



YL-M - 4-H & FFA SHEEP

Superintendent: Tom Mullinix
Assistants: Darlene Bouma, Darla Church, Joel Evans,
Patty Evans and Larry Pugh

Sheep Orientation – Sunday, July 31st - 6:00 P.M. - Fairgrounds
Showmanship Show - Sunday, August 7th – 6:30 P.M.
Market Lamb Show - Monday, August 8th - 5:00 P.M.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All exhibitors must comply with all general and 4-H & FFA rules.
2. All market lambs must be born on or after January 1, 2022 and have their baby teeth.
3. Market lambs must be owned and registered with the 4-H office by June 1st of the current year. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting 6 market lambs at the Howard County Fair. Market lambs may not be switched between family members after registration and are automatically entered in the fair.
4. Breeding sheep must be entered online. Indicate the least number of pens needed. Tack pens are not available. Pen assignments are the responsibility of the Superintendent and will not be changed.
5. Market Lambs due on the grounds by 3:00 P.M. Saturday, August 6th.
6. Lambs will be weighed on Saturday, August 6th at 7:00 P.M. after the market goats and graded for sale consignment on Sunday, August 7th, at 12:00 noon. All exhibitors must be present with their sheep when weighed and when graded. During grading, the exhibitor must have their lamb out of the pen when the grader arrives.
7. No blankets allowed until after market lambs are weighed in and breeding sheep are checked in.
8. Exhibitors must show their own animals except in pair classes where they may have assistance from another Howard County 4-H'er if exhibiting as a 4-H'er. FFA exhibitors may have assistance from another FFA member in pair classes only. Exhibitors may only show one pair. Both lambs from a pair class may be shown as individuals.

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9. Exhibitor must use their own sheep for showmanship. Market or Breeding animals may be used in Showmanship Classes
10. **All market lambs must be completely slick shorn to the hock prior to arrival on the grounds.** Sheared within 1 week of the start of fair. No butt wool allowed. No artificial coloring is allowed. Lambs not meeting these criteria will not be weighed and will be disqualified from the show. Lambs must be dry at weigh-in.
11. Market lambs will be shown by weight. Exhibitors are limited to no more than 2 lambs in the same weight class. Only ewe and wether lambs may be shown in the market classes.
12. Market lambs shown in the 4-H & FFA Market Lamb Show cannot be shown in the Open Class Commercial Breeding Show.
13. All wether lambs must be completely healed. Wether lambs showing signs of testicle presence, unhealed scrotum, or other stag characteristics will be disqualified from the show. Ewe lambs shown in breeding classes are not eligible to be shown in market classes. Prolapsed animals will be sent home. Animals with Foot Rot, Sore Mouth, and/or lamb fungus will be sent home.
14. All animals must be washed prior to showing.
15. Sheep exhibits may not be removed from the sheep barn during the fair without the superintendent's permission.
16. Shavings or straw are permitted. Bedding material must be supplied by the exhibitor. Pens shall be clean and maintained in healthful conditions for the sheep. All pens must be cleaned upon removal of animals from fairgrounds or premium money will be forfeited.
17. Aisles are to be kept clear at all times. Feed, trimming stands, etc. must be in the designated areas. After trimming, feeding, or handling animals, aisles must be swept. No fans allowed in aisles!
18. Clean water in adequate quantity must be available at all times.
19. All sheep shall be handled and cared for with good shepherding skills. Practices that may be interpreted as inhumane will not be tolerated. Abusers will be immediately disqualified from the show. Ramping and Icing are not allowed. No forcing of fluids/food unless under veterinary supervision.
20. Pair entries and bred and owned entries must be completed and turned in at weigh-in on the designated sheet. Bred and owned animals must come from a female owned by the exhibitor prior to breeding and under direct care of the 4-H'er. 4-H'er must be registered in the sheep breeding project. Breeding sheep projects are subject to verification at any time throughout the year. Family owned or farm owned does not qualify. Sign up at weigh-in. One entry per exhibitor.
21. **Market lambs must gain .35 pounds per day from county ID weigh-in to fair weigh-in.**

