

LLAMA SHOW

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ARRIVAL	Thursday, September 25, 2025 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.
SCHEDULE:	Friday, September 26, 2025 - Mallary Arena 4 7:45 a.m. Exhibitors' Meeting 8 a.m. Fleece Judging (Classes 001-006) 8 a.m. Halter Classes 007-063 Saturday, September 27, 2025 - Mallary Arena 4 8 a.m. Classes 064-086 Sunday, September 28, 2025 - Mallary Arena 4 8 a.m. Classes 087-089 Awards and Exhibitor Wrap-up
RELEASE	Departure: will be staggered release at the discretion of the superintendent.

SPECIAL RULES

- 1. Read All Rules:** All entries and awards within this show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations published in the premium book, as well as these Species Rules.
- 2. The Big E Llama Show will be the host of the ILR Championship Shows in 2025.**
- 3.** This will be a double Halter show only.
- 4. Sanction:** This Llama Show is sanctioned by ILR and all rules and guidelines for this show will be in accordance with the ILR Show Division unless noted as a change for this show. It is not necessary to be a member of the ILR Show Division to participate in this show. However, membership is necessary to receive points for your placings. For complete information and ILR Show Guidelines please see www.lamaregistry.com, ILR Show Division: then Guidelines. Please address all questions, suggestions and comments to Carol Millard, show superintendent, at kewa4@protonmail.com
- 5. Animal Registration Requirements:** All llamas must be registered or have passed screening with the International Lama Registry [ILR]. "LL" ILR registered llamas only can be shown in Halter and

Fleece Classes. Non-ILR registered llamas with an ILR Listing Number may show in the Performance, Showmanship or Youth divisions or other optional classes.

6. Microchips: All camelids must be identified by microchip. The microchip number must match the health papers (see Animal Health Requirements for Camelids) presented to inspectors for admission to the facility. Camelids not complying will not be allowed off the trailer. The exhibitor is responsible for providing or having available the appropriate readers. **TEST YOUR CHIPS BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR THE SHOW!**

7. Age Restriction: All show camelids must be at least 5 months old. Nursing crias that are accompanying a show llama may not accompany dams into show ring.

8. Substitutions: Substitutions will be allowed only until **September 15** to allow for an accurate show book. This applies to camelids in classes where the entry is made in the name of the animal (halter and performance classes) and to handlers where the entry is made in the name of the handler (youth and showmanship).

9. Entries: Entries best received through the ShoWorks online program. Contact the Ag Office for help 413-205-5011. Payment is made online or sent to Agriculture & Education Department, ESE, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA 01089, 413-205-5011. Mailed entries need to be postmarked by the deadline. Entry deadline is August 15, with late entries until August 31. Entry process is not complete until payment is received.

10. Passes: See General Rules and Regulations on top of Camelid Page.

11. Animal Care: Feed, bedding and care of the animals is the sole responsibility of the owner or exhibitor. No paper products will be allowed for bedding purposes. ESE provides one (1) bale of straw for each animal pen entered.

12. Stalling: Pen panels are provided and set up by ESE. Animal pens cost \$15 each and other non-animal stalls used for tack/display/sleeping/storage will be charged \$25 each. ONE NON-ANIMAL stall per entry to be used as display, tack, or other. If an animal pen is subsequently used as a tack/display/ or any kind of non-animal use, the extra cost will be assessed for additional payment. Please identify any exhibitor with whom you are sharing pens so Show Management can arrange stalling efficiently. For clarification on questions regarding entries please see General Rules #3.

13. Youth: All ages are as of January 1, 2025. All points go to the youth and not the llama. Animal must be named on entry form. Divisions are as follows: Junior 7-11 years; Intermediate 12-14 years; Senior 15-19 years. Exception: 7-year-old Juniors must have turned 7 AS OF THE FIRST DATE OF THE SHOW. 7-year-old youth may choose to show as Sub-Juniors or as Juniors. Youth participants may show no more than two (2) animals in the Youth division and only one animal in any one class. Youth may share an animal in Youth classes, however, the number of youth sharing one animal in Youth classes will be limited to two (2) in order to prevent undue stress to the animal. A llama may NOT show in Youth and other Performance divisions (Novice or Advanced Performance). Animals shown by youth can show in their respective halter division and novice or advanced showmanship.

CLASS DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

1. Shorn Fleece and Fleece Products Show: Entry fee is \$20 per fleece or product. Llama fleeces or products must be received by September 25 either personally delivered or shipped. They will be released back to you on September 28. Shipped fleeces or products should be sent to: Agriculture Department, ESE, 1305 Memorial Avenue, W. Springfield MA 01089 including a prepaid shipping label for return. Shipped items will be sent by the end of the week following the Exposition. Each exhibitor will receive written evaluation of fleece or product.

a. Shorn Fleeces: Please see www.lamaregistry.com for guidelines for entry and scorecard for fleeces. Make sure the appropriate entry form is filled out for each item. Fleeces should also have a photo with the animal's name on the back and your phone number.

b. Fleece Products: Are either knit, crochet, machine knit or felted items. Refer to the ILR Guidelines, www.lamaregistry.com for all the details about exhibitor age or experience, fiber product guidelines, how to enter, and entry form, etc. Fleece Products cannot be the same ones submitted for Lead Line.

