2026-2027 Breeding Sheep Rulebook

If you should have any questions, please contact your Committee Chairperson(s):

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Please note:
Yellow = New/ Changed

GENERAL RULES:

PURPOSE:

- The intent and purpose of the Osceola County Show & Fair Youth Breeding Sheep Show is to provide for a means to promote the sheep industry in Central Florida. Central Florida has a unique opportunity for a market that is for out-of- season breeding and for natural-colored breeds, known as niche markets.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Exhibitor must be 8 years old by September 1, of current year. Exhibitor must be a current member of Osceola County 4-H or FFA and may enter all open class shows.
- All Exhibitors are required to complete Ethic Class. If you need to sign up for the class go to https://floridastatefairag.com/.
- Any 4-H, FFA, or Open exhibitors conducting or participating in any illegal or illicit activities including tobacco, alcohol, and vaping around the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to show and/or sell at the Fair. Any monies owed by the Fair for sales, premiums, and awards will be withheld by KVLS for the current year.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

- All animals will be required to meet the guidelines set by the State of Florida, Department of Agriculture. All animals are required to have OCVI.
- Please see the Event Calendar for complete details and dates.

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JUDGING:

- Only 1st Place exhibits will be eligible for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion places.
- There must be a minimum of three (3) animals per breed for the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion places to pay full premiums. If there are not enough animals in a breed to make a class, it will be up to the show committee to make a class placement decision. Exhibitors must be present during judging or prior arrangements must be made with the committee, otherwise no premiums will be paid. An animal can only be shown in one class.

DRESS CODE:

FOR THE SHOW:

- All exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans (no holes in jeans).
- Boots or leather closed toed shoes.
- Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
- No other hats, jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.
- THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

FOR SHOWMANSHIP:

- All exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeved shirt, collard dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers (no holes in jeans).
- Boots or leather closed toed shoes.
- Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
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REGISTRATION:

- All animals must be registered ONLINE by the deadline. Please see the Osceola County Fair Event Calendar and their website for mandatory deadlines. If you are not registered by the deadline, you will not be allowed to participate in the Breeding Sheep Show.
- Exhibitors will be showing their sheep as registered. Switching sheep or sharing sheep is not allowed. The same sheep cannot be shown twice by two different exhibitors. If two (or more) exhibitors are signed up to show the same lamb, they will be disqualified. This includes both show and showmanship.

ANIMAL CARE:

- Animals should be shown and groomed in whatever manner appropriate for the breed and age with a maximum of 2 inches of wool on any part of the body.
- No painting of sheep will be allowed.
- Filling of sheep with any substance is prohibited. All sheep must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alterations or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of the hooves.
- Unworthy Exhibits---It is the intent of the Youth Sheep Committee that no premium of distinction of any kind be given an animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited.
- The judge must not award a premium to any unworthy animal.
- Only first place winning animals are eligible to compete for Grand Champion's, the second place animal from the Grand Champion's class will be brought in for selection of Reserve Grand Champion.
- Exhibitors will be required to feed and water their own animals and bring their own feed.
- All animals must be cared for by the exhibitor. This includes feeding, watering, and cleaning beds and pens. Exhibitors will need to bring feed each day for their animals.
- Please clean out pens when checking out. Remember these exhibits are for the public to view, let's show them something we're proud of. Clean animals and clean pens.
- Exhibitor will be fully responsible for feeding, providing water, and keeping the animal's pen clean until the official release time or at the time the fair closes on Sunday at 5:00pm.

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HANDLING:

- All lambs must be trained for show and to be controlled by the exhibitor.
- Animals that cannot be handled properly will be asked to be haltered or be disqualified and premiums forfeited.

SHOW LIMITATION:

- There must be a minimum of five animals per species to have a show (unless otherwise stated).
- The exhibitor must show its own animal in all showmanship, shows, or contests.
- Market lambs may not be shown in breeding show or showmanship. Breeding sheep may not be shown in market show or showmanship.

ENTRIES:

- Any exhibitor entering an animal in any name other that the bona fide owner or owners must present a lease agreement.
- Animals shown in individual classes must be owned by or leased to the exhibitor at the time of registration.
- All animals must be halter broken to lead in order to compete for premiums.
- Sheep must be in show shape upon arrival at the Fair.
- Entries must be made in the name of the flock owner.
- Each animal entered in the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show & Fair Youth Sheep Breeding Show must have the correct ear tag, birth date, and show division on their entry form. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all sheep for age.

