

Department 104 – Jr. Sheep

Superintendents

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**All sheep to be in place between 8:00 AM- 10:00 AM Tuesday
Market Lamb Weigh-In Pen to Pen starting at 10:30 AM Tuesday.**

Breeding Stock Check in Immediately following Market Lamb Weigh-In

Live Judging: Thursday 9:00 AM. Performance Lamb Ultrasound: July 24 10:00 AM

Rules/Guidelines:

1. Market Division Sheep will be judged before Breeding Divisions.
2. All Divisions of Wool Sheep such as Columbia, Corriedale, Icelandic, Rambouillet, Shetland, Targhee, shall be shown with 2” of wool or less.
3. All meat breeds should be shown per breed standards. Southdown and Shropshire should be slick shorn. Fitted breeds shall be shown with 1” or less.
4. Market Lambs to be Slick Shorn.
 - a) All shearing must be completed prior to weigh in.
 - b) Market Lambs will be shown as they are weighed in. If they come across the scale with a ½” of wool on, that is how they will be shown.
5. All sheep and lambs must be identified with a scrapie tag.
6. All animals must be fitted by the exhibitor, leader, immediate family, or another junior exhibitor; any of whom reside in Washington County. No lambs will be allowed to be muzzled, iced, spray painted, drenched, dyed, or in any way treated inhumanely at any time during the Fair.

Definitions:

- 1) A Yearling Ram or Ewe is one born outside the date of birth limitations of No. 2-4. Yearlings may be subject to Veterinarian’s examination whose finding shall be final.
- 2) A Fall Lamb is one born between September 1 and December 31 of the preceding exhibit year.
- 3) A Winter Lamb is one born between January 1 and February 15 of the exhibit year.
- 4) A Spring Lamb is one born on or after February 16 of exhibit year.
- 5) A Market Lamb must be born after December 1 of previous year.

Divisions:

Sheep Group Divisions

- 1) Pair of lambs to include Spring, Winter, or Fall ram lamb and a Spring, Winter, or Fall ewe lamb owned by exhibitor (Junior Division).
- 2) Flock to consist of 3 animals – a ram (yearling or lamb); an ewe lamb, and a yearling ewe owned by exhibitor (Junior Division).

Division A – Suffolk

Division I - Southdown

Division B – Hampshire

Division J - Icelandic

Division C – Targhee

Division K – Shetland

Division D – Oxford

Division L – Wether-Type

Division E – Columbia

Division M - Katahdin

Division F – Shropshire

Division N – Any Other Breed- Wool

Division G – Dorset

Division O – Any Other Breed- Meat

Division H – Dorper

Sheep showing in the Breeding divisions must be purebred, with the exception of Division L, wether-type/commercial. Purebreds must be identified by showing registration papers to the Superintendent upon request. These papers should be dated before July 1st.

****Refer to entry numbers below for all breeds****

Class No:

1. Yearling Ram
2. Fall Ram Lamb
3. Purebred Winter Ram Lamb
4. Spring Ram Lamb
5. Mature Ewe
6. Yearling Ewe
7. Fall Ewe Lamb
8. Winter Ewe Lamb
9. Spring Ewe Lamb
10. Pair of Lambs
11. Flock

***Champion Ram & Ewe by Breeds – Ribbon Only. Champions to be judged only if 3 or more animals were exhibited in the breed, or at the discretion of the judge.**

Live Judging: Thursday 9:00 AM
Registration deadline: June 10, 2026

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Division P – Market Class and Performance Lamb Class (Any Breed)

Champions – Ribbon Only

Class No:

1. Finished Lamb (1st Lamb)
2. Finished Lamb (2nd Lamb)
3. Performance Lamb (1st Lamb)
4. Performance Lamb (2nd Lamb)

Division Rules [Division P]:

- Minimum Weight – 90 lbs. for Livestock Auction.
- Market Class entries may either be wethers or ewe lambs.
- Sale order to be determined at end of live show by judge.
 - All white and pink ribbon lambs will come back at the conclusion of the show, for the judge to determine sale order.

Lambs will be weighed in, pen to pen starting at **10:30 AM Tuesday**.

Swine to be weighed in, pen to pen immediately following lambs.

No free weigh-ins for lambs or swine.

- **Performance Lamb Class** emphasizes production agriculture and the exhibitor's ability to select and raise lambs which will be evaluated on, and overall final placing; based upon Live Visual Appraisal and Ultrasound Carcass Evaluation.
- **Live Show Component:** Lambs will be shown on Thursday. Lambs must be slick shorn.
- **Ultrasound Carcass Component:** Lamb carcass merit evaluated via ultrasound to generate a projected "Boneless Retail Product Yield" or Lamb Carcass Index" on July 25th at 10:00 AM.

The exhibitor is not required to enter the Performance Lamb class as the ultrasound does require the application of oil on the animal for accurate readings. If you prefer not to participate, do not enter class 3 or 4.

If you have 1 (one) market lamb, enter Class 1 and Class 3, if you have 2 (two) market lambs enter Class 1, 2, 3, and 4. Exhibitors can enter up to two animals in Division P and all four classes below.

