

RRVF SHEEP SHOW – Department 107 Lindsey Abentroth, Chair 701.388.2859	
ENTRY DEADLINE:	July 1, 2023
ENTRY FEE:	\$10.00 per class
RECEIVING DATE:	Tuesday, July 11, 2023: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
WEIGH-IN	Tuesday, July 11, 2023: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM (market animals must be weighed in before the mandatory exhibitor's meeting)
MANDATORY MEETING:	Tuesday, July 11, 2023: 6:00 PM at Hospitality Area in Hartl Building
JUDGING:	July 12, 2023: 11:00 AM – Youth Show July 13, 2023: 11:00 AM – Open Show
SHOWMANSHIP:	July 12, 2023 following show
RELEASE DATE:	One hour after the completion of livestock shows
SYSTEM OF JUDGING:	American
LOCATION:	Livestock Barn #2

RULES AND INFORMATION:

- The Red River Valley Fair reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences.
- **Sheep entries** will be online only.
- Entries will be taken on-line until **July 1, 2023**.
- Barn space is limited and when the barns are full all other entries will be returned.
- Exhibitors are responsible for entering their animals in the appropriate shows.
- **Protest:** All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100. Deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the fair manager within 24 hours of show completion. All expenses incurred because of protest will be the responsibility of protester regardless of results. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent will be considered. Where a protest is made against competition of an animal, notice should be filed with the Superintendent of the department before the class is passed upon, so that the judges may be instructed to place a reserve award, that premiums be properly distributed in the event the protest is sustained.
- **Bedding:** Woodchips may be purchased on the grounds. Purchases can be made in respective barns with times posted in respective barns. **Straw is not allowed in barns.** Shavings are \$8.00/bag.
- The space and stalls in the barns are for exhibit purposes and must not be filled with feed. **Straw is not allowed in barns.**
- The management will in no case assume or pay transportation charges on animals sent for exhibit.
- The management will use diligence to ensure safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage occasioned by or arising from any animal or article on exhibition, and the exhibitors shall indemnify the Fair management against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.
- **Release of Exhibits:** All exhibits must remain in place until the release time given under its section in this book except livestock moving to home county fairs that are held on conflicting dates with prior approval from Superintendent.
- **Premiums:** Will not be paid if exhibits are removed before stated time of release, unless authorized by the Superintendent. No premiums will be paid to any exhibitor unless the full and complete requirements as to pedigree numbers, registration, etc., are complied with.
- **Premium checks may be prorated according to number of animals shown to stay within the budget. Red River Valley Fair premiums will be paid after judge's reports and show records have been verified.** In the case where special premiums, trophies or awards are offered by breed associations or others, detailed reports must be filled out by the superintendent indicating the source of the award, the winner of the award, and the distribution of the award. In the instance where a premium is figured on a percentage basis the complete breakdown and formula used must be filed with the Fair office.
- **Judges:** Judges are requested to carefully read the general rules under the head of the department in which they are to serve before they begin their duties and to especially note and mark the rules bearing on the classes judged by them. Ignorance of the rules is inexcusable.
- Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy animal or exhibit. It is the intention of the Fair Board that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given an animal that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not.
- Where there are fewer entries in a class than the number of premiums offered, judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the animals deserve.
- Judges shall report to the Superintendent any exhibitor who in any way, whether in person, by agents, or assistants, interferes during the adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them. The Superintendent shall, at his/her discretion,

