

# 90TH ANNUAL OZARK EMPIRE FAIR



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# SHEEP HANDBOOK



# SHEEP

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**Junior Show: 8 a.m., Friday, July 31**

**Open Show: 3 p.m. Friday, July 31**

**Open Show: 8 a.m., Saturday, August 1**

**Leadline: 6 p.m., Thursday, July 30**

**ARRIVAL:** All sheep must be in place by 12 p.m. Thurs., July 30. | No Arrival prior to 8 a.m., Wednesday, July 29.

**RELEASE:** All breeding sheep will be released at 4 p.m., Saturday, August 1 OR after all shows are complete

1. Exhibitors entering open classes in this division should familiarize themselves with the General Rules and Regulations, Livestock Entry Rules and Show Ring Code of Ethics in this Exhibitor Handbook before completing entry form.
2. Exhibitors entering junior classes should familiarize themselves with Junior Show Rules, General Rules, Livestock Entry Rules and Show Ring Code of Ethics before completing entry form.
3. All entries are to be made online at [www.ozarkempirefair.com](http://www.ozarkempirefair.com). No paper entries will be accepted.
4. All animals to be shown in pen classes must be entered and shown in individual classes.
5. All group classes are \$5 to enter. **Entries for group classes must be entered prior to the July 1st deadline. No ringside entries upon arrival of the fairgrounds will be accepted.**
6. Colored wool sheep must be registered with a breed association or with a natural colored association.
7. Registration and health papers must be in order as they will be checked against the information on the entry form upon arrival on the Fairgrounds.
8. Entries close June 15. Late entries may be accepted through July 1. All entries after June 1 and through July 1 must be accompanied with late fees located in the additional items on ShoWorks.
9. Pens and location in barn will be designated only by superintendents. Bedding will not be furnished.
10. To prevent deceptive practices and to provide judge with complete facts, exhibitors will be required to give date of last shearing of all animals exhibited, together with affidavit, if the judge so desires or the superintendent in charge so rules. All animals stubble shorn or trimmed to an unnatural shape will be discriminated against by the judge or may be barred altogether from competition if, in the opinion of the judge or the superintendent in charge, the deception is great enough to warrant same.
11. **SPECIAL RULE - SHROPSHIRE:** All Shropshire entries must be SLICK SHORN. Wool may be left below the knees and hocks and on the face and head from the poll forward; the remainder of the body is to be shorn to the skin within five days of the show date.
12. **Junior Show:** Use class numbers listed in left-hand column below, specify which breed.
13. **Breed Divisions: Division offered if more than 10 head are entered & checked into the 2026 Ozark Empire Fair. If 9 or less entries are received animals will show in respective All Other Breeds. OEF Management reserves the right to combine, split, or cancel classes in which, in its judgment, the number of entries are insufficient to insure adequate competition, in all departments of the Ozark Empire Fair.**
14. **Dorpers are going to be split into white and black divisions at the 2026 fair. Just like every other breed division, 10 head need to continuously show up and show in order to keep those breed divisions in good standing.**
15. The wether dam division will be offered again for the 2026 fair. They will be shown by weight. The show is open to any ewe born between January 1, 2024 and April 30, 2026. These classes are added to allow ewes that are not able to be registered with a breed association. All wether dams are required to bring the wether dam ownership form (found at the end of this handbook) to check in.

## CLASSES DEFINED

**Base for Computing Ages** - Lambs must have all lamb teeth if they were born after September 1, 2025. A certificate of registration will be recognized to determine the age of each animal in classes other than lamb classes. September 1 shall be the base date for computing ages.

**Exhibitor's Flock** - 1 ram, 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs

**Young Flock** - 1 ram lamb and 2 ewe lambs

**Premier Exhibitor** - Exhibitor winning the most prize money in each breed.

<b>PRIZE MONEY:</b>	1st	2nd	3rd	*4th	*5th	<b>*Where Applicable</b>
Open classes.....	\$16	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$4	
Group classes.....	\$11	\$9	\$6			

Individual classes with more than 12 head entered may be split.

**Breed Divisions with 40 or more head entered in the open division will have prize money awarded to 5th place. Breeds with 39 or less entered will pay to 3rd place.**

Junior Classes.....	\$6	\$4	\$2
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## WETHER DAMS

The wether dam division is now offered in the open division. All wether dams will be shown by weight and exhibitors must provide a wether dam ownership form upon check in.

### Y16 All Wether Dams

The show is open to any ewe born between January 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025. Exhibitor must have owned the animal since June 1, 2025.

## JUNIOR SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP:

Showmanship Sign Up will be available with no charge, upon arrival at the fair.

