

JUNIOR SHEEP - DEPARTMENT 104

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JUDGING DAY: THURSDAY at 8:00 a.m., Showmanship, Wethers, Breeding Stock

Current Walworth County Fair overall Rules & Regulations apply and are at: walworthcountyfairgrounds.com.

RULES GOVERNING SHEEP EXHIBITS

1. Each exhibitor must be YQCA certified and meet mandatory meeting requirements to exhibit at the Walworth County Fair.
2. All exhibitors must attend ONE educational meeting.
3. Exhibitors should enter one crossbred wether class for every purebred entered, in case a purebred does not display enough breed characteristics at fair weigh in, determined by the classifier.
4. Exhibitors may show a total of two wethers.
5. A pen consists of 2 wethers of any breed; and must have been shown individually in their respective breed classes by that same exhibitor.
6. On the 1st Saturday in May, exhibitors shall pick up ear tags and DNA kits at the Walworth County Fairgrounds in order to self-tag and collect DNA. That self-collected DNA shall be returned at the Spring Tagging Day on the 2nd Saturday in May at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. There are no exceptions. If you need assistance with lamb identification and/or tagging, attend the Spring Tagging Day.
7. All wethers must be in the exhibitor's possession by the Walworth County Fair tagging date.
8. Families may register up to eight wethers per family member (exhibitor) and each lamb will be identified with an RFID tag.
9. Exhibitors must present a fair entry tag for each lamb at weigh-in to document its proper entry in the fair.
10. Wethers will be identified in the family name with exhibitors making exact entries at the time of fair weigh-in.
11. If a lamb is registered as a crossbred at the spring tagging, it cannot be changed to a purebred at any time.
12. Any disputes as to a wether's breed type will be decided by a vote of the committee the day of tagging and/or final weigh-in.
13. Exhibitors will be responsible for removing any tags from their lamb's ear.
14. Wethers must have proper ear tags in place before entering the scale. All blankets and halters must be removed before the wether will be weighed. No chain halters will be allowed at the scale for weigh in. Drug withdrawal forms are due at the time of weigh-in.
15. All project animals for both county and state exhibitions must be kept at the exhibitor's home and cared for by the exhibitor and their family. Permission to house the project animals someplace other than home must be obtained from the sheep committee members by the county tagging date. Farm visits may occur at the committee's discretion. Non-compliance will result in the disqualification from both county and state sheep exhibitions. In other words, Junior exhibitors must be in good standing at the county level to participate at the state level. Exhibitor can appeal to the Fair Board.
16. All sheep must be in place by 8:00 PM Tuesday. Wethers for the Meat Animal Sale will be weighed at 7:30 AM Wednesday. Wethers (large breeds) must weigh a minimum of 120# for consignment in the Meat Animal Sale and must grade prime or choice. Wethers in the small breeds (Cheviot, Southdown, and any other small breed to be determined by the committee) must weigh a minimum of 90# for consignment.
17. Exhibitors meeting will be held on Wednesday of Fair at 7:00 AM before weigh-in.
18. All sheep exhibits are to remain in sheep barn, except to go to the wash rack area. If removed from the sheep barn, the animal will not be permitted to show or sell.
19. All purebred rams and ewes must be registered in the Jr. exhibitor's name in order to show. Committee members will check papers and scrapie tags Tuesday night from 8:00 – 9:00 pm.
20. Only those animals that have lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the lamb classes, yearlings must have yearling teeth.
21. Only the judge, the superintendent, his aides and the exhibitors actually showing the animals will be permitted in the ring.
22. All breeding classes of registered Targhee, and Columbias show with 2-inch wool or less. All Shropshire must be slick shorn. All other breeds must not carry more than 1" of wool on any part of the body. In market classes, all lambs must be slick shorn (within 5 days) before entering the scale to be weighed the day before showing.
23. No coloring of sheep, chemical enhancement or inhumane treatment of any kind will be permitted.
24. Fly spray, soap, and/or conditioner suitable for human or animal use contained in original manufacturer bottle packaging (not mixed) may be used.
25. Icing of any sort is prohibited until after Show Day.
26. Class for a market lamb pen of two will be determined by the average weight of the two lambs.
27. No exhibitor in the Junior Department will be allowed to compete in a Showmanship Contest which he/she has won the previous year. Winners of their age division must advance to the next age division the following year. They may not regain eligibility within the age group where the award took place, except the Senior Division, where the winner will not be required to sit out unless they have won Master Showman.
SHOWMANSHIP MUST BE PRE-ENTERED IN THE DIVISION THE YOUTH IS TO SHOW IN.
28. Showmanship will be held promptly at 8:00 AM and will be run in order from oldest to youngest.
29. Grooming chutes and/or blocking stands are only allowed in the aisles on Show Day from 6:00 AM-4:00 PM

