

SHEEP SHOWS**SHEEP
SUPERINTENDENT**

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JUDGES

WEEK 1 MIKE STITZLEIN, ASHLAND, OH
CRUZ NICHOLS, JERSEYVILLE, IL
WEEK 2 SHAWN RAMSEY, STATE COLLEGE, TX
SARA KUYKENDALL, RICHLAND CENTER,
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ARRIVAL

WEEK 1
Monday, September 11, 2023 12noon - 10pm
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8am - 10pm
Wednesday, September 13, 2023 8am - 10pm
Thursday, September 14, 2023 8am - 6pm

WEEK 2
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
10pm -midnight
Thursday, September 21, 2023 8am - 9pm

(ANY EARLY ARRIVAL REQUESTS CALL DEB HOPKINS AT 401-829-1360)

SHOW

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
9 am AOB Meat Show
12 Noon Working Dog Demo
1:30 pm Pure Horned Dorset Show
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
8:30 am Northeast Regional Southdown Show
12 Noon Lead Line
1:30 pm National Northeastern Regional
Dorper Show

5pm-7pm Weigh-in Market Lambs
6pm Working Dog Demo
7 pm Junior Showmanship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
8:30 am Northeast Regional Shropshire Show
12 Noon Market Lamb Show & Scanning
2 pm Northeast Regional Polled Dorset &
Dorset Advantage Show
6 pm Working Dog Demo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9 am Northeast Regional Oxford Show
12 Noon Working Dog Demo
1:30 pm Suffolk Show

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
9 am Cheviot Show
12 Noon Working Dog Demo
1 pm Marcus Thompson Jr. Hampshire
Show
4 pm Supreme Champion Selections

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
10 am Working Dog Demo
11 am Exhibitors' Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6pm Working Sheep Dog Demo

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9 am Fleece Show Judging
9 am Shetland Show
12 Noon Working Dog Demo
1:30 pm Cotswold Show

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 am Northeast Regional Katahdin Show
12 Noon Lead Line
1:30 pm National Polly Hopkins Border
Leicester Show

6 pm Working Dog Demo
7 pm Junior Showmanship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 am Northeast Regional Tunis Show
11 am Spinning Bee
1 pm National Lincoln Show
7 pm Working Dog Demo

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9 am Eastern Regional Natural Colored
Fine & Medium Show

1 pm AOB Wool Show
3 pm Corriedale Show

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9 am Jacob Show
1 pm Romney Show
4 pm Supreme Champion Selections

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11am Exhibitors' Meeting

RELEASE

MARKET LAMBS: Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023 3pm

WEEK 1: Wed., Sept. 20, 2023 Noon-6pm

WEEK 2: Wed., Sept. 27, 2023 Noon-6pm

ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 15**LATE ENTRIES CLOSE AUGUST 31 AND ENTRY FEE IS DOUBLE THE STANDARD FEE.
SPECIAL RULES**

1. READ GENERAL RULES. All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in this Premium Book and the following Special Rules.

2. ORIGINAL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES OR FAXED REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES FROM BREED ASSOCIATION OFFICES ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED and must be available at any time when animals are on the grounds. Sheep entered must be registered (except market lambs) or be in the process of being registered to the exhibitor before August 15. No leased animals will be allowed. **Official entry form must be completely filled out and submitted by an exhibitor for each animal he/she intends to show.** Entry forms may be obtained from the Agriculture department as a paper copy and via our website. Breed Class numbers must be inserted on entry application form. Requests from universities to deduct entry fees from premiums will be honored when such request appears on the entry form. **Exhibitors need to enter single classes only and will automatically be entered in applicable group classes.** Sheep to be shown in any group class must be owned identically. Updated Show Ring Books will be provided at the time of show so registration papers will need to be checked in a timely manner.

