

4-H/FFA Breeding Sheep

Barn Supervisor: Alvin McNeil

Entry Information

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2026

Entry Fee: \$8/head

**Late entries are due Sept. 4 at \$16/head*

Schedule

Arrive: Thurs., Sept. 10 from 6:00-9:00 a.m.

Check-In: Upon Arrival

Show: Sat., Sept. 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Wool -> Meat -> Commercial Meat

Showmanship: Sat., Sept. 12 following show

Release: Tues., Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m. *(or after show)*
Must be out by 10:00 p.m.

**Early and/or late releases may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Please see barn supervisor for approval.*

Rules and Regulations

1. All Junior Livestock Exhibitors at the Utah State Fair must be a member of a Utah FFA chapter or a Utah 4-H county program.
2. Youth MUST be age 8 AND in 3rd grade to participate in large animal projects. Youth turning 8 AND in 3rd grade may participate after their 8th birthday during the 4-H year. Additionally, youth are allowed to show through the season immediately following their high school graduation but must not have passed their 19th birthday.
3. After using the wash rack, exhibitors must clean the area. Animals may not be tied and left unattended in the wash racks. Please be courteous and allow others access as needed.
4. Any hose or equipment connected to the wash rack water supply must be equipped with a functional shut-off nozzle.
5. A minimum of 15 head of sheep, owned by at least two exhibitors from different families or farm operations, is required to constitute competition within a breed.

Failure to meet this requirement for two consecutive years may result in the elimination of that breed as a separate class.

6. All Other Recognized Breeds: If there is insufficient competition within a breed, animals may be grouped into an "All Other Recognized Breeds" class.
7. All animals must be registered with their respective national breed association or be eligible for registration according to that association's age requirements.
8. All animals must have proper individual identification. This includes, but is not limited to, registration numbers, tattoos, brands, or other permanent identification that corresponds with official records. Identification must be clearly legible and match entry information.
9. All decisions rendered by the official judge(s) are final, binding, and not subject to review or appeal.
10. Each exhibitor has absolute responsibility for the care and condition of the animal(s) they enter and bring to the Fair. The Utah State Fair and its staff shall not be held liable for any injury, illness, loss, or death of livestock while on Fairpark property.
11. The use of straw is prohibited on the Fairpark. Wood shavings will be provided for initial bedding.
12. Exhibitors are required to read and abide by the General Rules and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.

Special Rules

1. All sheep, including young animals in purebred classes must be registered in the flock books of their respective breeds and must have an ear-tag before entering the ring. The ear-tag number must, therefore, form a part of the entry. All animals must have an ear-tag clamped in the ear or have a legible tattoo.
2. Lamb lots must have lambs' teeth to be eligible.
3. 4-H & FFA Breeding Sheep Exhibitors staying for the Open Show need to clean out their pens after 9 pm on Saturday, Sept 12th for re-bedding.
4. Meat breeds (including but not limited to Suffolk, Hampshire, Dorset, Shropshire and Southdown) will be shown slick shorn. Animals must have been completely shorn within two weeks of the show, with no more than 1/4" wool at show time.
5. Any animal shown in the 4-H/FFA Breeding Sheep Show is not eligible to compete in the 4-H/FFA Market Sheep Show.

Division

Class RM – Registered Meat *(animals must be registered with their respective breed association)*

Class RW – Registered Wool *(animals must be registered with their respective breed association)*

Class CM – Commercial Meat

Lots – All Breeds

Rams

1. Ram One-Year-Old and Under Two
2. Pen of Two Yearling Rams *(limit one entry per exhibitor)*
3. Fall Ram Lambs – born before December 15, 2025
4. Winter Ram Lambs – born December 15, 2025 – February 14, 2026
5. Spring Ram Lambs – born February 15, 2026 and later
6. Pen of Two Ram Lambs *(limit one entry per exhibitor)*
7. Best Pair – 1 Yearling Ram and 1 Ram Lamb *(limit one entry per exhibitor)*

Grand Champion Ram (Lots 1, 3-5)

Reserve Champion Ram

Ewes

10. Ewe One-Year-Old and Under Two
11. Pen of Two Yearling Ewes *(limit one entry per exhibitor)*
12. Flock – owned by one exhibitor, to consist of 1 Yearling Ram and 2 Yearling Ewes *(limit one entry per exhibitor)*
13. Fall Ewe Lambs – born before December 15, 2025
14. Winter Ewe Lambs – born December 15, 2025 – February 14, 2026
15. Spring Ewe Lambs – born February 15, 2026 and later

16. Pen of Two Ewe Lambs (limit one entry per exhibitor)
17. Young Flock – owned by one exhibitor, to consist of 1 Ram Lamb and 2 Ewe Lambs (limit one entry per exhibitor)
18. Get of Sire – owned by one exhibitor, to consist of 4 animals – both sexes represented – and sire must be named (limit one entry per exhibitor)
19. Best Pair – 1 Yearling Ewe and 1 Ewe Lamb (limit one entry per exhibitor)
20. Best 4 Head – owned by one exhibitor, consists of 4 animals of either sex (limit one entry per exhibitor)

Grand Champion Ewe (Lots 10, 13-15)

Reserve Champion Ewe

**All rules and regulations, including class lists and show order, are subject to change at the discretion and approval of State Fair staff as necessary to ensure the safety, integrity, and efficient operation of the exhibition.*