- and must run parallel with pens. Do not block aisles; remove as soon as you are done.
30. Clipping and grooming on sheep while on the fairgrounds are to be done by any Junior exhibitor, immediate family member, or youth leaders on the Junior Sheep Committee.
 31. Each animal entered will be only shown once except for pen of wethers and showmanship divisions.
 32. Wethers that do not meet the weight or grade requirements are eligible to show. They will not be sold in the sale.
 33. Use of a drench gun or any use of a muzzle is prohibited. Any oral administration or injection to a sheep or lamb is prohibited unless administered by the fair veterinarian. All lambs will have free-choice, fresh, clean water in pens at all times. A violation of any part of this rule will result in the exhibitor's disqualification from the sheep show and sheep portion of the Meat Animal Sale.
 34. The Walworth County Fair reserves the right to randomly drug test all wethers for drug violations. Random DNA samples will be pulled at weigh-in. The Champion and Reserve Champion will be subject to mandatory DNA testing.
 35. Any market lamb that arrives at the fair with a missing Walworth County Meat Animal Sale or Wisconsin State Fair tag will be subject to mandatory retagging and DNA testing at the exhibitor's expense.

AGE CLASSIFICATIONS:

1. A yearling ram or ewe lamb is one born during the period of September 1 to August 31 of year preceding exhibit year.
2. A Jr. ram, ewe, or wether lamb is one born on or after January 1 of exhibit year.
3. A Sr. ram or ewe lamb is one born Sept 1 through Dec. 31 of year preceding exhibit year.

Division Letter:

- A. Shropshire
- B. Southdown
- C. Suffolk
- D. Hampshire
- E. Dorset
- F. Oxford
- G. Montadale
- H. Any Other Breed
- I. Slick Shorn
- J. Natural Colored

| CLASS | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | 4TH |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Ram Lamb | \$6 | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 |
| 2. Sr. Ram Lamb | \$6 | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 |
| 3. Jr. Ram Lamb | \$6 | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 |
| 4. Ewe Yearling | \$6 | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 |
| 5. Sr. Ewe Lamb | \$6 | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 |
| 6. Jr. Ewe Lamb | \$6 | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 |
| 7. Mixed Pen (ewe & ram lamb, same breed) | \$6 | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 |

Champion & Reserve Champion Male & Female.....RIBBON
 Grand Champion Ewe & Ram (Overall).....RIBBON

MARKET LAMBS
Division Letter: N.

| CLASS | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | 4TH | 5TH |
|--|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Shropshire Wether Lamb | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 2. Southdown Wether Lamb | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 3. Suffolk Wether Lamb | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 4. Hampshire Wether | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 5. Dorset Wether | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 6. Oxford Wether | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 7. Montadale Wether Lamb | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 8. AOB Hair Sheep Wether | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 9. Natural Colored Wether | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 10. Any Other Breed Wether | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 11. Crossbred Wether Lamb | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |
| 12. Market Class Pen of Wether Lambs, Any Breed (this includes mixed breeds) | \$10 | \$9 | \$8 | \$7 | \$6 |

Champion & Reserve Champion Wether (each breed).....RIBBON
 Grand Champion Wether (Overall).....RIBBON
 & BANNER
 Reserve Grand Champion Wether (Overall).....RIBBON
 & BANNER

Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Wethers Trophies will be awarded
 An embroidered jacket will be awarded to the winner of the Grand Champion Wether Overall by PFI Fashions, Genoa City

Showmanship

Danish Judging – Must be pre-entered to compete (all breeds to compete)

Division Letter: BB. Showmanship

| CLASS | 1ST | 2ND | 3RD | 4TH |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. Junior 8 – 10 years old | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 | \$2 |
| 2. Junior 11 – 12 years old | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 | \$2 |
| 3. Intermediate 13-14 years old | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 | \$2 |
| 4. Senior 15-16 years old | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 | \$2 |
| 5. Senior 17 years old & up | \$5 | \$4 | \$3 | \$2 |

Top Showmen Awards will be given in each class.

Senior 17 years old & up, Class #5 Champion has the sole privilege of showing in Master Showman Contest on Saturday in Activity Center.

LAMB CARCASS CONTEST

PREMIUMS: 1st – \$10.00 2nd - \$9.00 3rd - \$8.00 4th - \$7.00

Division Letter: CC. Carcass Contest

Class #

1. Carcass Contest

RULES:

1. All carcass entries MUST be pre-entered. The Danish Judging System will be used.
2. Lambs should have adequate cover not less than .10 inches, but no more than .30 inches. Loin eye less than two square inches will be ineligible for premium money. Must yield grade between 1” and 3”
3. Exhibitors entering the carcass contest must pay a **\$5.00 fee** at the time of tagging.
4. Only 1 lamb will be eligible to be shown and must be an additional animal other than the entries made by the exhibitor in the live animal wether show on Thursday, but must be one of the eight animals registered at the spring tagging.
5. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 120# to be eligible.

6. AUGUST 23, 2026 - Weighing will begin at 11:00 AM at the Fairgrounds.
7. All lambs must be in place no later than 11:00 AM; at this time the lambs will be evaluated.
8. All carcass lamb entries meeting weight specifications will be slaughtered.
 - a. Animals will be graded on carcass merit on AUGUST 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM at Sorgs.
 - b. All lambs shown in carcass contest must be wethers.
 - c. The contest is open to any Junior Class Sheep exhibitor.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Awards will be given to the exhibitors of the Champion and Reserve Champion carcass lambs.