2. Halter Classes: All animals can only be shown in one halter division (male, female, fleece non-breeder or working non-breeder). All animals should be presented for judging with a halter and lead rope and no additional decorations. No business advertising, ranch names or animal names should be displayed on the exhibitor during the class. Llamas may not be moved from one class to another after halter judging has begun, except at the judge's discretion.

a. Fleece Divisions for Halter: There are divisions for halter: Suri, Silky, Classic, Light, Medium, and Heavy. Shorn Llamas MUST be shown in the fleece division in which they would have been shown before shearing. The ILR website has the complete description and photos in the complete

Show Division Guidelines at www.lamaregistry.com for descriptions and photos of the various fleece divisions

b. Non-Breeder Halter Classes: These classes are for gelded or vasectomized males, and spayed or non-reproductive females that are suitable for other purposes besides breeding. The registration or veterinary certificate must verify the non-reproductive condition. All non-breeding animals can only show in one non-breeder class. "Working Non-breeders" shall be llamas that meet the requirements of the published fleece criteria for Classic, Light or Medium fleece on animals plus they shall have a phenotype suitable for athletic activities. "Fleece Non-breeders" shall be llamas that meet the requirements of the published fleece criteria for Suri, Silky, or Heavy fleece. Animals not in the appropriate class will be moved to the other class.

3. Showmanship: These classes will demonstrate the exhibitor's ability to prepare and present the llama to the judge in a halter class. Adult Advanced Showmanship is open to exhibitors who have shown for 4 or more years. Novice Showmanship is for adults with 1-3 years of llama showing experience.

4. Llamas of Distinction: These classes are for llamas who are 13 years of age or older as of show day. All fiber types are combined. The llama may be shown in the regular halter division as well.

5. Group Entries: An entry fee is not required for group classes (e.g. Get of Sire) but entry in the class is required. Each offspring shown in group classes must be entered and shown in their individual halter class.

a. Get-of-Sire The entry is made in the name of the sire but is not shown in this class. Each entry must include three offspring of either sex by the same sire out of at least two different dams. All Get must be shown in their appropriate halter class age division. The Get must be decided at check-in or by noon of halter classes day. There is no entry fee for this class as the offspring have already been entered in their individual classes. If the exhibitor is not the sire's owner, the exhibitor must have written permission from the sire's owner and the entry is made in the owner's name.

b. Produce of Dam: Entry is made in the name of the dam but is not shown in this class. Each entry must include two offspring of either sex, out of the same dam and may be the same or different sires. All Produce must be shown in their appropriate halter class age division. The Produce must be decided at check-in by noon of halter classes day. There is no entry fee for this class as the offspring have already been entered in their individual classes. If the exhibitor is not the dam's owner, the exhibitor must have written permission from the dam's owner and the entry is made in the owner's name.

6. Best Bred and Owned: Enter your choice of animals that are already being shown in one of the halter classes. This class is for breeding-quality llamas whose dam was owned by the exhibitor when the dam was bred and the llama was born and is still owned by the exhibitor. Each farm may enter a maximum of one (1) llama per class (male and female). (no premiums)

7. Best In Show: Grand Champion in each age and sex division will compete for the title of Best-In-Show in Male, Female, and Non-Breeder champions. (no premiums)

8. Performance Classes: A Novice Animal is defined as an animal who has not earned 4 or more Grand or Reserve Championships in any Performance division (Novice, Open, or Youth) in any Show Association or Open Show with a minimum of 5 in the division. If a Novice animal has moved to the Advanced division in any other Show Association, they must show in the Advanced division in the ILR-SD. Once an animal is entered in Advanced it cannot move back to Novice. A llama may NOT show in Youth performance and other divisions (Novice or Advanced Performance). If the size of the performance classes is determined to be too large to handle in the timeframe allotted, preliminaries may be implemented. Course obstacles will be posted before the classes start. There will be a "walk through" of the course before each performance class.

a. Pr/Companion Classes: This class is for the llama that participates in community activities, goes to schools, hospitals, service clubs and parades.