- demand a proper apology from such exhibitor, or he/she may be excluded from such competition and the Board may withhold any premiums that have been awarded him/her, and expel him/her from further competition at the Fair.
- The judge and the person acting as clerk to the judge must enter awards properly in the award book and ensure that registered names and numbers of all animals are given.
 - The Judges and Superintendents of the departments shall sign each award book immediately after the awards have been made in the class contained therein. No appeal of the decisions of the judges will be considered by the Board except in the case of fraud.
 - **All Alleys Must Be Clean and Accessible to the Public Between 10:00 am and 10:00 pm. Failure to do so could result in premiums withheld by the Fair and/or suspension from future shows.**
 - Satisfactory evidence to the Superintendent in charge will be required that the animals exhibited as breeders are not barren. No awards will be made where there is unsoundness in breeding animals, or where there is any question as to its transmissibility.
 - Each Superintendent must take charge of the books and return them promptly to the Fair Manager's office as soon as each is judged. No changes will be allowed in the judge's book unless by order of the Board. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent at the close of the Fair to make such suggestions for improvements as said occur to them during the Fair.
 - Fast Driving or Riding of any description will not be permitted within the grounds. Any violation of this rule will be severely dealt with by the Management and the guilty person removed from the grounds. Automobiles are prohibited in any section of the grounds whenever safety demands.
 - **Brand Inspection:** North Dakota Century Code Chapter 36-09-23: "No person shall remove cattle, horses, or mules from this state or to within a mile of any boundary of the state for the purpose of removal unless such livestock have been inspected for marks and brands by an official brand inspector of the North Dakota Stockman's Association and a certificate of inspection shall accompany such livestock to destination."
 - **No smoking in the barns or area around the barns**
 - The Red River Valley Fair is a member of the North Dakota Junior Point Show Program. For information on the program log onto: www.ndjpsa.com.
 - Health certificates from licensed veterinarians are required on all out of state animals.
 - All entries that leave the show prior to its completion without superintendent's approval will forfeit all premium money.
 - **All sheep/swine/goat exhibitors must clean stalls prior to leaving the fairgrounds or premium checks will be forfeited. Red river valley fair will not supply cleaning supplies, please bring your own!**
 - You must be present at time of weigh in or make other arrangements. No exceptions will be made. If you are not there, animals will not be weighed.
 - If any class is split the judge shall pick the top four (4) animals out of each split class and bring them back to place 1-6.
 - Youth showmen may exhibit 2 animals per class. Animals must be registered in youth's name or immediate family farm name. Youth exhibitors must show their own animal unless they have two animals in the same class. In this case, the second animal must be shown by another youth.
 - If animals exhibited by a Youth Exhibitor are also exhibited in the Open Class Market Show, they must be exhibited by the youth exhibitor and NOT by another exhibitor. Exhibitor is the individual who is named as the registered owner on the registration paper. A showman is the person who takes the animal into the show ring.
 - All registered animals must have their registration papers or the animal must show in the Commercial Division.
 - Ethical fitting and treatment of livestock will be enforced.
 - Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up wool after clipping/sheering sheep. Exhibitors who fail to follow this rule will have a cleaning fee deducted from their premiums.
 - Youth Sheep Show – Exhibitors in the youth show are limited to a total of 8 head in the breeding classes and a maximum of 2 market lambs. The exhibitor must present his/her own animal in the ring unless they have 2 in one class. In this case, the second animal can be shown by another youth.
 - Tagging guidelines will follow ND Junior Point Show rules...All Market animals must be tagged...(all sheep, swine and goats must be tagged....Scrapie tags are required for sheep and Goats).

On behalf of the Red River Valley Fair Association, we ask that you keep your livestock areas clean and well maintained. This will help us prevent the possible transmission of E. Coli to our guests.

Thank you

Red River Valley Fair Management

2023 BELT BUCKLE SPONSOR:



AWARDS PER CLASS:

PREMIUMS OFFERED PER CLASS					
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
\$58.00	\$54.00	\$50.00	\$46.00	\$42.00	\$38.00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 (YOUTH SHOW)

AWARDS: in addition to the premiums offered per class (listed above)

- Overall Champion Breeding Sheep: \$210.00
- Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Sheep: \$105.00
- Overall Champion Market Lamb: \$210.00
- Overall Reserve Champion Market Lamb: \$105.00

DIVISION 1: WETHER TYPE

- The wether/dam class will consist of non-registered and crossbred sheep. Ewes must be slick shorn.
- Animals cannot be entered or shown in the registered classes
- Ewes entered in the market division cannot be entered in the breeding division or vice versa.
- Sheep entered in the frame sheep division (meat and wool) cannot enter in the wether/dam division.