3. ELIGIBILITY. ALL ANIMALS will be shown in their respective breed classes according to their date of birth. Substitutions are allowed at paper check-in time, additional entries are not. Breed classes for entry purpose are listed in this Premium Book. Sheep exhibitors

may show no more than three breeds. Exhibitors can earn up to three premiums in individual classes and one premium in any group class. Lambs born after January 1 must have all their lamb's teeth. Lambs born after September 1, shown in senior classes, may have dropped the first pair of lamb's teeth and may have their first pair of permanent teeth in, but not up even with their lamb's teeth. Yearlings cannot have more than four pair of permanent teeth in use. Sheep should be in show condition, properly handled and presented when shown. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification of the exhibitor and/or his/her breed shown at this fair. Animals must be shown in single classes to be eligible for group classes. All breed champions are required to show for Supreme Champion selections. Please see respective breeds for lamb class break dates and maximum number of head shown. Classes with an exceptional large number of entries may be re-split at the discretion of the sheep superintendent.

4. PREMIER BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR. Premier Exhibitor Award will be presented to the exhibitor winning the most money in one breed. In case of a tie, higher placing in the Exhibitor's Flock will determine the winner. Premier Breeder Award will be presented to the breeder winning the most points on, not to exceed six animals in the open single classes exhibited by him and by other exhibitors. The point system for determining Premier Breeder shall be as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

In case of a tie, points from the seventh sheep will be used, and so on until the tie is broken.

5. GROUP CLASS DEFINITIONS. Exhibitor's Flock to consist of one ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs, to be owned by one exhibitor; Breeder's Flock to consist of one ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs, all bred and owned by one exhibitor; Get-of-Sire to consist of four animals, both sexes to be represented, the get of one ram, owned by one exhibitor.

6. EXHIBITORS' MEETING. Pre-show exhibitors meeting will take place before the first breed show in each shift. **Judge nominations will be made during the post show exhibitor meeting, and selection order of judges will take place at the meeting.** This procedure will also go for the exhibitors to serve on the Eastern States Exposition Agriculture Advisory Board.

7. PENNING. A space has been provided on the entry form for exhibitors to request the amount of penning wanted and with whom. Management will try to the best of their ability to honor these requests to the satisfaction of the exhibitor but cannot guarantee it. A penning chart and pen tags will be posted. **ONLY SHEEP ENTERED IN THE SHOW WILL BE ASSIGNED PENNING IN THE BARN.**

8. Additional Junior Premiums being offered for all breed shows and market lambs. The Big E will be offering Junior exhibitors additional premiums for single classes in all breed shows as follows: 1st:\$15, 2nd:\$12, 3rd:\$10, 4th & Lower:\$8. Group classes are exempt. Separate Junior Show Grand & Reserve Champions will be selected and presented with Rosettes. The Junior Show will be judged simultaneously with the Open Show, the junior premium winners will be awarded with additional ribbons and announced. It should be noted that Junior Exhibitors will still be eligible for Open Show premiums and awards, including premier exhibitor and breeder, as long as all animals are owned by that Junior Exhibitor identically. All other Open Sheep Show rules apply.

In order to receive the Junior Premiums the following stipulations must be met:

-The animal must be owned in the individual junior name or in a youth partnership. No family, farm names or partnerships with adults allowed. Sheep entered must be registered in the junior exhibitor's name or be in the process of being registered to the junior exhibitor before August 15. No leased animals will be allowed.

-The Junior exhibitor can't be older than 21 years of age as of January 1, 2023. Please make sure to check the junior exhibitor box on the entry form.

- There will only be 2 people allowed per animal in the show ring and one of those must be the junior exhibitor who is present show day and actively participating in showing their animals in the show ring at all times.

-Junior Showmanship Classes will be offered Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7pm and Saturday, Sept. 23 at 7pm. No entry fees required and the animals used must already be entered in The Big E Open Sheep Show. The winner of each class will receive an award sponsored by Eastern States Exposition and \$25 premium to the top 5 in each class. Classes for the

following age breaks will be offered: Junior-11 years and younger; Intermediate-12 years to 15 years; Senior-16 years to 21 years. Junior age to be determined as of January 1 and is open to all juniors.