  Sheep must be born between January 1, 2021, and December 1, 2026
- All sheep entered in the Kissimmee Valley Livestock Show & Fair must be tagged with an approved USDA Scrape Tag.
- Sheep must be shown in their respective age classes. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the chairman, be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging.
- Once the classes are posted to the board in the barn, they are final.
- Substitutions are on approval by the Committee. Substitutions must be

submitted in writing, either by email or postmarked by February 1 of the show year. Ownership deadline will still apply on substituted animals.
NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR.

- Youth exhibitors are strongly encouraged to complete a sheep breeding record book as part of their entry to exhibit. Record keeping is part of the experiential learning process for 4-H & FFA exhibitors. One Record Book per exhibitor is encouraged. These books can be obtained by contacting your leader or local Osceola County 4-H Extension Office.
- Assistants for lambs on side must be an active 4-H or FFA member & registered at the time of check in.

ARRIVAL:

- Animals may not be unloaded on the fairgrounds until they have been checked by the Florida State Veterinarians, except in the case of emergency. Any animals arriving late due to emergency must contact the committee chairpersons.
- A mandatory meeting will be held the day of check-in.
    - See the youth calendar for date and time (Exhibitor or their parent must be present for check-in and the mandatory meeting.)

CHECK-OUT:

- Breeding sheep are released on Friday after the Breeding Sheep Show is completed. Or, they may stay until Sunday at 5pm.
- Exhibitor and/ or a representative will be present to assist in setting up the pens per the assigned date and time. Also, the exhibitor will be present to assist in cleaning up and breaking down pens for check-out on Sunday at 5:00pm. This includes both market lamb and breeding sheep exhibitors.
    - Failure to assist in the set-up of the pens will result in a fine deduction of $25.00 will be deducted from the gross amount of market animal check.
    - Any exhibitor that fails to assist for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show any animal species the next year.

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PREMIUMS:

- 1st | $8.00
- 2nd | $5.00
- 3rd | $3.00
- 4th – 10th | $2.00
- Good Neighbor Award | $25.00
- Grand Champion Ewe | $75.00
- Reserve Grand Champion Ewe | $50.00
- Grand Champion Ram | $75.00
- Reserve Grand Champion Ram | $50.00
- All premiums will be mailed to the exhibitors after the fair.
- Please allow up to 6 weeks.

Your animal area must be clean (inside/underneath/around) at all times, including checkout time. If not clean, premiums will be forfeited

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YOUTH BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES

Division I | Black Face Wool – Hampshire, Oxford, Shropshire, Suffolk, and any other sheep with 75% or more of these crosses. (Medium to Large Frame).
Division II | White Face Wool – Southdown, Dorset, Columbia, any White Face breed, and any other sheep with 75% or more of these crosses (Medium to Large Frame).
Division III | Haired Meat Sheep – Barbados, Katahdin, Dorper, St. Crois, St. Augustine, other haired breeds. (Small to Medium Frame).
DIVISION IV | AOB – Cross between hair and wool, cross between white face and black face wool, any lamb not fitting into DIVISIONS I, II or III above.

CLASSES: are subject to change based on animal age and number of entries

EWE CLASSES
January 1, 2026-February 28, 2026
March 1, 2026-March 31, 2026
April 1, 2026-April 30, 2026
May 1, 2026-December 1, 2026
January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025
January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024
January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023
January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022
January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

RAM CLASSES
January 1, 2026-February 28, 2026
March 1, 2026-March 31, 2026
April 1, 2026-April 30, 2026
May 1, 2026-December 1, 2026
January 1, 2025-December 31, 2025
January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024
January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023
January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022
January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

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OPEN CLASS

- The Open Class is for spare lambs to the Market Program or a Market lamb that did not make weight (minimum weight for Market is 80 pounds).

SECTION 9 | ADDITIONAL YOUTH BREEDING SHEEP CONTESTS:

SHOWMANSHIP:

- All exhibitors will be placed in one of the three divisions as determined by their age as of September 1 prior to the show.
    1. Junior Division (8-10 years of age)
    2. Intermediate Division (11-13 years of age)
    3. Senior Division (14-18 years of age)

    All exhibitors must show their own animal.
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The Board of Directors of the KVLS & Fair will have the final judgment in regard to the interpretation of ALL rules and regulations.