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22. Market lambs that do not make minimum Rate-of-Gain (.35 pounds per day) will be eligible to exhibit only in the Market Exhibition class. Market Exhibition classes will be conducted at the start of the Market Lamb Show. Lambs in the Market Exhibition classes are not eligible to compete in Champion classes and are not eligible for the 4-H Livestock Sale.
23. Exhibitor is responsible for bringing the correct animal to class. Incorrect animals and Exhibitor will be excused from incorrect class. Premiums will be forfeited.
24. Rate of Gain ties will be broken on the animal with the lower starting weight.
25. The Maryland 4-H Tail Docking policy will be in effect for all sheep as indicated in the policy.
26. There will be no coaching of any kind of an exhibitor while in a class. This is grounds for dismissal from the class.

4-H Special Awards sponsored by: The Boswell Family, Lauren Bresnock, Jamie Bullock, The Clark Family - Jimmie, Eileen, Tim, Dayton 4-H Club, The Evans Family, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hodiak, Howard County Beef Club, The Hartner Family, Barbara Larimore & Priscilla Savage Memorial, Maryland Sheep Breeders Assn, The Moore Family, Mullinix Bus Service, Ed & Jenny Mullinix, The Tom Mullinix Family, Mullinix Veterinary Hospital, In Memory of Cody Porter, Steve and Pam Roth, Elyse and Kinsley Schafer, Jamie Schwartz, Mr. & Mrs. Donald B Sealing, II, Southern States Coop Mt Airy, The Vaughn Turner Family - Jennifer Turner Memorial, Triple B Angus Farm - The Bly Family, The Troppman Family, Adam Willie and West Friendship 4-H Club.

PREMIUMS:

Classes 1-6	20 18 16 14 12 10	Rest of the class
Classes 7-8	RIBBON	
Classes 9-12	20 18 16 14 12 10	Rest of class
Classes 13-14	RIBBON	
Classes 15-18	20 18 16 14 12 10 9 8 7 6 5	Rest of class
Classes 19-21	RIBBON	
Class 22	7 participation	
Classes 23-25	16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7	
Classes 26-27	RIBBON	
Classes 28-30	16 15 14 13 12	
Classes 31-43	16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7	Rest of class
Classes 44-47	RIBBON & BANNER	
Class 48	25 23 21 19 17 15 13 11 9 7 6 5 4 3 2	

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CLASSES:

1. Showmanship, Senior 18
2. Showmanship, Senior 17
3. Showmanship, Senior 16
4. Showmanship, Senior 15
5. Showmanship, Senior 14
6. Showmanship, First Year Senior
7. Senior Champion Showman
8. Reserve Senior Champion Showman
9. Showmanship, Intermediate 13
10. Showmanship, Intermediate 12
11. Showmanship, Intermediate 11
12. Showmanship, First Year Intermediate
13. Intermediate Champion Showman
14. Reserve Intermediate Champion Showman
15. Showmanship, Junior 10
16. Showmanship, Junior 9
17. Showmanship, Junior 8
18. Showmanship, First Year Junior (9 and 10 year olds)
19. Junior Champion Showman
20. Reserve Junior Champion Showman
21. Grand Champion Showman
22. Market Exhibition Class
- 23-25 Bred and Owned - Market lamb, bred, raised by exhibitor, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division. One market lamb per exhibitor. Participants must be enrolled in the breeding sheep project.
26. Champion Bred and Owned Lamb
27. Reserve Champion Bred and Owned Lamb
- 28-30. Market Lamb Pairs - will be broken into 3 even classes.
- 31-43. Market Lambs - Individual Market Lambs will be broken into 13 weight classes. An exhibitor having three lambs falling in one class may move up to the next weight class but not down to a lower weight class. There will be 3 individual market divisions with a champion and reserve champion selected in each division. The 3 division champions will compete for Grand Champion.
44. Grand Champion Pair Market Lambs
45. Reserve Grand Champion Pair Market Lambs.
46. Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb
47. Reserve Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb
48. Rate-of-Gain

YL-N - 4-H & FFA BREEDING SHEEP

Commercial Meat - Wednesday, August 10th - 11:30 A.M.

Hand Spinners Show - Wednesday, August 10th - 8:30 A.M.

Meat Breeds Show - Thursday and Friday, August 11th & 12th – 8:30 A.M.