SHEEP AWARDS - ALL BREEDS ELIGIBLE

~SUPREME CHAMPION AWARDS WEEK I AND WEEK II~

OFFERED BY

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP & WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION AND

CHASE'S PENNEL HILL FARM

WILL BE AWARDED TO THE SUPREME CHAMPION RAM & EWE

SHEPHERD'S AWARD, THE WOOLAM FAMILY, SOUTH WINDSOR, CT, provides a shepherd's cane, bearing a suitably engraved brass plate, to the Outstanding Shepherd each week. The award is made in recognition of those qualities of cooperation and good sportsmanship essential to a well-managed livestock exhibit, and it is intended that recipient will have exemplified these characteristics to a high degree of proficiency and excellence.

FIRST WEEK: **IN MEMORY OF DON GRANT**

SECOND WEEK: **IN MEMORY OF DAN KORNGIEBEL**

OPEN SHOW DISPLAY AWARDS

The Big E and co-sponsor, **Banner Sheep Magazine**, are pleased to offer a special recognition award program to Open Sheep exhibitors which excel in presenting an attractive, educational display within their pen space. This competition will be offered in both Week I and Week II. Displays should be directed at educating fairgoers on their breed of sheep, lamb products, by-products of wool, as well as showcasing their breeding program and operation. All breeds shall compete together within this program. Display must fit within pen and tack space. **Additional pen space must be requested at time of entry.**

Awards shall be as follows:

Best Marketing Program Overall.....	\$100 & Rosette
2nd Place	\$ 75 & Rosette
3rd Place.....	\$ 50 & Rosette
4th Place	\$ 25 & Rosette
Best Signage Program	\$ 25 & Rosette
Best Program Directed at General Public	\$ 25 & Rosette
Most Creative.....	\$ 25 & Rosette
Best Display Promoting Lamb Product	\$ 50 & Rosette
Best Display Promoting Wool Product	\$ 50 & Rosette

DISPLAY SCORECARD

Display20%

Clearly demonstrates its purpose, message and/or image while focusing on cleanliness

Effective use of display materials20%

Paper, wood, metal, plastic, plant material, etc., must meet current fire code standards

Use of color and signage20%

Graphics and signage to create impact and storyline

Special affects5%

Movement, sound, audio visual, participatory element

Effective use of handout materials20%

Flyers, pamphlets, business cards, recipes, children's materials

Craftsmanship15%

Is well constructed, balanced and has an overall finished, artistic and visual appeal

TOTAL100%

MARCUS THOMPSON, JR. HAMPSHIRE SHOW
1:00 PM –TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
JUDGE – CRUZ NICHOLS

Each exhibitor is limited to entering a total of 14 head. Break dates are as follows: Senior lambs born September 1 to December 31, Intermediates - born January 1 to February 15; Juniors born February 16 and after. Seven slick shorn classes are offered. The Best Headed classes are open to any animal previously shown in this show, one entry per exhibitor for each class. These classes will not be included in the tally of points toward Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor. Champion and Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe Rosettes will be awarded in both the fitted and slick shorn divisions. The Champions from each division will compete for Grand Champion Hampshire Ram & Ewe, and those selected two champions will compete for the Supreme Hampshire Award.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

A: \$42	38	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	22	20	20
B: \$42	38	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	22		
C: \$42	38	34	32	30	28	26	24				
D: \$42	38	34	32	30	28						
E: \$42	38	34	32								
F: \$42	38	34									