9. Freestyle-Obstacle Classes: The purpose of the obstacle class is to demonstrate the well-trained llama's obedience and willingness to go where its handler asks it to go.

a. Trail/Pack Classes: All tasks/obstacles will simulate what handler and llama might encounter or need to negotiate while hiking and/or packing on trails. The llama's maneuverability and manageability are being measured, not endurance, thus there are no weight requirements. Panniers must be filled out. All packs must have two cinches.

b. Obstacle Driving - Ground: This is for the llama that is in the beginning of cart training. A single llama, equipped with a halter, driving reins and surcingle or harness demonstrates its willingness to respond to commands from the handler.

c. Jackpot Obstacle Competition: Entry fee: \$15 for Young Jackpot (18yrs and younger only), \$25 for Apprentice Jackpot; \$50 for Master Jackpot. Awards will be paid according to number of entries. Llamas can only be entered in one jackpot group based upon your animal's expertise. If a

Youth does not enter the Young Jackpot group, they can compete in the Advanced or Apprentice competition depending on the level of their animal. Once you and/or your animal has won jackpot funds 3 times, your animal must move from Apprentice to Master. (no premiums) The primary goals of the Jackpot Obstacle Competition are to promote llamas in a positive manner to the general public and help create a venue for well-trained animals to earn income. The primary goal of the Youth Jackpot is to provide youth the ability to compete against peers. This course will strive to simulate natural, challenging conditions and obstacles that may be found on trails. The handler and llama should work as a team throughout the course (no premiums).

10. Llama Lead Line: This class promotes the practicality, versatility and elegance of llama fiber to the public. Items shown previously at ESE are not eligible to be judged again. Youth (18 years and under) Adult (19 and older).

a. Outfit: Each contestant must be fashionably dressed in a garment that is made of at least 50% llama fiber (blends with other natural fiber may be used). The garment must be made by the exhibitor, with assistance given to youth as needed.

b. Llama: The llama will be in halter, well-groomed and trained. It must be owned/leased by the exhibitor, and the majority of preparation for the show ring (grooming and training) should have been done by the exhibitor. The llama and exhibitor should complement each other. Lead Line items cannot be the same ones submitted for Fleece Product class.

c. Exhibitor: The exhibitors should display the outfit and show their llama in a positive, poised manner.

d. Scoring:

Exhibitor: Poise and appearance	30 pts.
Garment: Fit and construction	40 pts.
Llama: Appearance, groom, management	30 pts.
Narrative on entry form is legible (BONUS)	5 pts.

e. Costume: Llamas are judged on willingness to accept costume and must be able to move in it freely. The judge will also be looking for originality, training, time and energy involved. Costume must not have been used at a previous Big E Llama Show.

11. Youth:

a. Sub-Junior Youth: Showmanship, PR and Obstacle classes will be offered for our youngest exhibitors, ages 3-7. These classes will not be placed, and each contestant will receive a ribbon. For safety, an adult will be present with the child in the ring and offer whatever assistance is appropriate to the child (no premiums).

b. Youth Showcase: Entries will include a poster with drawings, samples or photographs and an educational message. For 2025, please develop your unique educational message in any direction you wish about their TEMPERMENT AND HANDLING. The posters will be displayed for the public to enjoy and learn from. There is no entry fee and hand deliver all posters to ESE by the beginning of the show. The youth's name should be on the back of the poster. Posters will remain on display during the llama show (no premiums).

c. Youth Skill-A-Thon Come join us for a llama skill-a-thon! Come test your llama knowledge and earn a prize just for entering! There will also be a prize for the winner of Senior, Intermediate and Junior, for the one who has the highest score (no premiums).

d. Youth Thursday evening game night. TBD (no sign up needed)

RIBBONS AND AWARDS

1. Ribbons: ESE provides ribbons to be presented to the first through sixth place in applicable classes along with Grand and Reserve in Divisions. ILR Championship standardized awards will also be awarded.

2. Champions: Champion will be selected from the first-place animals in each age division. Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining first place animals, and the second-place animal from the Grand Champion's age division. All animals will be placed and will receive points according to ILR guidelines. (no premiums)

3. Premier Breeder: ESE presents this award to the breeder who accumulates the highest points based on the animals shown which were bred by him/her. Halter classes only. Does not include group classes or Llama of Distinction.

4. Premier Exhibitor: ESE presents this award to the exhibitor who accumulates the highest points based on the top six animals shown by him/her. Halter classes only. Does not include group classes or Llama of Distinction.

5. Advanced Performance Champion and Reserve: This award is for animals who have shown

in the following three classes: Advanced Obstacle; Advanced Trail/Pack Llama and Advanced PR/Companion Llama. The llama meeting all of the requirements and having the most points wins Performance Champion. The Reserve Performance Champion is the animal with next highest amount of points. All ties will be broken by noting the animal placing highest in the Advanced Obstacle class.

6. Novice Performance Champion and Reserve: This award is for animals who have shown in the following three classes: Novice Obstacle; Novice Trail/Pack Llama and Novice PR/Companion Llama. The llama meeting all of the requirements and having the most points wins Grand Novice Performance Champion. The Reserve Novice Performance Champion is the animal with next highest amount of points. All ties will be broken by noting the animal placing highest in the Novice Obstacle class.