DIVISION 2: MEAT BREEDS – BLACK FACE (Hampshires, Suffolk, etc.)

DIVISION 3: MEAT BREEDS – WHITE FACE (Dorset, Southdown, etc.)

DIVISION 4: WOOL BREEDS (Columbia, Rambouillet, etc.)

CLASS:

1. Yearling Ram
2. Ram Lambs born after December 1, 2022
3. Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram (do not pre-enter)
4. Yearling Ewes
5. Ewe Lambs born after December 1, 2022
6. Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe (do not pre-enter)
7. Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe (do not pre-enter)
8. Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Sheep (do not pre-enter)

DIVISION 5: MARKET LAMBS

Class:

1. Wether
2. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Wether (do not pre-enter)
3. Ewe
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Ewe (do not pre-enter)
5. Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Market Lamb (do not pre-enter)
6. Pair of Market Lambs

DIVISION 6: SHOWMANSHIP

**Showmanship classes will only take place in youth show

Class (Age as of date of show):

1. Pee Wee (9 and under) – winner of this class can move on to Junior
2. Junior (ages 10-14)
3. Senior (ages 15-21)

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023 (OPEN SHOW)

DIVISION 7: WETHER TYPE

- The wether/dam class will consist of non-registered and crossbred sheep. Ewes must be slick shorn.
- Animals cannot be entered or shown in the registered classes
- Ewes entered in the market division cannot be entered in the breeding division or vice versa.
- Sheep entered in the frame sheep division (meat and wool) cannot enter in the wether/dam division.

DIVISION 8: MEAT BREEDS – BLACK FACE (Hampshires, Suffolk, etc.)

DIVISION 9: MEAT BREEDS – WHITE FACE (Dorset, Southdown, etc.)

DIVISION 10: WOOL BREEDS (Columbia, Rambouillet, etc.)

CLASS:

1. Rams, 1 year and under
2. Fall Ram Lambs, September – December 14, 2022
3. Winter Ram Lambs, December 15, 2022 – January, 2023
4. Spring Ram Lambs, February, 2023 and after
5. Champion and Reserve Champion Ram (do not pre-enter)
6. Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ram (do not pre-enter)
7. Pair of Ram Lambs* (**no entry fee needed**)
8. Ewes, 1 year and under 2
9. Fall Ewe Lambs, September - December 14, 2022
10. Winter Ewe Lambs, December 15, 2022 - January, 2023
11. Spring Ewe Lambs, February, 2023 and after
12. Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe (do not pre-enter)
13. Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe (do not pre-enter)
14. Supreme Champion Breeding Sheep
15. Pair of Ewe Lambs* (**no entry fee needed**)
16. Young Flock**

*The pair of lambs (Classes 5 and 10) may be either fall, winter or spring lambs or a combination of any of them.

**A Young Flock shall consist of one yearling ram or ram lamb, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs, all owned by the exhibitor or family.

DIVISION 11: MARKET LAMBS

- **Entry Fee: \$15.00** (\$10.00 entry fee plus \$5.00 for Jackpot 60/40 split for Champion & Reserve Champion)
- Lambs will be shown by weight not breed.
- Classes will be split by weight with a maximum of 5 groups
- Premiums will be paid on split classes.
- One premium paid per exhibitor for pair of market lambs.
- Pairs must be shown by same exhibitor as in single class.
- Exhibitors may only receive 2 prizes in a single class – this includes classes that are split.
- All market lambs must be slick shorn over the entire body by weigh-in or they will not be weight.

Class:

1. Wether
2. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Wether (do not pre-enter)
3. Ewe
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Market Ewe (do not pre-enter)
5. Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Market Lamb (do not pre-enter)
6. Pair of Market Lambs (**no entry fee needed**)