

DIVISION C - SHEEP

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EACH SHOW WILL START APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PREVIOUS SHOW

Saturday, September 1 st – 12NOON	Sunday, September 2 nd – 8:30AM	Monday, September 3 rd - 8:30AM
NATURAL COLOR	SOUTHDOWN	DORSET
BLACK LINCOLN	SHROPSHIRE	CHEVIOT
WHITE BORDER LEICESTER	OTHER MEAT BREEDS	TUNIS
WHITE WOOL	HAIR SHEEP	HAMPSHIRE/HAMPSHIRE SLICK
BLACK BORDER LEICESTER	SUFFOLK/SUFFOLK SLICK	

Special Rules

1. Dress code shall be professional. Exhibitors must wear proper show attire. Pants or shorts, no shorter than knee length. Proper shoes must be worn, absolutely no flip flops or tank tops.
2. AGES – The date for computing ages on all sheep shall be September 1 and January 1. Final decisions are at the discretion of both the superintendent and judge.
Teeth requirements are:
+Spring Lambs-must have all lamb teeth.
+Fall Lambs-yearling teeth may be present.
+Yearlings-may not have more than 4 permanent teeth showing at time of show.
3. CLASSIFICATION – Sheep must show in their appropriate class according to the birthdate on their registration paper except, when an animal must move to the next older class because of Rule 9 (teeth requirement). Final decisions are at the discretion of both the superintendent and judge.
4. Any animals not meeting qualifications set forth by a committee chosen by the Superintendent for cleanliness, fitting and trimming will not qualify for show.
5. All animals in order to be eligible for group classes must be entered and shown in their respective individual classes. In-group classes all sheep in each group must be registered in the name of the same exhibitor.
6. **Open Sheep Schedule:**
Pens are NOT available until- 9AM, Thursday, August 30th
Must be in place - 4PM, Friday, August 31st
Must be checked-in – 5PM, Friday, August 31st
Released - 8 PM, Monday, September 3rd
7. Exhibitors have the option to show their sheep slick shorn, fitted or both. Slick shorn is defined as being shorn completely to the hide within 5 days of the show date. The wool may be left from the rear hocks down and the front knees down plus the wool cap defined as defined by breed standards. Slick shorn sheep will be shown immediately following the fitted sheep in 2 breeds -Hampshire and Suffolk.
8. The name of the exhibitor as shown on the entry form must be identical to that shown on the breed association registration certificate. Animals must be purebred, registered within their breed association. Entries will be accepted for lambs whose registration is pending; however, registration certificates must be complete and ear tags affixed on or before August 20, 2018.
9. Registration certificates for each animal must be furnished and available anytime during the fair. Natural Colored animals must be registered must be registered with the Natural Colored Association. White Wool breeds need to be registered with the appropriate association (i.e. Romney, Lincoln, etc.), but the animal can be either Natural Colored or White.
10. No moneys are awarded to champions – **Except** Supreme Champions (\$25.00)
11. Papers must be checked in or entries will be ruled ineligible for show. All sheep must wear a registration ear tag or flock ear tag that agrees with the registration certificate. Ear tags will be checked in show ring.
12. No champion will be selected without competition in champion class.
13. No artificial coloring shall be used on any portion of any animal. Any animals found in violation of this rule shall be removed from competition.
14. **Pens will be assigned at the discretion of the Superintendents. Penning requests must be made to RREnsor@comcast.net. Send emails or make requests on entry forms, please DO NOT CALL.** Exhibitors shall refrain from making changes to the penning chart without prior consultation with the Superintendents. Pen assignments will not be posted until Thursday August 30th.
15. Initial bedding will be straw.
16. Exhibitors may enter up to 2 animals per class, but only 1 entry per group class will be allowed.
17. **NEW** breed classes are being attempted this year. If they do not meet the required numbers at the closing of entries, they will fold back into their previous divisions. Required numbers of animals are a minimum of 4 exhibitors per breed and a minimum of 25 sheep per breed.

SHEEP AND GOAT REGULATIONS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

As a part of a national effort to eradicate scrapie from the United States, starting on November 19, 2001, most sheep and goats moving interstate must be officially identified. While Scrapie is a relatively rare disease, it is estimated to cost the U. S. sheep industry close to \$20 million annually. The goal of the eradication program is to eliminate scrapie from U. S. sheep and goats by the year 2010.

Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. It is among a number of diseases classified as Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathics (TSE). TSEs are the subject of increased attention because of the discovery that Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow disease") in cattle is linked to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in people.

Following is basic information outlining which animals must be identified, how to obtain ear tags, and how to keep identification records. If you sell your animals through a livestock auction, or move sheep or goats across state lines, such as to show, please call our office (410-349-9708) to obtain a premises identification number and additional information about official identification. We will assign a premise number to your farm and order ear tags for you which will be sent to you FREE of charge. If you would like more detailed information on the identification regulations, or are not sure your animals would be covered, please call our office toll free at 1-866-873-2824 or locally (410) 349-9708.

Here are some general concepts:

- Ear tags need not be applied while your sheep are on the farm. You can keep the USDA ear tags and when you are ready to load your animals onto your truck you can identify them with the ear tags and record it.
- The general idea is that all sheep will be eventually identified to their flocks of birth and we will be able to trace each animal through the ear tags and producer records to all the flocks it has lived in.
- If you are participating in a breed registry and your sheep are tattooed with a breed prefix, you may use that breed tattoo as your official identification. Just register that prefix with our office and we will assign that as your premise number and enter it into our database.