## Breed Shows:

SHROPSHIRE  
DORPER  
ALL OTHER MEAT  
COLORED WOOL  
KATAHDIN  
DORSETS

HAMPSHIRE  
ALL OTHER WOOL  
SOUTH DOWNS  
SUFFOLK  
WETHER DAMS

Use section numbers above. Use class numbers listed below.

<b>JR</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
Y01	01	Ram, 1 year and under 2 years, 9/1/24 - 8/31/25
Y02	02	Fall ram lamb, 9/1 - 12/31/2025
Y03	03	Spring ram lamb, after 1/1/2026
Y04	04	Pair of ram lambs
Y05	05	<b>Grand Champion Ram</b>
Y06	06	<b>Reserve Grand Champion Ram</b>
Y07	--	<b>4-H/FFA District Grand Champion Ram</b>
Y08	07	Ewe, 1 year and under 2 years, 9/1/24 - 8/31/25
Y09	08	Ewe, 1 yr & under 2, SLICK SHEARED (Hamps Only)
Y10	09	Pair of yearling ewes
Y11	10	Fall ewe lamb, 9/1 - 12/31/2025
Y12	11	Spring ewe lamb, after 1/1/2026
Y13	12	Spring ewe lamb, SLICK SHEARED (Hamps Only)
Y14	13	Pair of ewe lambs
Y15	14	<b>Grand Champion Ewe</b>
Y16	15	<b>Reserve Grand Champion Ewe</b>
Y17	--	<b>4-H/FFA District Grand Champion Ewe</b>
--	16	Best pair, ewe and ram
Y18	17	Young flock
--	18	Pen of 4 lambs, both sexes represented
--	19	Exhibitor's flock
Y19	20	All Wether Dam Entries

\*All group class entries must be entered before the July 1 deadline, no ringside entries will be accepted.\*

# 2026 Ozark Empire Fair Sheep Show Tentative Schedule

**LEADLINE: Thursday, July 30 – 6:00 PM**

**JUNIOR SHOW: Friday, July 31 - 8:00 AM**

- 1) Shropshires
- 2) Dorpers - White
- 3) Dorpers - Black
- 4) AOM – All Other Meat Breeds
- 5) Colored
- 6) Katahdins
- 7) Dorsets
- 8) Hampshires
- 9) AOW – All Other Wools Breeds
- 10) Southdowns
- 11) Suffolks
- 12) Wether Dams

**OPEN SHOW: Friday, July 31 – 3:00 PM**

- 1) Shropshires
- 2) Dorpers - White
- 3) Dorpers - Black
- 4) AOM—All Other Meat Breeds
- 5) Colored
- 6) Katahdins

**OPEN SHOW: Saturday, August 1 – 8:00 AM**

- 1) Dorsets
- 2) Hampshires
- 3) AOW – All Other Wools Breeds
- 4) Southdowns
- 5) Suffolks
- 6) Wether Dams

**\*\*Start times and order of shows are subject to change as entries are confirmed in each division. \*\***

## PREMIER EXHIBITOR & PREMIER BREEDER

A Premier Exhibitor award will be presented to the sheep exhibitor who accumulates the most points on no more than eight animals during the 2025 Breeding sheep Show. Points can be earned by exhibiting rams and ewes in purebred classes.

A Premier Breeder award will be presented to the sheep exhibitor who accumulates the most points on no more than five animals during the 2025 Breeding Sheep Show. Points can be earned by exhibiting rams and ewes in purebred classes. The exhibitor must be the breeder and exhibitor of the animals which points are awarded for. This must be entered in advance on the official entry forms.

A banner will be presented to the recipients of the two awards. Both awards will use the same point scale:

Place:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
Point:	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

# Ozark Empire Fair Leadline Entry Form

CLASSES: Please Circle One (Age as of July 1) - Classes/Age of Classes may be revised

Young Exhibitor Fun Class: Ages 0-7      Junior: Ages 8-11

Intermediate: Ages 12-16      Senior: Ages 17-22

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents and Siblings Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies, Activities, Organizations:

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ANIMAL INFORMATION: Ewe lamb or yearling ewe may be used

Breed and Age:

Owner or sponsored by:

Brief Garment Information: Using complete sentences, describe your outfit and accessories.

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**WE REQUEST ALL ENTRIES BE TURNED IN BY: 12 P.M. THURSDAY TO THE  
OEF LIVESTOCK OFFICE OR FONDA AND ALI UNDERWOOD AT THE SHEEP  
ARENA.**

# Ozark Empire Fair Wether Dam Ownership Form

## SHEEP DECLARATION:

**By filling out this form, the junior exhibitor indicates that they are the sole owner of the wether dam(s) they entered into the 2026 Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. All wether dams entered must be within the age range highlighted in the Sheep Handbook rules and written into the table below.**

Exhibitor/Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Name	Animal Description	Scrapie #	Breeder	Animal Birthdate

Exhibitor/Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder or Agriculture Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_