep Showman. If you have achieved the Sheep Master Showman title, please enter this class.

## 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 20, 2023 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, 2023.
- f) Only one entry for group class
- g) Sheep will be shown by alternating breeds with classes.
- 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 #

**12. Cloverbud Junior Ewe Lamb – all breeds show together.**

**13. Junior Ewe Lamb** – born after 1/1/2023

**14. Senior Ewe Lamb** (born after 9/1/22 but before 12/31/22)

**15. Pair of Ewe Lambs**

**16. Yearling Ewe** – born between 9/1/21 and 8/30/22

**17. Pair of Yearling Ewes**

**18. Mature Ewe**

*Champion Ewe*

**20. Purebred Ram Lamb** - born after 9/1/22

**21. Pair of Ram Lambs**

**22. Purebred Yearling Ram** -born between 9/1/21 and 8/30/22

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

*Champion Ram*

**25. Mixed Pair- Consists of 1 ram and 1 ewe same age and breed.**

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

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

*Champion Ewe*

*Champion Ram*

*Champion Young Breeders Flock*

## 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**

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 1, 2023. 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, 2023 and that the dam was bred in New York (either natural or IA) and lambled in New York.

### **Leadline Contest**

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

(Open to both sheep & market lamb exhibitors.) Prizes will be awarded.  
Check your handbook for more information

NOTE: Jeans MAY NOT be part of the outfit and cannot be worn in the show ring.

Leadline garments may be sewn, knitted, crocheted or felted from fiber of 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty fiber). Garments should be completed since September 2022, or never exhibited before in the leadline contest.

**Class # 32 – Cloverbud Leadline** – 5-7 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 33 – Sr. Leadline** – Ages 16 – 18 years old on 1/01/2023

**Class # 34 – Intermediate Leadline** – Ages 13 – 15 on 1/01/2023

**Class # 35 – Jr. Leadline** – Ages 8 – 12 on 1/01/2023

### **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 1/01/2023. All fleeces need to be checked in by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Entries will be judged Thursday 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, 2022, 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		
Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM		
Judging to take place in the Showplex		
Open to all 4-H & FFA Exhibitors in the Fair		
Theme: Red, White, Blue, 4-H and You!		
Prizes will be awarded to the best-costumed animal		
Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Exhibitors Ages 8 – 12	Ages 13 – 15	Ages 16 – 19
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		