1. All exhibitors must comply with all general rules.
2. All breeding sheep must be the bonafide property of the exhibitor and must have been owned by and registered in the name of the individual owner by **July 1st** of the current year. Bill of sale is not acceptable. Registration papers and ear identification of animals will be checked by the Superintendent on Monday for commercial and wool sheep in the “overhang” between the show ring and the swine barn. All other breeding sheep papers must be checked in by 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 9th. Joint ownership will not be allowed. Ear tags must be in all sheep on arrival. Wool Sheep must be registered with breed association or tagged with a Maryland 4-H ID tag by July 1.
3. Exhibitors are permitted to make only 2 entries in each breeding sheep class. Include ear tag and registration number on entry blank. Exhibitors will be permitted to substitute one breeding animal, either in the same class or in a different class.
4. During the breeding show the exhibitor must wear a 4-H/FFA uniform. A leg setter/helper is optional to be in 4-H/FFA uniform.
5. No artificial coloring may be used on any part of the animal regardless of class.
6. Breeding animals must be shown in the proper age category. Lambs may not be moved up.
7. Sheep entered in the colored wool classes must have at least 35% colored fleece. No white sheep. Sheep will be judged 60% for hand spinning quality and 40% for body conformation and soundness. Dung locks are to be trimmed. Registration papers required.
8. Shavings or straw are permitted. Bedding material must be supplied by the exhibitor. All pens must be cleaned upon removal of animals from fairgrounds or premium money will be forfeited.
9. Senior lambs born September 1 to December 31, Junior lambs fall in 2 classes - Early January 1 to February 15; Late after February 16.
10. 4-H/FFA Breeding sheep will show with the open breeding sheep. Dual premiums will be paid.
11. Commercial Breeding Sheep must be tagged with a Maryland 4-H Tag and have a Maryland 4-H Livestock Registration form completed and on file by July 1st.
12. Commercial sheep must be completely slick shorn or they will not be eligible to show.
13. The Meat Breed divisions will be determined depending on the number of each breed entered. They will remain as stated below, unless one breed has less than 10 entries and another breed has more than 10 entries. The Show Schedule will be posted by Monday, August 8th at 7:00 P.M.

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DIVISIONS: 01-White Wool 04-Hampshire 07-Montadale
 02-Natural Colored 05-Shropshire 08-Katahdin
 03-Suffolk 06-Dorset 09-Other Breeds
 10-Commercial

4-H Special Awards sponsored by: Down Hollow Farm, Howard County 4-H All Stars, Larry Pugh, Howard County EAC, Larry Pugh, Mike and Jandell Haines, Mullinix Veterinary Hospital, The Michalski Family, The Moore Family and West Friendship 4-H Club.

PREMIUMS:

Classes 7, 8, 18, 19, 26-29	RIBBON									
Classes 1-6, 9-17, 20-25	16.00	15.00	14.00	13.00	12.00	11.00	9.00	8.00	7.00	7.00

1. Ram - Yearling 1 year and under 2 years
2. Ram - Senior Lamb
3. Pair - Senior Ram Lambs
4. Ram - Early Junior Lamb
5. Ram - Late Lamb
6. Ram - Pair of Lambs
7. Champion Ram
8. Reserve Champion Ram
9. Ewe - Aged
10. Ewe - Yearling 1 year and under 2 years
11. Ewe - Pair of Yearlings
12. Pair - Yearlings, Both Sexes
13. Ewe - Senior Lamb
14. Pair - Senior Ewe Lambs
15. Ewe - Early Junior Lamb
16. Ewe - Late Lamb
17. Ewe - Pair of Junior Lambs
18. Champion Ewe
19. Reserve Champion Ewe
20. Lambs – Pair – Both Sexes
21. Lambs - Twins
22. Lambs - Pen of 4, Either Sex
23. Young Flock - 1 ram lamb and 2 ewe lambs
24. Get of Sire
25. Flock – (1 ram under 2 years, 1 age ewe or yearling ewe, and 1 ewe lamb)
26. Supreme Champion 4-H Wool Breed Ewe

27. Supreme Champion 4-H Wool Breed Ram
28. Supreme Champion 4-H Meat Breed Ewe
29. Supreme Champion 4-H Meat Breed Ram