

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H & AGRICULTURAL FAIR

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H INVITATIONAL SHEEP SHOW

Date: FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

Location: SHEEP BARN

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SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This show is open to New Jersey & Pennsylvania 4-H members in the Sheep Project.

2. To be eligible to show at the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Show the exhibitor must be:

4-H member: Youth must have been enrolled in grades K-13 as of September last year. Youth in grades K-3 may compete in a non-competitive Prep/Cloverbud showmanship class for participation ribbon.

In "Good Standing" according to the state 4-H standards is as follows. The 4-H member must have:

- Attended at least 70% of regular club meetings and/or activities.
- Given a state, county or club 4-H presentation following the State 4-H presentation guidelines.
- Been responsible for the physical care and training of the animal to the fullest extent possible.
- Each county is responsible for collecting and reviewing record books prior to their county show. All 4-H participants must have completed a record book prior to attending the show. This is to be verified by the Club Leader, by their signature on the entry form.
- All animals entered must have been owned or leased by the exhibitor by May 1st.

3. **All entries must be submitted no later than Aug. 5th**

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4. Exhibitors must provide their own water buckets and feed. Hay and Straw will be provided.

5. A competent Shepherd will be in the barns overnight.

6. **Animals to be exhibited MUST arrive on Tuesday August 20, 2024, between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.** No animal is allowed to leave transport vehicles prior to on site vet check. No animals will be accepted/checked in after 6 PM.

7. Before unloading the sheep to be exhibited at the show, the following information must be presented:

- Registration papers for Purebred Animals and 4-H Lease forms where applicable.
- A completed CVI with the animal's ear tag number for each animal on the transport must be shown to the vet at check in.

All lambs entering the show must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 90 days of the show. The CVI must be presented at registration. Certificates should indicate that the sheep/lamb did not originate from a flock with foot rot, sore mouth, or any infectious or contagious disease. This statement must be written on the CVI. Inspection must take place on the farm where the sheep live. The lamb must be identified individually on this certificate by ear tag or tattoo number. Sheep shall be identified by USDA approved official identification. Scrapies identification tag/tattoo must be present on the sheep/lamb as required. All health regulations/requirements as set forth by the NJ State Vet shall be followed and enforced for animals on exhibit at 2023 fairs/animal exhibits.

All animals which are eligible for USDA rabies vaccination must be current on rabies vaccination & copy of proof of vaccination by a veterinarian must be provided to the Show committee upon arrival at Vet Check in.

All animals are subject to a visual health inspection by the designated livestock inspector prior to being unloaded. There are no exceptions. Animals suspected of having a health problem must be removed from the show grounds immediately.

8. The check in vet has the final say on the health of any animal brought onto the grounds as to whether the animal poses a risk to other animals in the barn and needs to be sent home as an individual or a flock.
9. It is required that all sheep exhibited have proof of rabies vaccination.
10. All sheep should be exhibited according to breed standards. Commercial (Grades) to be shown either as meat or wool breed to be noted as such on the entry form.
11. All meat sheep should be shown as slick shown (less than 1/8 inch of wool) excluding below hocks, knees and topknots as according to breed standards or as fitted having more than 1 1/2 inches of clean wool on the body of the animal.
12. All wool sheep should have a minimum of 2 inches of wool that is fitted to the breed standard for proper evaluation.
13. Fitting of all animals is the sole responsibility of the 4-H member exhibiting the animal. Younger 4-Her's and first year members may receive guidance and suggestions from parents, 4-H Sheep Club Leaders, or other 4-H Sheep Club Members. **Fitting by anyone other than the exhibitor of the animal is not allowed.** Failure to abide will result in forfeiture of any awards earned by that animal.
14. Each member may exhibit 5 entries per breed but no more than 2 entries per class per breed.
15. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class the second animal must also be shown by a 4-H member. Exhibitors may have a second exhibitor set the back feet in any class other than showmanship, this exhibitor must also be a 4-H member.
16. Siblings may combine their entries for group classes.
17. Pens will be assigned to all members prior to arrival. Please only use your assigned pens and keep animals in these pens throughout the fair.
18. In order to enter the show ring, members exhibiting in the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Sheep Show must be attired in clean, plain white collared shirt or blouse (no county, family or flock names on the shirts), blue denim jeans, and sturdy shoes, (no clogs or sandals). No midriiffs showing.
19. The use of artificial coloring, painting or changing the breed qualities of a lamb shall be considered fraud and deception and will not be permitted at the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Sheep Show.
20. No muzzling of animals will be permitted.
21. The Danish system of judging will be used with the following awards: Excellent, Very Good, Good.
22. A completed, signed 4-H permission form for the 4-H member must accompany the entry. Youth without a permission form will not be allowed to participate.
23. Any grievance must be in writing and given to a member of the Committee. It will be reviewed in a timely manner and a decision will be made.

24. All participants are expected to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics.
25. Within breed the following classes will be recognized, Purebred/Registered Breeds, Commercial (Grade) Meat and Commercial (Grade) Wool will all be judged separately.
- A. Yearling Ram 1 year and under 2 years of age.
 - B. Fall Ram lamb born September 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023.
 - C. Spring Ram lamb born January 1, 2024 or after

CHAMPION RAM

- D. Aged Ewes 2 years old and older.
- E. Yearling Ewes 1 year old and under 2 years.
- F. Fall Ewe lamb born September 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023
- G. Spring Ewe lamb born January 1, 2024 or after

CHAMPION EWE

- H. Pair of Lambs any sex
- I. Young Flock (consisting of one ram lamb and two ewe lambs of the same breed)
- J. Exhibitor's Flock (consisting of one ram, either a yearling or ram lamb, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs of the same breed)

SHOWMANSHIP & FITTING

All exhibitors are expected to participate in Showmanship.

The following Showmanship Classes will be conducted: (the number of years showing includes this project year but not including Prep/Cloverbud years in 4-H):

- 1 Advanced Showmanship
- 2 Intermediate Showmanship
- 3 Novice Showmanship
- 4 Beginner Showmanship
- 5 Prep/Cloverbud Showmanship Class – (Grades K-3). and all participants in this class will receive a special participation award. Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H Prep/Cloverbud program.

THE FOLLOWING FITTING CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOW

- 1 Fitting of Meat-Type animals (Purebred or Grade)(This will be for both slick and fitted)
- 2 Fitting of Wool-Type animals (Purebred or Grade)

NOTE: SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE LISTED IN THE PROGRAM ON SHOW DAY.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SHOW

All participants are invited to participate in the:

TEAM SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL