



Department Q Sheep

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Entry Rules and Class Descriptions

Entry fee is 15% of 1st Place Premium.

Entries for this department close Saturday, June 27.

Show is Friday, July 17, 6pm.

1. Animals entered are to be owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to the first day of the Fair.
2. *Saratoga County Agricultural Society requires all sheep to be immunized against rabies. A certificate of rabies vaccination, signed by an accredited veterinarian, must be presented to gain entrance to the fairgrounds.* Other health rules are as stated in the NYS Livestock Health Requirements as printed in the front of this book.
3. Entries not listed in this book will not be received by this department.
4. When only one animal is exhibited in a class, it will be left to the discretion of the judge as to the premium awarded. Exhibitors may enter more than one animal in each class.
5. Sheep classification requirements: Senior ewe lambs shall be born after September 1, 2008, and before February 28, 2009. They may have 2 big teeth started but not all the way up. Junior ewe lambs shall be born after March 1, 2009, and before August 31, 2009. Ram lambs shall be born on or after September 1, 2008. Yearlings shall be born after September 1, 2007, and before August 31, 2008. They may have no more than 2 large teeth. Two-year baby teeth must be in.
6. All sheep in the group classes must have been exhibited in prior individual classes from within that section.
7. An exhibitor's flock is for registered sheep and will consist of 1 ram (any age) and 3 ewes of any age (do not need to be related).
8. All sheep will be shown and judged in the ring.
9. A grade flock must have a purebred ram. The purebred ram must be one of the breed origins of the grade flock. A sheep cannot be entered in both purebred and grade classes except when a purebred ram is in a grade flock.
10. Grade sheep exhibited in Section 9 cannot be exhibited in Section 10 or vice versa. Animals exhibited in Section 1 through Section 10 cannot be exhibited in Section 12.
11. A wether can be exhibited in only 2 classes, Classes 19 & 22.

12. Purebred sheep will have their registration papers available for inspection upon request.
13. In order to be exhibited in Section 8 Natural Color, the animal must show 40% color in fleece.
14. A Champion Ram and Reserve Champion Ram will be chosen from winners of the Ram classes.
15. A Champion Ewe and Reserve Champion Ewe will be chosen from winners of the Ewe classes. This includes the classes for grades.
16. A Grand Champion Ewe of all Breeds and Reserve Champion Ewe of all Breeds will be chosen.
17. A Grand Champion Ram of all Breeds and a Reserve Champion Ram of all Breeds will be chosen.

All sheep in the group classes (Classes 9-12 and 18-20) must have been exhibited in prior individual classes (Classes 1-8 and 13-17) from within that section. NOTE: A grade flock must have a purebred ram.

Use these section numbers when filling out your entry form:

- Section 1: Purebred Dorset**
Section 2: Purebred Corriedale
Section 3: Purebred Romney – white and natural colored
Section 4: Purebred Cotswold – white and natural colored
Section 5: Purebred Icelandic – white and natural colored
Section 6: All other purebreds classified as white wool breeds
Section 7: All other purebreds classified as meat breeds
Section 8: Natural Colored – excludes Sections 3, 4 and 5

Class Numbers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
1 Ram, 2 yrs & over	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
2 Yearling ram, 1 yr & under 2 yrs	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
3 Ram lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
4 Pair of ram lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
5 Ewe, 2 yrs & over	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
6 Yearling ewe, 1 yr & under 2 yrs	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
7 Senior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
8 Junior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
9 Pair ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
10 Dam & lamb, ewe & her ram or ewe (no wether) lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
11 Get-of-sire, 3 animals with same sire	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$9
12 Exhibitor's Flock	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$9

Section 9: All grade white wool breeds

Section 10: All grade meat breeds

Class Numbers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
13 Grade ram under 6 mons	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
14 Grade ewe 2 yrs & over	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
15 Grade yearling ewe	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
16 Grade senior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
17 Grade junior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
18 Grade pair ewe lambs	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
19 Dam & lamb, ewe & her ram, wether or ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6
20 Grade flock (must have purebred ram)	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$9

Section 11: Best fleeced animal

Class Numbers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
21 Best fleeced animal	\$12			

Section 12: Market lamb

Class Numbers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
22 Market lamb ewe, wether or ram	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$6

Section 13: Leadline & costume classes

Saturday, July 18, 6pm

Leadline Showmanship:

The purpose of these classes is to present a positive image and to promote the sheep industry.

Contestants must be from a family raising sheep. They must be in a garment appropriate and attractive; some part must be made with wool.

The sheep must be conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. Judging is based on the poise and appearance of the contestant, the attractiveness of the garment, control and presentation of the sheep, and appearance of the sheep.

No coloring or decorating of sheep permitted.