CLASS PREMIUM

1401 – FITTED YEARLING RAM (3 PLACES)	F
1402 – SLICK SHORN YEARLING RAM (3 PLACES)	F
1403 – FITTED SENIOR RAM LAMB (3 PLACES)	F
1404 – SLICK SHORN SENIOR RAM LAMB (3 PLACES)	F
1409 – FITTED INTERMEDIATE RAM LAMB (4 PLACES)	E
1410 – SLICK SHORN INTERMEDIATE RAM LAMB (3 PLACES)	F
1412 – FITTED JUNIOR RAM LAMB (6 PLACES)	D
1417 – SLICK SHORN JUNIOR RAM LAMB (3 PLACES)	F
1420 – PAIR OF RAM LAMBS (6 PLACES)	D
1427 – BEST HEADED RAM	AWARD
1431 – FITTED YEARLING EWE (12 PLACES)	A
1433 – SLICK SHORN YEARLING EWE (4 PLACES)	E
1435 – PAIR OF YEARLING EWES (6 PLACES)	D
1440 – FITTED SENIOR EWE LAMB (4 PLACES)	E
1441 – SLICK SHORN SENIOR EWE LAMB (3 PLACES)	F
1449 – FITTED INTERMEDIATE EWE LAMB (8 PLACES)	C
1450 – SLICK SHORN INTERMEDIATE EWE LAMB (3 PLACES)	F
1451 – FITTED JUNIOR EWE LAMB (10 PLACES)	B
1458 – SLICK SHORN JUNIOR EWE LAMB (4 PLACES)	E
1460 – PAIR OF EWE LAMBS (6 PLACES)	D
1472 – SUPREME HAMPSHIRE	AWARD
1473 – BEST HEADED EWE	AWARD
1475 – EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK (6 PLACES)	D
1477 – BREEDER'S FLOCK (4 PLACES)	E
1478 – GET-OF-SIRE (4 PLACES)	E

STRAWBERRY FIELDS FARM, WEST GREENWICH, RI, offers an award for Best Headed Ram and Best Headed Ewe.

THE DR. DONALD M. KINSMAN VIRTUAL LAMB CARCASS
SHOW
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
JUDGING & SCANNING – 12:00 NOON
WEIGH-IN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – 5PM-7PM
RELEASE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 3 PM
JUDGE – CRUZ NICHOLS
SUPERINTENDANT – ASHLEY MCFARLAND, JORDANVILLE, NY

Lambs may arrive until 5pm Saturday night if arriving with only Market Lambs. Breed and registration number of sire must be on the entry form for breed awards.

Live Market Lambs. Ewes and wethers will be divided into equal divisions by weight. All entries should be entered in Class 3900 by weight before being judged on the hoof and will remain in the same class division for the Virtual Carcass Show. **ENTRIES FOR THIS SHOW ARE LIMITED TO TWO ENTRIES PER EXHIBITOR.** Scanning will take place immediately after the live lamb placings on Sunday during the live show.

Lambs must be clean and weigh a minimum of 80 lbs. and a maximum of 180 lbs. Lambs under or over the prescribed weight will be disqualified. Lambs shall have no coverings of any kind and must be dry at weighing. The committee reserves the right to test the animals for drug residue if they feel it is necessary. To make a quality show, the committee reserves the right to disqualify lambs at weigh-in for lack of conditioning. Any intact males, including cryptorchids, will be disqualified from the contest.

ALL MARKET LAMBS MUST BE COMPLETELY SLICK SHORN WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE SHOW.

There will be no unethical or inhumane treatment of lambs. Organic bedding is required, and no muzzles or icing of lambs will be allowed. All lambs must have clean, fresh water available to drink at all times. All lambs for this contest will be penned by the exhibitor in designated pens. Please see Sheep Show Superintendent, Debra Hopkins, for penning upon arrival.

In addition to the Champion, Reserve Champion, Highly Commended and Commended, there will be a Sweepstakes Winner in each class division (lightweight, middleweight, heavyweight) determined by the highest score of total points obtained in both hoof and virtual carcass classes.