7. Youth Champion and Reserve Youth Champion: champion and reserve in each age division will be determined by the best combined score from three classes in each youth division. Obstacle and PR/Companion will be required classes. The 3rd class may be Trail/Pack or Showmanship. If a youth completes all 4 classes, the higher score will count. Scores will be tabulated using the ILR point chart in the ILR-SD Guidelines. The youth with the greatest number of points in each division become the Senior, Intermediate or Junior Youth Champion. The second highest score will be Youth Reserve Champion. In the case of a tie the Obstacle class will be the tiebreaker.

SHOW PREMIUMS:

(premiums for numbered classes except Best Bred & Owned, Jackpots, Sub Junior classes, Youth Showcase)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
\$101	78	67	56	45	34

CLASSES

NUMBER	NAME
001	Shorn Fleece: Double with Crimp/Crinkle
002	Shorn Fleece: Single with Crimp/Crinkle
003	Shorn Fleece: Single w/o Crimp/Crinkle
004	Shorn Fleece: Suri
005	Fleece Product – Knit/Crochet/Machine Knit
006	Fleece Product – Felted
007	Adult Advanced Showmanship
008	Adult Novice Showmanship
009	Senior Youth Showmanship
010	Intermediate Youth Showmanship
011	Junior Youth Showmanship
012	Sub Junior Youth Showmanship
013	Young Working Non-Breeder
014	Adult Working Non-Breeder
015	Young Fleece Non-Breeder
016	Adult Fleece Non-Breeder
017	Non-Breeder Llama of Distinction
018	Suri Wool Juvenile Female
019	Suri Wool Yearling Female
020	Suri Wool 2 Year Old Female
021	Suri Wool Adult Female
022	Silky Wool Juvenile Female
023	Silky Wool Yearling Female
024	Silky Wool 2 Year Old Female
025	Silky Wool Adult Female
026	Classic/Light Wool Juvenile Female
027	Classic/Light Wool Yearling Female
028	Classic/Light Wool 2 Year Old Female
029	Classic/Light Wool Adult Female
030	Medium Wool Juvenile Female
031	Medium Wool Yearling Female

032	Medium Wool 2 Year Old Female
033	Medium Wool Adult Female
034	Heavy Wool Juvenile Female
035	Heavy Wool Yearling Female
036	Heavy Wool 2 Year Old Female
037	Heavy Wool Adult Female
038	Female Llama of Distinction
039	Best Bred & Owned Female
040	Suri Wool Juvenile Male
041	Suri Wool Yearling Male
042	Suri Wool 2 Year Old Male
043	Suri Wool Adult Male
044	Silky Wool Juvenile Male
045	Silky Wool Yearling Male
046	Silky Wool 2 Year Old Male
047	Silky Wool Adult Male
048	Classic/Light Wool Juvenile Male
049	Classic/Light Wool Yearling Male
050	Classic/Light Wool 2 Year Old Male
051	Classic/Light Wool Adult Male
052	Medium Wool Juvenile Male
053	Medium Wool Yearling Male
054	Medium Wool 2 Year Old Male
055	Medium Wool Adult Male
056	Heavy Wool Juvenile Male
057	Heavy Wool Yearling Male
058	Heavy Wool 2 Year Old Male
059	Heavy Wool Adult Male
060	Male Llama of Distinction
061	Best Bred & Owned Male
062	Get-of-Sire
063	Produce of Dam
064	Trail/Pack Advanced
065	Trail/Pack Novice
066	Trail/Pack Senior Youth (Handler 15-19yrs)
067	Trail/Pack Intermediate Youth (Handler 12-14yrs)
068	Trail/Pack Junior Youth (Handler 7-11yrs)
069	Pr/Companion Advanced
070	Pr/Companion Novice
071	Pr/Companion Senior Youth (Handler 15-19yrs)
072	Pr/Companion Intermediate Youth (Handler 12-14yrs)
073	Pr/Companion Junior Youth (Handler 7-11yrs)
074	Pr/Companion Sub Junior Youth (Handler 3-7yrs)
075	Obstacle Advanced
076	Obstacle Novice
077	Obstacle Senior Youth (Handler 15-19yrs)
078	Obstacle Intermediate Youth (Handler 12-14yrs)
079	Obstacle Junior Youth (Handler 7-11yrs)
080	Obstacle Sub-Junior (Handler 3-7yrs)
081	Ground Driving
082	Youth Costume Class
083	Adult Costume Class

084	Llama Lead Line Youth (18yrs and under)
085	Llama Lead Line Adult (19yrs and older)
086	Jackpot Obstacle Apprentice
087	Jackpot Obstacle Master
088	Jackpot Obstacle Young
089	Youth Showcase