



# SHEEP

Check out the Youth Livestock Expo for another opportunity to show your livestock while at the Fair!

Superintendent: TBD

Phone: Agriculture Office 716-649-3900 Ext. 6499

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday July 14, 2025

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per class

Late Entry Fee for Entries 7/14/2025 or after: \$15.00 per class

(the late fee is instead of the \$5 early entry fee, not in addition to)

Entries made on 8/1/25 or later must call the office at (716) 649-3900 ext. 6499

Erie County Fair Email: [entries@ecfair.org](mailto:entries@ecfair.org)

Join us in celebrating 2025 4H, FFA, & Youth Livestock Expo Champions at the Breakfast with Champions Event on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. \$27 tickets can be purchased at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org)

## SHEEP SCHEDULE

Arrival:	Animals may arrive on Tuesday, August 5 <sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon-8:00pm & Wednesday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00am-10:00am
Check-in:	Wednesday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 10:00am (in Barn 11) Exhibitors must be by their animals at that time (with animal registration papers)
Exhibitor Meeting:	Wednesday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon – Barn 11
Show:	Market Lamb and Showmanship Show – Wednesday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 4:00pm – Livestock Arena Breeding Sheep and Shorn Fleece Show - Thursday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 11:30am- Showplex
Market Lamb & Showmanship Judge:	Mr. Kalen Barwick of NC
Breed Show Judge:	Mr. Robert Dinsmore of MD
Release:	Friday, August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at 7pm

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## SHEEP RULES

1. **Please read all Fair Rules & Regulations, IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and the Animal Health Requirements.**
2. All exhibitors must purchase a \$20.00 Exhibitor's wristband or a \$100.00 Erie County Agricultural Society Membership. If your animals do not come to the fair, you will not receive your exhibitor wristbands.
3. If more passes are needed for your help, \$12.00 one-day workers pass can be purchased (quantity may be limited).
4. All New York State Veterinarian decisions are final and supported by Erie County Fair Staff inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated and can result in forfeit of premiums and removal from fair.
5. 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.
6. **Exhibitors are not guaranteed "tack space/pens"**. If space allows, additional pens used for tack will be assigned by the superintendent.
7. **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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. No exhibitor shall receive any more than four (4) 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 a second entry fee must be paid.
11. 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.
  - (1) All sheep exhibited must be free from scab infections, sore mouth, fungus, etc.
  - (2) Animals from a flock under quarantine for any reason cannot be exhibited.
  - (3) All exhibits must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate.
12. All animals entered and shown in a group class must be entered in individual classes and must be owned by the same exhibitor/farm.
13. Exhibitors must be at least 4 years of age to exhibit livestock at the Erie County Fair.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. **Exhibitors will be responsible for weighing their own lambs. All weights must be submitted to the superintendent no later than 10am on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.**
17. Showmanship will be offered at the beginning of the Market Lamb Show. Sign up will take place at check-in with the superintendent.

### **Protest:**

- a. Protests regarding any livestock competitions and events held by the Erie County Agricultural Society, during the Erie County Fair, in Hamburg, NY (Youth Livestock Expo & Open Class Livestock Shows) must be made in writing on the appropriate form (link here), plainly stating the reason for the complaint or appeal. This form along with a \$300 cash deposit must be submitted to the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society. The deposit shall be refunded **only** if the protest is sustained by the Erie County Agricultural Society CEO. If the protest is not sustained, the \$300 will be donated to the Erie County Agricultural Society scholarship fund.
- b. Classification and Judges opinion are not eligible for protest.
- c. Protests against the exhibition of animals shall be filed at least 3 hours before the start of the show that the animal/ exhibitor is being made against will show in.
- d. The CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society may hold a meeting regarding the protest at which time the party making the protest may present evidence or argument in support of the protest.
- e. The written decision of the CEO of the Erie County Agricultural Society shall be final and shall be served by certified mail to the party making the protest within five days of the date on which the protest was heard.
- f. Exhibitors of animals at livestock competitions shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show.

### **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 exhibitors 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.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **BREEDING SHEEP SHOW**

Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 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 1/1/2025
4. Pair Senior Ram Lambs
5. Junior Ram Lamb, born after 1/1/2025
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 1/1/2025
13. Pair Senior Ewe Lambs
14. Junior Ewe Lamb, born after 1/1/2025
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 2024 – 2025
  - (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 6<sup>th</sup> 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- 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$62.50 and a banner

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$37.50

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 **"Sights, Sounds, Tastes and Feels of the Fair"**.
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.