Sheep (over 18 months if age): Basically, all sheep will need to be identified when they move from their farm regardless of where they are going. The exception is if you take your sheep to a local fair or show where there are no out-of-state animals and bring the animal back home with you. If there is even the slightest possibility you may sell your sheep at the show, put an ear tag in its ear!!!

Lambs (under 18 months of age): Wethers do not need identification. For ewe and ram lambs, if they are being sold directly to a slaughter plant or butcher, or in a slaughter ONLY sale, they do not need identification. If they are taken to the livestock market or are entered in any other show/sale where they could potentially be purchased to go back to a farm, they need identification.

The goats which do need official identification are the following:

- Goats used in exhibition/shows except wethers
- Breeding goats
- Goats in contact with sheep
- Registered goats (can use herd tattoo as official ID as long as registered with USDA office)

You may call us at 410-349-9708, or toll free at 1-866-873-2824.

Sheep Breeds / Sections

White Border Leicester – 1	Natural Colored – Long - 6	Shropshire – Section 12
White Wool – Fine/Medium – Section 2	Black Lincoln – 7	Cheviot – Section 13
White Wool – Long – Section 3	Hair Sheep – 8	Tunis – Section 14
Black Border Leicester - 4	Other Meat Breeds – Section 9	Hampshire – Section 15
Natural Colored – Fine/Medium – Section 5	Suffolk – Section 10	Dorset – Section 16
	Southdown – Section 11	

Sheep Classes and Order of Showing

<p>C1 Ram - under 2 years - Born after 9-1-16 C2 Sr. Ram Lamb - Born between 9-1-17 & 12-31-17 C3 Pair of Sr. Ram Lambs -Born between 9-1-17 & 12-31-17 C4 Early Junior Ram Lamb – Born between 1-1-18 & 2-15-18 C5 Late Junior Ram Lamb – Born after 2-15-18 C6 Pair of Jr. Ram Lambs C7 <i>Champion Ram</i> C8 <i>Reserve Champion Ram</i> C9 Ewe Under 2 Years - Born after 9-1-16 C10 Pair of Yearling Ewes - Born after 9-1-16 C11 Pair of Yearlings C12 Sr. Ewe Lamb - Born between 9-1-17 & 12-31-17 C13 Pair of Sr. Ewe Lambs - Born between 9-1-17 & 12-31-17</p>	<p>C14 Early Junior Ewe Lambs - Born between 1-1-18 & 2-15-18 C15 Late Junior Ewe Lambs - Born after 2-15-18 C16 Pair of Jr. Ewe Lambs C17 <i>Champion Ewe</i> C18 <i>Reserve Champion Ewe</i> C19 Pair of Lambs (any age, both sexes, taken from C4, C5, C14 or C15) C21 Pen of 4 Lambs (Both sexes represented) C22 Exhibitors young flock (1 Ram Lamb, 2 Ewe Lambs) C23 Flock (one Ram under 2 years, 2 Yearling Ewes and 2 Ewe Lambs) C36 <i>Supreme Champion Ewe</i> C37 <i>Supreme Champion Ram</i> C39 <i>Supreme Champion Wool Ewe</i> C40 <i>Supreme Champion Wool Ram</i> C50 Fleece (1 Entry per Exhibitor per Breed)</p>
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The **pair classes** for **Jr. Ram** and **Jr. Ewe Lambs** can be taken from either **C4 or C5 or C14 and C15** - Exhibitors can show either Early Jrs. or Late Jrs. Pair classes may NOT combine slick and wools to make the grouping for Hampshire and Suffolks.

The same applies to **C21**. The **pen of four (4) lambs** can be a mixed (**Sr., Early or Late Jrs.**); the key is to choose those which match, but they may not combine slick and wools to make the grouping for Hampshire and Suffolks.

SHEEP PREMIUMS

The first place animal in all breeds will be paid \$30.00. All other animals shown will receive \$20.00 regardless of placing.

Group classes will pay five (5) places only. \$40.00 for 1st, \$30.00 for 2nd, \$20.00 for 3rd and \$10.00 for 4th & 5th.

Supreme Champions will receive \$25.00

HERDSMAN CONTEST

Class	Herdsman Contest
C38	Herdsman Contest

Premiums			
1st	\$40.00	4th	\$22.00
2nd	\$36.00	5th	\$16.00
3rd	\$28.00	6th	\$10.00

SPECIAL AWARD

PREMIER EXHIBITOR BANNER

In all classes, except Champions and Reserve Champions, points will be assigned according to placing. The exhibitor amassing the largest number of points will be awarded the Premier Exhibitor Banner. In case of ties, the award will go to the exhibitor with the First Place Flock.

Score Card

Decoration and attractiveness of exhibit	20 points
Cleanliness and care of exhibit	20 points
Cleanliness of aisle and area adjacent to exhibit	10 points
Condition, fitting and presentation of animals in the barns and show ring.	20 points
Personal contribution to success of Sheep Show	20 points
Attitude and spirit of cooperation with other exhibitors and Fair Management	10 points
TOTAL	100 Points