Each division will be limited to 30 lambs per class or where the judge feels the quality ends. All superintendents' decisions on class splits are final. This will be enforced.

The Big E offers the three Live Market Lamb Classes and the three Virtual Carcass classes with the following premiums:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
\$40	35	30	26	23	21	19	18	17	16	14	14	14	14	14	14

-Additional Junior Premiums being offered for the market lamb classes. All junior exhibitor rules apply. See #8 under the sheep show rules & regulations.

AWARDS

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP & WOOL GROWERS ASSOC. offers \$25 to the Virtual Carcass Lamb having the largest loin eye, provided it has a minimum of 2.75 sq. inches. In case of a tie, the lamb placing highest will be awarded.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP & WOOL GROWERS ASSOC. offers \$25 to each Sweepstakes winner in each weight division.

NEW ENGLAND HAMPSHIRE SHEEP ASSOC. offers \$25 to the highest placing Hampshire

exhibited placing in the top five in both the virtual and live classes. Please enter registration number on the entry form.

EASTERN TEXELS, RON LUGINBUHL, ELLINGTON, CONN., offers \$300 to Grand Champion Virtual Carcass, \$200 to Reserve Grand Champion Virtual Carcass, \$100 to Highly Commended Carcass and \$50 to the Commended Carcass. Lambs must be sired by a purebred Texel whose genetics have originated from EASTERN TEXELS. Please include sire's registration number on entry form.

THE NORTHEAST SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSN. offers \$25 to the highest placing Suffolk sired market lamb in each virtual carcass class. Please include sire's registration number on entry blank.

THE NORTHEAST SOUTHDOWN ASSN. offers \$25 to the highest placing Southdown in each live market lamb and virtual carcass class. Please include sire's registration number on entry blank.

AMERICAN DORPER SHEEP BREEDERS SOCIETY will award a \$100 premium to both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lambs if sired by a Dorper or White Dorper ram, and the exhibitor provides a suitable photograph for promotion purposes.

SHETLAND SHOW
9:00 AM – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
JUDGE – SHAWN RAMSEY

Each exhibitor is limited to entering 12 head. Break dates are as follows: Senior classes for lambs born September 1 through April 10; Junior lamb classes for lambs born April 11 and after. Shetland Sheep must be shown in full fleece and nothing may be done to alter the lock structure of the fleece. Shetland Sheep may NOT be fitted, blocked, combed, carded, brushed or trimmed. Dung tags may be removed and bellies may be sheared. Any sheep shown fitted, blocked, combed, carded, brushed or trimmed will be automatically disqualified. The Best Fleece class is open to any animal previously shown in this show, one entry per exhibitor. This class will not be included in the tally of points toward Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

A: \$42 38 34 32 30 28 26 24 22 22 20 20 20 20
 B: \$42 38 34 32 30 28 26 24 22 22 20 20
 C: \$42 38 34 32 30 28 26 24 22 22
 D: \$42 38 34 32 30 28 26 24
 E: \$42 38 34 32 30 28
 F: \$42

CLASS PREMIUM

2201 – YEARLING RAM (8 PLACES)	D
2202 – SENIOR RAM LAMB (14 PLACES)	A
2210 – JUNIOR RAM LAMB (12 PLACES)	B
2220 – PAIR OF RAM LAMBS (8 PLACES)	D
2230 – YEARLING EWE (14 PLACES)	A
2235 – PAIR OF YEARLING EWES (8 PLACES)	D
2240 – SENIOR EWE LAMB (12 PLACES)	B
2250 – JUNIOR EWE LAMB (14 PLACES)	A
2260 – PAIR OF EWE LAMBS (10 PLACES)	C
2275 – EXHIBITOR'S FLOCK (8 PLACES)	D
2277 – BREEDER'S FLOCK (6 PLACES)	E
2278 – GET-OF-SIRE (8 PLACES)	D
2285 – BEST FLEECE SHEEP (1 PLACE)	F