

**DIVISION C – SHEEP**  
**MARYLAND RESIDENTS ONLY ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER**

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

Saturday, September 5 <sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM	Sunday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10: 30 AM	(Cont.) Sunday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10:30 AM
WHITE BORDER LEICESTER  ALL OTHER WOOL  BLACK BORDER LEICESTER  NATURAL COLOR  BLACK/WHITE LINCOLN	OTHER MEAT BREEDS  DORPER  SUFFOLK/SUFFOLK SLICK  SOUTHDOWN  SHROPSHIRE	TUNIS  HAMPSHIRE/HAMPSHIRE SLICK  DORSET / NATIONAL JR. DORSET SHOW  CHEVIOT

**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- 2PM to 9PM, Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9AM to Noon, Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Must be in place – Noon, Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Must be checked-in – 5PM, Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Released – FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF SHOW**
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. Animals must be purebred, registered within their breed association (Lincoln, Southdown, Romney, etc.), Natural Colored must be registered with (NCWGA) a Natural Colored Association.
9. Registration certificates must be furnished for each animal and available anytime during the fair. The name of the exhibitor as shown on the entry form, must be identical to that shown on the breed association registration form.
10. 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.
11. **NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID IN 2020** - No moneys are awarded to champions – **Except** Supreme Champions (\$25.00)
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](mailto: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, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
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
Other Wool – Fine/Medium – Section 2	Black/White Lincoln – 7	Cheviot – Section 13
Other Wool – Long – Section 3	Dorper – 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**

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|-----|--|-----|--|
| C1  | Ram - under 2 years - Born after 9-1-18                | C14 | Early Junior Ewe Lambs - Born between 1-1-20 & 2-15-20           |
| C2  | Sr. Ram Lamb - Born between 9-1-19 & 12-31-19          | C15 | Late Junior Ewe Lambs - Born after 2-15-20                       |
| C3  | Pair of Sr. Ram Lambs -Born between 9-1-19 & 12-31-19  | C16 | Pair of Jr. Ewe Lambs  |
| C4  | Early Junior Ram Lamb – Born between 1-1-20 & 2-15-20  | C17 | <i>Champion Ewe</i>  |
| C5  | Late Junior Ram Lamb – Born after 2-15-20              | C18 | <i>Reserve Champion Ewe</i>                                      |
| C6  | Pair of Jr. Ram Lambs                                  | C19 | Pair of Jr. Lambs (any age, both sexes, from C4, C5, C14 or C15) |
| C7  | <i>Champion Ram</i>                                    | C21 | Pen of 4 Lambs (Both sexes represented)                          |
| C8  | <i>Reserve Champion Ram</i>                            | C22 | Exhibitors young flock (1 Ram Lamb, 2 Ewe Lambs)                 |
| C9  | Ewe Under 2 Years - Born after 9-1-18                  | C23 | Flock (one Ram under 2 years, 2 Yearling Ewes and 2 Ewe Lambs)   |
| C10 | Pair of Yearling Ewes - Born after 9-1-18              | C36 | <i>Supreme Champion Ewe</i>                                      |
| C11 | Pair of Yearlings (Ram & Ewe)                          | C37 | <i>Supreme Champion Ram</i>                                      |
| C12 | Sr. Ewe Lamb - Born between 9-1-19 & 12-31-19          | C39 | <i>Supreme Champion Wool Ewe</i>                                 |
| C13 | Pair of Sr. Ewe Lambs - Born between 9-1-19 & 12-31-19 | C40 | <i>Supreme Champion Wool Ram</i>                                 |
|     |  | C50 | Fleece (1 Entry per Exhibitor per Breed)                         |

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.

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**SHEEP PREMIUMS**

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**SPECIAL AWARD**

**PREMIER EXHIBITOR BANNER**

**NO BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED IN 2020**

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 title of Premier Exhibitor. In case of ties, the award will go to the exhibitor with the First Place Flock.

**HERDSMAN CONTEST**

**Class**

C38 Herdsman Contest

**Premiums**

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**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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 Points</b>