Class Numbers	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
23 Youth leadline showmanship: anyone 18 yrs old & under as of Jan 1, 2009	\$8	\$5	\$3	
24 Adult leadline showmanship: anyone 19 yrs old & over as of Jan 1, 2009	\$8	\$5	\$3	
25 Costume class: Open to anyone & to all ages. Awards will be given for:	\$4	\$4	\$4	\$4

- Most original
- Funniest
- Best promotion of sheep and/or wool
- Most attractive

*For Classes 23, 24 and 25 the exhibitor will provide a brief description (preferably on a 3x5 card) neatly printed and handed in to the sheep Superintendent prior to the beginning of the sheep show. This should include exhibitor's name, breed of sheep, class and any other information desired.

Section 14: Fleece of wool

Fleeces will be received in the Peck Building by 4pm Tuesday, July 14.

1. An entry shall consist of 1 fleece.
2. All fleeces must be skirted, tag and chaff free, labeled according to class, and in a clear plastic bag.
3. No fleece shall be eligible to be exhibited in more than 1 class.
4. The owner's name shall not appear on any fleece in competition.
5. Classes entered are solely the decision of the entrant.
6. A Champion Fleece and Reserve Champion Fleece will be chosen from the 1st and 2nd place winners.
7. A Grand Champion Fleece and Reserve Champion Fleece will be chosen from the Champion and Reserve Champions.

Classes 31-33	White fleeces
34-36	Natural colored fleeces

Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
31 Fine	\$8	\$5	\$3
32 Medium	\$8	\$5	\$3
33 Long	\$8	\$5	\$3
34 Fine	\$8	\$5	\$3
35 Medium	\$8	\$5	\$3
36 Long	\$8	\$5	\$3

Section 15: Rock Day Spinners Guild Wool Products

This section pertains only to current members of the Rock Day Spinners Guild.

Entries close Saturday, June 27, at 6pm.

Entries made in the wrong class will be disqualified.

Those entering exhibits in Home Arts must fill out separate entry forms.

Entry fee is 15% of 1st prize premium.

Exhibits accepted Saturday, July 11, between 10am & 2pm.

Exhibits released Monday, July 20, between 11am & 2pm.

All articles exhibited must be made by the exhibitor. A 3x5 card is to be attached listing fiber content, technique used and purpose of article. No article shall be permitted to be exhibited in this department if it has been previously exhibited therein. Judges will not award a prize where there is no merit. In the event there is no competition in a class, they will award a 1st or 2nd premium if, in their judgment, the exhibit deserves it. Soiled or out-of-date articles will not be accepted.

A Best of Show Wool Product will be awarded for Classes 41, 42, 43 and 44, and a Best of Show will be awarded for Classes 45, 46 and 47.

Prize Money: 1st \$8 2nd \$5 3rd \$3

Class

- 41 Large handmade articles of sheep's wool or 50% sheep's wool blend handspun by exhibitor, knitted or crocheted. This includes knitted or crocheted articles machine felted.
- 42 Small handmade articles of sheep's wool or 50% sheep's wool blend handspun by exhibitor, knitted or crocheted. This includes knitted or crocheted articles machine felted.
- 43 Home made article of 100% sheep's wool or 50% sheep's wool blend handspun by exhibitor and handwoven.
- 44 Handmade articles of at least 90% sheep's wool, hand or needle felted. No machine felted articles.
- 45 Skein of yarn – handspun, 100% sheep's wool, washed white, dyed, or natural colored, any-ply yarn. Minimum of 2 oz and 40 yds.
- 46 Skein of yarn – handspun, blends with natural or manmade fibers, with at least 50% sheep's wool, any-ply yarn. Minimum of 2 oz and 40 yds.
- 47 Skein of yarn – novelty, with natural or manmade fibers, with at least 50% sheep's wool. Minimum of 2 oz and 40 yds, must include textural change.

Special Awards

Shepherd's Contest

Rosettes will be awarded to the top 5 exhibitors doing the best job of caring for their sheep and exhibit space during the Fair.

Judging will take place daily. Exhibitors will be judged on the following:

1. Cleanliness of animals and stall.
2. Daily organization and appearance of exhibitors.
3. Cleanliness of walkways.
4. Cleanliness and neatness of equipment and feed storage.
5. Courtesy to public and other exhibitors.

Dave Driscoll of Saratoga Springs offers:

- \$20 1st place Youth Leadline Showmanship
- \$15 2nd place Youth Leadline Showmanship

Caori Knoll Farm of Schuylerville offers Stall Awards:

- \$15 Most attractive
- \$15 Best representation of sheep & wool industry
- \$10 Best fleeced animal

Rock Day Spinners offer:

- \$10 Wool Product Youth Award
- \$10 Wool Product Youth Award

Please note:

New Ag & Markets Rules (p.10)
 General Rules & Regulations (p. 8)
 Code of Show Ring Ethics (p.5)

Premium checks must be cashed within 30 days of issue. No exceptions!

Absolutely no sales or transfers of ownership of animals shall occur on the fairgrounds during Fair week. No "For Sale" signs will be allowed on individual exhibits.

A promotional area may be set up at the discretion of the department superintendent in one place in the exhibit area for those exhibitors wishing to advertise animals for sale.