All Finished Lambs will be divided as equally as possible into weight divisions. Home Bred and Raised Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the animals shown and will be recognized at the sale. To qualify, the exhibitor or immediate family must have 100% ownership of the mother (dam or ewe) of the animal entered, at the time of breeding. The immediate family is defined as brother, sister, parent/guardian, or grandparent.

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Division Q – Carcass Lamb (Danish Judging)

Champions – Ribbon Only

Class No:

1. Carcass

Division Rules:

All exhibitors entering Division P must enter ONE animal under Division Q to receive premium. Only one entry is needed.

Division R – Sheep Showmanship (Danish Judging)

Age on January 1st of exhibit year

Class No:

1. Beginner, 8-11 years
 2. Intermediate, 12-14 years
 3. Senior, 15 and over
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Division S – Herdsmanship Award Class

Class No:

1. Sheep

Division Rules:

This entry is for CLUBS or CHAPTERS only. An exhibitor should check with their club or chapter before **June 10th** to be sure that they are entered. An exhibitor does NOT need to list this division on their entry form. Premiums will be awarded for keeping the animals on exhibit in neat appearance; the feed, straw, hay bales, and boxes in the proper place; and the walkways in the barn in good order and appearance. Any decorations, including barn cards will be considered in the judging. All decorations must be removed before any premiums are paid.

Division T – Non-Animal Educational Exhibits

**** See Dept. 110 Jur. Animal/Vet Science Division E****

Division U – Lead Class

Judging: Sunday 11:00 AM

Class No:

1. Beginner, 8-11 years
2. Intermediate, 12-14 years
3. Senior, 15 and over

Division Rules:

The Sheep Lead Class is a competition where entrants are judged on the fashion and fit of their wool garment (purchased or handmade) while leading a sheep. The purpose of this event is to promote the beauty and versatility of wool clothing for all occasion wear and to give youth the opportunity to exhibit and showcase their involvement in the sheep industry.

- Entrants must wear a garment made predominantly of wool. Garments may be purchased or constructed by or for the entrant and should be age appropriate and lend elegance to the class. This is not a costume class.
- Sheep must be an ewe or wether (of any age), conditioned, fitted, and trained to show at halter. Rules for exhibiting sheep at the Washington County Fair will apply to these animals.
- Entrants must provide a one-page commentary of 200 words or less to be read during the class including the following:
 - Description of the garment
 - Breed of sheep being led
 - Brief biography of entrant and involvement in sheep industry

Please write the commentary in the third-person as it will be read by the announcer (Example: “Sue is leading a Hampshire ewe...” not “I am leading a Hampshire ewe...”
Commentary must be typed and submitted at check-in no later than 5:00 PM Tuesday.

- Judging Standards: 600- point total. 1-100 points possible for each of the following categories
 - Garment fit
 - Entrant’s poise
 - Control of animal
 - Garment style and/or fashion
 - Entrant’s appearance
 - Presentation and appearance of animal

Premiums Chart:

Dept	Division group	Class description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
104	A-P	ALL CLASSES	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
104	Q	Carcass	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
104	R	ALL CLASSES	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00
104	S	ALL CLASSES	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
104	U	ALL CLASSES	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00

A	Suffolk
B	Hampshire
C	Targhee
D	Oxford
E	Columbia
F	Shropshire
G	Dorset
H	Dorper
I	Southdown
J	Icelandic
K	Shetland
L	Wether-Type
M	Katahdin
	Any Other Breed-
N	Wool
O	Any Other Breed-Meat
P	Market Class and Performance Lamb (Any Breed)
Q	Carcass Lamb
R	Sheep Showmanship
S	Herdsmanship Award Class
U	Lead Class

Little Shepherds Showmanship Contest



The Little Shepherds Showmanship Contest will be held on the **Sunday** of the Washington County Fair at approximately **10:30 AM** after the Little Squealers Showmanship Contest in the Farm Progress Arena. The contest is open to children 5-8 years old who are not yet old enough to have a livestock fair entry.

Children/parents/guardian will be required to make arrangements to use one of the Junior or Open sheep show animals that are already at the Fairgrounds as there is not room for additional animals in the barn. Safety is important, so you are asked to use animals that tend to behave well during the sheep show. All lambs will be shown on halter. Children will be divided into groups based on the participation level and at the discretion of the Sheep Superintendent. Children will be judged on their basic showmanship skills. The comments made by the judge will include tips on improving these skills. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants.

Registration due by June 30th.

Parents should come to the Farm Progress Arena one (1) hour early to help set up the ring and walkway. There is also a mandatory meeting 30 minutes before the event start time.

PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRY BY **JUNE 30TH**. Return the completed and signed Application and Permission Slip below to: Carol Strupp (6268 Arthur Rd, Hartford, WI 53027)



Little Shepherds Showmanship Application / Permission Slip

CHECK ONE

I need a sheep assigned to me.

I am using a sheep from _____

Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

I give my child permission to enter the Little Shepherds Showmanship Contest on **Sunday of the County Fair** in the **Washington County Farm Progress Arena**. I accept the risks that may incur and agree to release the Washington County Fair from any liabilities.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date Signed)

RETURN BY **JUNE 30 TO:**

Carol Strupp
6268 Arthur Rd
Hartford, WI 53027