

**Please be aware that
Exhibitors entering
into these classes
must also be familiar
with the General
Rules and Livestock
Rules.**

(anything highlighted in grey is new)

LIVESTOCK

DEPARTMENT 6 – SHEEP



Chairman: *Bruce Foster*
SUPERINTENDENT: EMILY THARP
ASST. SUPERINTENDENT: LISA SMITH

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2026

Market Ear Tags: All Market sheep must be brought to the fairgrounds for tagging on June 3rd or 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If unable to attend on either date, exhibitor must notify superintendent no later than June 1st. All sheep must have ear tag in place by June 4th.

Pre Fair Barn Set up - Thursday, Aug. 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

SHEEP JUDGING IN THE SHOW ARENA.

FAIR WEEK SCHEDULE:

Health Check – Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - Noon

Animal Cert. Form turned in at Health Check

Entry --Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Judging --Monday: 4:00 p.m.

Auction --Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sweepstakes --Saturday: 12:00 noon

Large Animal Showmanship

Exhibit Release – Sunday: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

(Market to be released on Saturday 11:30 p.m.)

DEPARTMENT RULES:

All sheep moved within Michigan shall be identified with official USDA Scrapie program identification tags prior to movement off the farm. Call now for tags! Must be listed on entry form June 1st.

Scrapie Tag Hotline: 517-337-4705

Exhibitor must take responsibility to refer to BCYF General Rules, Regulations & Policies of Procedure, as well as, BCYF Youth Exhibits General Rules, BCYF Livestock Rules (if applicable).

See page 15 for link for body scoring guidelines.

- A. All Sheep classes are Major Exhibits.
- B. All animals OTHER than yearling ewes and ram lambs are to be weighed prior to being placed in assigned pens.
- C. An Exhibitor may show two market animals; one market ewe and/or market whether, two market ewes or two market wethers.
- D. Horns are allowed per breed characteristic for breeding stock ONLY. No horns allowed on any market lamb.
- E. Each Exhibitor may have two entries in each breeding class.
- F. Breeding animals will be classified as black face or white face. Subject to verification by Superintendent.
- G. Exhibitor may take only ONE (1) market animal to auction. If an exhibitor has 2 market entries, he/she must declare which lamb will be auctioned within one hour after sheep judging is completed.
- H. All lambs shown in market lamb class must be either wether or ewe lambs being born on or after November 1st of year shown and weigh 80 lbs. and over. Proof of age from breeder may be required. **These lambs may not be shown in breeding classes.** All market lambs weighing

under 80 lbs. are eligible to show in a lightweight class but cannot compete for champions or be sold in the auction.

- I. Rams may not be shown in Market class.
- J. Ewes may be shown as a market ewe or a breed ewe **NOT BOTH.**
- K. All sheep cannot have longer than a half inch of wool at check-in.
- L. All sheep must be **owned** and in possession of exhibitor by **June 1st.**
- M. All lambs & sheep must be handled by the exhibitor.
- N. Any sheep or lamb that exhibits a sustained rectal prolapse will be ineligible at the discretion of Supt. or Animal Health Committee and will be sent home. The following will be used as a guideline to determine occurrence of a rectal prolapse: “A rectal prolapse is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing.” This is the criteria used in the 2003 multi-year study published in the Journal of Animal Science.
- O. Only approved drench equipment is allowed: must be manual operation, equipment volume of 150 ml or under, nozzle/probe must be no longer than 8 in. length. **Absolutely no stomach pumps or tubes.**
- P. When sufficient numbers warrant, market class will be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent(s).
- Q. Breeding classes may be split based on weight at the discretion of the superintendents, committee, or judge.
- R. Exhibitors must use sawdust or shavings for their pens.
- S. Exhibitor must be present during Champion class to be eligible to win.
- T. Small rosettes will be awarded to 1st thru 5th place winners per heat in market animal weight classes and 1st thru 5th place winners in breeding classes.

BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO 1ST & 2ND PLACE WINNERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

If Banner awarded, no rosette ribbon will be given.

SHOWMANSHIP

Dept. 6 – Div. 1

Premiums for Showmanship classes are:

1st-Trophy & \$5.00, 2nd-\$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00, 4th-\$2.00, 5th-\$2.00

Placing rosettes to all winners.

215. **Sr Division**, Exh. 16 - 20 years
Jake Busick Family Trophy (sh03c) Banner
 216. **Intermediate Division**, Exh. 13 - 15 years
George Brothers Show Lambs Trophy (sh04r) Banner
 217. **Junior Division**, Exh. 9 - 12 years
Neff Family Trophy (sh05c) Banner
 218. **Yng Jr. Division**, Exh. 6 - 8 years
Nicole Ginter Trophy (sh06r) Banner
 219. **5 Yr. Old Division**, Exh. 5 years old
Ray Weinberg Memorial Trophy (sh17a) Banner
- **Grand Champion Sheep Showmanship**
Grandpa and Grandma Durm Trophy (sh12c) Banner
 - **Reserve Grand Champion Sheep Showmanship**
Barbara Durm Challenge Trophy (sh16c) Banner

SHEEP BREEDING

Dept. 6 – Div. 1

All Sheep must have a USDA Scrapie Tag.

Premiums for Sheep Breeding Classes are:

A-6.00, B-4.50, C-3.00, (except Championships)

(classes 225 - 227 to include Cross, Suffolk, Hamp, Shrop. & Speckled)

225. Ewe Lamb - Black Face meat breed

226. Yearling Ewe - Black Face meat breed

227. Ram Lamb - Black Face meat breed

(classes 228 - 230 to include (Dorset, Southdown, Katahdin)

228. Ewe Lamb - Any other meat breed

229. Yearling Ewe - Any other meat breed

230. Ram Lamb - Any other meat breed

231. Ewe Lamb - Wool breed

232. Yearling Ewe - Wool breed

233. Ram Lamb - Wool breed

- **Grand Champion Ewe**

Gail Chesnut Trophy (sh09r)

- **Reserve Grand Champion Ewe**

Molnar Family Trophy (sh11r)

- **Grand Champion Ram**

Dr. J. F. Christensen Trophy (sh10c) & Banner

- **Reserve Grand Champion Ram**

James, Kirstin, Emily & Anna Howell Trophy (sh15r) & Banner

MARKET LAMBS

Dept. 6 – Div. 2

Premiums for the following classes are:

A-4.50, B-3.00, C-2.25

Class is divided according to weights and number of entries.

240. Single Market Ewe

- **Champion Market Ewe**

Nicole Ginter Trophy (sh08c)

- **Reserve Champion Market Ewe**

Dave, Lisa, Emily and Alex Mead Trophy (sh13r)

243. Single Market Wether

- **Champion Market Wether**

Jeff Ginter Trophy (sh07c)

- **Reserve Champion Market Wether**

Adam, Kevin & Erica Mitchell Trophy (sh14r)

- **Grand Champion Market Lamb**

Susan Noffke Ginter Trophy (sh01r)

- **Res. Grand Champion Market Lamb**

Pam Koebel Lawrick Trophy (sh02c)