

DEPARTMENT 4 SHEEP

Billy Heiserman – Superintendent

1. Judging will be held on Thursday, July 21st
2. All sheep must have an individual Scrapie Identification tag before they can be exhibited. All sheep must be identified with an individual Scrapie identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call (866-873-2824)
3. Sheep showing any evidence of foot rot, sore mouth or any other contagious disease will eliminate the animal from the shows.
4. **Anyone using illegal showing methods will be: 1) Warning or 2) put at the bottom of the class 3) Disqualified. All lambs must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Slapping lambs is not acceptable.**
5. 4-H members who exhibit Breeding Sheep in 4-H classes may, if eligible, exhibit Market Lambs in FFA classes or vice versa. However, 4-H members are not permitted to show Breeding Sheep in both 4-H and FFA classes even though the young person may have separate breeds for 4-H and FFA. 4-H members are not permitted to show Market Lambs in both 4-H and FFA classes.
6. Any questions and/or problems in an animal barn are to be addressed to the superintendent of the barn.
7. No powder or coloring agents except on the hooves will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition. Projects, which show evidence of this (except for hooves), will not be permitted into the show ring. Animals will be scrutinized at the check-in area. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will not be permitted in the show ring.
8. **All animals are to be groomed by the exhibitor as much as possible, with assistance from family members, another 4-H/FFA member or a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. Help must be done as an educational component meaning the exhibitor must be in attendance watching and participating in the process.**
9. **Morning chores should be done by 8:00 a.m. and evening chores should be done by 6:00 p.m.**
10. **Exhibitors may sell a maximum of 3 market lambs through the livestock sale**
11. **Harnesses are not required for exhibitors to wear. Exhibitor number and cards may be pinned to shirt or clipped on a belt holder.**

CLASS A SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 1— Senior Showmanship

Lot 2— Intermediate Showmanship

Lot 3— Junior Showmanship

CLASS B – MARKET LAMB CLASS

1. The lightweight lambs will be separated upon weigh-in and will be placed in feeder weight class.
2. No full shearing on fairgrounds.
3. Sheep must be in milk teeth (less than a year old)
4. You can show up to 3 individuals and a pen of 2
5. Market lambs can have 1/4 to 1/2 inch wool or slick sheared.
6. Market lamb exhibitors must have at all times, the lamb's ending weight with ear tag number visible.
7. Lambs must gain at least .4 lbs. per day to show for Grand or Reserve Champion. Breeding sheep cannot be in Rate of Gain contest.
8. All sheep in this class are to be ewes or wethers. No intact males.
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- Lot 1** – Market Lambs – Individual (can show three)
- Lot 2** – Market Lambs - Pen of Two
- Lot 3** – Market Lambs (Hair Sheep) – Individual (can show three)
- Lot 4** –Market Lambs (Hair Sheep) – Pen of 2

Grand Champion Market Lamb
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb
Grand Champion Pen of Two
Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two

CLASS C BREEDING SHEEP

1. Registered sheep must have papers, and be transferred 60 days prior to the person showing or they will not be shown in the purebred class.
2. 4-H Sheep handlers may only wear blue jeans, and a 4-H or FFA T-shirt. NO HATS OR CAPS.
3. Rams shall not be born before Nov. 1st of the year before. For example: Rams showing in 2022 can't be born before Nov. 1st of 2021.
4. Yearling classes or 2 year and older may use a halter to assist in showing.
5. Breeding stock may not be shown in market classes or vice versa.
6. If there are more than 15 commercial ewes in a class, they may be split into speckled and black face.
7. Any sheep born before Nov. 1st, will be shown in yearling class.
8. 1/4 to 1/2 inch wool is a suggested length for breeding stock. (WOOL TYPE BREEDS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS RULE.)
9. For the Ewe-Lamb Class, the lamb must be under 60 days old. The ewe must be nursing and claiming.

<u>CLASS D—CORRIEDALE</u> <u>CLASS E—HAMPSHIRE</u> <u>CLASS F—SUFFOLK</u> <u>CLASS G—DORSET</u> <u>CLASS H —RAMBOULLETT</u>	<u>CLASS I—OTHER PUREBREEDS</u> <u>CLASS J—KATAHDIN</u> <u>CLASS K—CROSSBRED</u> <u>CLASS L—HAIR SHEEP</u>
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An Exhibitor may NOT have more than 2 entries per lot

LOTS FOR CLASSES D-L

- Lot 1 – Ram Lamb
- Lot 2 – Ewe Lamb
- Lot 3 – Speckled Ewe Lamb
- Lot 4 – Yearling Ewe
- Lot 5 – 2 years and older
- Lot 6 – Pair of Ewes
- Lot 7 – Ewe & Lamb

Grand Champion Ram
Reserve Grand Champion Ram

Grand Champion Ewe
Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

CLASS M – COUNTY BORN & RAISED MARKET ANIMAL

1. All animals entered in this class must have been born as well as raised in Van Buren County.
2. Documentation must be provided with the fair entry regarding birth place
3. Animal must be a market animal weighed in during the April weigh in date.
4. 1 entry per exhibitor

**Grand Champion County Born & Raised
Reserve Grand Champion County Born & Raised**

CLASS U—FARM BUREAU ULTRASOUND

The animals will be evaluated using a formula, which considers ultrasound information & A.D.G. to determine pounds of lean muscle produced per days on test. The Van Buren County Farm Bureau Federation will pay for 1 animal per exhibitor per species. Example you want 2 you will have to pay for the other.

**Grand Champion Ultrasound
Reserve Grand Champion Ultrasound**

OUTSTANDING SHEPHERD

In 2006, the Melvin Carr family established the Outstanding Shepherd Award", in memory of Marcia Carr. The award is a ewe lamb from the Carr flock. The recipient will be chosen from the Sheep Exhibitors. The recipient must be willing to show the ewe or one of her offspring at the next year's fair as well as bring back a ewe lamb to be awarded at that fair.

The award may be won only once and is based on the following three areas:

1. Clean stall and surrounding areas.
2. Courtesy and helpfulness daily in the Sheep Barn
3. Sheep Showmanship.

The presentation will be made prior to the Livestock Auction on Monday

This award stands alone and does not apply to any other award