

4-H SHEEP

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 1, 9, 18, 31 Livestock Interviews

Saturday, August 10

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 11

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

Monday, August 12

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

Friday, August 16

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

Saturday, August 17

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- 4-H Parking Lot

Sunday, August 19

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 Friday, May 3, 2024 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, 2024.
- 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, 2024. All animals in the Sheep Leasing program MUST be registered with the 4-H Office and all proper paper work submitted by May 3, 2024. (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 Saturday, August 10.
- g) Market lambs must have been administered a rabies vaccine on or before July 19, 2024 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, 2024.
- i) All market lamb participants must be 9 years old as of January 1, 2024.
- j) All exhibitors must have given a public presentation prior to May 2024 and participate in a Livestock Interview in July.
- k) **Market Lambs will be sold on Saturday, August 17, 2024, ALL exhibitors are responsible for maintaining their exhibit until released by the 4-H program on Sunday, August 18, 2024, 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) All exhibitors are eligible to bring 2 market lambs to the fair in 2024. Both lambs must meet the required weight of 100 lbs. Youth may show both lambs in the market show but will be able to sell only their highest placing animal in the sale. The second animal must return home with the member on Sunday, August 18, 2024.
- n) All exhibitors selling a market animal in the auction are required to attend at least 2 Marketing Workshops (held January-March) and at least 2 Erie County 4-H meetings, one being species specific, to be eligible to sell.

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 # 26 – Project Market Lamb (Sale Market Lamb Class)
Members exhibiting 2 lambs – please enter class #26 twice.

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 # 2 - Senior Market Showmanship – 16 - 18 years old on 1/01/2024

Class # 3 – Intermediate Market Showmanship – 13 – 15 years old on 1/01/2024

Class # 4 - Junior Market Showmanship – 9 – 12 years old on 1/01/2024

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 1/1/2024

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 1st & 2nd place showman from classes 2-5.

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 1/01/2024

Class #25 – Non-sale Market Lamb – all lambs show together

Class #8 – Cloverbud Breeding Showmanship – 5-7 years old on 1/01/2024

Class #12 – Cloverbud Junior Ewe Lamb – all breeds show together.

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 # 9 - Senior Breeding Showmanship – 14 – 18 years old on 1/01/2024

Class # 11 - Junior Purebred Breeding Showmanship – 8 – 13 years old on 1/01/2024

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 1st and 2nd place showman in classes 8, 9 & 10.

CHAMPION SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Champion Sheep Showman

To consist of the 2024 Champion Market Showman, and the 2024 Breeding Sheep Showman

Class # 13 - Master Showman:

Entries limited to previous Erie County Fair Sheep Master Showmen and 2024 Champion Sheep Showman. If you have achieved the Sheep Master Showman title, please enter this class.

BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

Erie County Fair Dates: August 7-18, 2024

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 18, 2024 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, 2024.
- 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 #

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

13. Junior Ewe Lamb – born after 1/1/2024

14. Senior Ewe Lamb (born after 9/1/23 but before 12/31/23)

15. Pair of Ewe Lambs

16. Yearling Ewe – born between 9/1/22 and 8/30/23

17. Pair of Yearling Ewes

18. Mature Ewe

Champion Ewe

20. Purebred Ram Lamb - born after 9/1/23

21. Pair of Ram Lambs

22. Purebred Yearling Ram -born between 9/1/22 and 8/30/23

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 3, 2024. 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, 2024 and that the dam was bred in New York (either natural or AI) 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

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 2023, or never exhibited before in the leadline contest.

- Class # 32 – Cloverbud Leadline** – 5-7 years old on 1/01/2024
- Class # 33 – Sr. Leadline** – Ages 16 – 18 years old on 1/01/2024
- Class # 34 – Intermediate Leadline** – Ages 13 – 15 on 1/01/2024
- Class # 35 – Jr. Leadline** – Ages 8 – 12 on 1/01/2024

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 1/01/2024. All fleeces need to be checked in by 12:00 noon on Saturday, August 10, 2024. 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, 2023, 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 11, 2024 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
 Fair Theme: Carnival Fun

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

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

