

Section II – Sheep

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We will be having a split-show once again this year; however, if you are showing other animals at the fair you may choose to bring your open sheep in on Sunday from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Otherwise, check-in will be Wednesday, August 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **The Open Sheep Show will be held on Thursday, August 19 at 4:00 p.m.**

No changes will be allowed after Monday, August 16

Open Sheep leaves Saturday night after 10:00 p.m.

Rules and Regulations for Open and Junior Divisions (ENTRY FORMS ONLINE AT: rockinghamcountyfair.com)

All exhibits in this department are subject to the general rules of the Rockingham County Fair Association and Show Ring Code of Ethics. See General Rules and Regulations for health requirements and barn area rules.

1. All exhibits must be in place by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18 and remain in place until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021.
2. All entries are open to Rockingham County residents and, depending on space, out of county entries will be accepted by invitation only.
3. In keeping with our goal of maintaining the reputation of Virginia's finest agricultural county fair, the sheep superintendents will require that any sheep not in good health, good body condition, and properly groomed for public viewing, be immediately removed from the fairgrounds.
4. All sheep will be shown in short fleece and properly fitted.
5. Only two animals per exhibitor will be allowed per class. Only one entry in pairs, pen of 4 lambs and flock classes. **A maximum of 8 head per breed, per exhibitor** will be allowed for 2021.
6. Age Requirements-Yearling must be under 2 years at day of show; senior lambs must be born September 1 to December 31 of the preceding year. Intermediate lamb are born January 1-February 15 and junior lambs are born on February 16 and after of the current year.
7. A clean bill of health must accompany all sheep being shown and signed by a licensed vet. Animals are not to be unloaded until Superintendent has checked health papers and approved unloading. Sheep diagnosed with lamb fungus, sore mouth or any other contagious disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. NO muzzles on sheep.
8. All pens will be assigned by the Department Superintendents. Check in will be on Sunday, August 15 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, August 19, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
9. Judging starts at **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 19.**

10. Commercial whether type entries will include animals that are purebred and crossbred ewes and rams. Entries are encouraged from juniors who have ewe lambs **NOT** showing in the market lamb divisions. Any ewe lamb that was previously weighed in as a market animal and a 4-H/FFA tag was placed in its ear must be removed before entering the fairgrounds. State Fair tags are permitted to stay in animal's ear. The only tags that should be visible are the farm tag and the scrapie tag. This division must be shown slick shorn.
11. Fresh water will be provided to sheep at all times by the exhibitor.
12. All sheep must be properly identified with an Official USDA Tag upon arrival at the fair.
13. Tack space will be eliminated to insure we have proper housing for the animals. No tack will be allowed until after noon on Monday and will be assigned by Superintendents. No more than one (1) day supply of feed and hay will be kept in the tack area. All bedding and extra feed must be kept in trailer or brought from home each day. All tack, as space permits, will be shared by several exhibitors.
14. No more than 2-3 animals per pen. Overcrowding will not be tolerated.
15. Unfortunately, fitting areas may need to be in a designated area this year. In such an event, all fitting areas are to be cleaned and free from trash and wool after each fitting session.
16. Exhibitors will be responsible for disposing of wool to the designated area in the back of the barn (DO NOT PLACE WOOL AND WET BEDDING IN TRASH CANS).
17. Exhibitors entering animals, and in the event they are not brought to the fair, will **forfeit pen space with no refund**. Refunds will only be made with a veterinarian's signed statement. Superintendent will reallocate extra pen space.
18. **REGISTRATION AND HEALTH PAPERS MUST BE PRESENTED AT CHECK IN.**

Entries must be received **no later than July 1, 2021**. Online forms and payment only at <https://www.rockinghamcountyfair.com/p/rental-info/open-sheep>

Refunds will only be made with a veterinarian's signed statement.

Premiums are as follows:
1st place - \$14 **4th place - \$8**
2nd place - 12 **5th place - \$6**
3rd place - \$10

During the Show,
John Sponaule Memorial Awards
will be presented to the winners of
the Grand Champion Suffolk Ewe
and Ram

Open Sheep – Purebreds and Commercial

Show Order for 2021 - Commercial, Cheviot, Hampshire, Suffolk, Southdown, Dorset

**SHOWMANSHIP- Please indicate on entry if you are participating and birthdate.
(Classes and Divisions may be split after all entries are received)**

Class 1 – PeeWee Showmanship – Anyone 8 and under (Judged) Sr. Showmanship-17-21 years old

Class 2 – Jr. Showmanship (9-12 years old)

Class 3 – Intermediate Showmanship (13-16 years old)

Class 4 – Sr. Showmanship (17-21 years old)

Fun Class for PeeWees (Not Judged Officially) A fun class for any child under the age of nine (9). Borrow a sheep and let's have some fun! Exhibitors are encouraged to have help if they want. Everyone will receive a Ribbon for Participation.

Class No./Name of Class

1- Yearling Ram 1 year, under 2

2- Senior Ram Lamb- born between Sept 1-Dec 31

3-Intermediate Ram Lamb-born between Jan 1-Feb 15

4- Junior Ram Lamb-born Feb 16 and after

5- Pair Ram Lambs

Champion and Reserve Champion Ram

6- Yearling Ewe 1 year, under 2

7- Pair Yearling Ewes

8- Senior Ewe Lamb-born between Sept 1-Dec 31

9-Intermediate Ewe Lamb-born between Jan 1-Feb 15

10-Junior Ewe Lamb-born Feb 16 and after

11- Pair Ewe Lambs

Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe

13- Pen of 4 Lambs, both sexes

14- Flock, Ram under 2 years, 2 yearling Ewes, 2 Ewe Lambs

Supreme Grand Champion Ram and Ewe

15. Ole Timers Showmanship Calling all kids, husbands, wives and anyone who wants to have a good time at the fair – Open to anyone over the age of 21. Grab a sheep and show the young one's how it's done!