

DEPARTMENT 4 JUNIOR SHEEP



Superintendent – Tammie Nachtigal

NOTE: Members enrolled in Sheep may also exhibit items in Dept. 10, Class A. These are Vet Science non-animal items.

Sheep will be weighed on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Registration papers of breeding stock will be verified by the superintendent. Check with the department superintendent for specific time. Exhibitor with female and male sheep (except wethers) in purebred classes must present registration papers (in the exhibitor's name, family name or farm name) to the superintendents. Other female entries will show in commercial classes.

Animals in market classes must have signed drug history form (see Animal Health Rules).

All breeding classes of sheep, registered Columbias, Corriedales, Rambouillets, and Targhees shall be shown with 2 inches of wool or less. All other breeds must have been completely shorn between two months and two weeks of show date.

In addition to the State Animal Health Rules the La Crosse Interstate Fair will require ALL breeding stock, regardless of age and ALL wethers to have a scrapies tag/ID.

Judging will begin with Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Novice) followed by breeding stock and market lambs.

Read ALL Ethics & General Rules in the front of the fairbook.

The sheep being shown should have 4 feet on the ground when showing all breeding and market animals. If there is noncompliance the exhibitor will receive one (1) warning; 2nd time the exhibitor will be directed to leave the show ring. This will be based on per animal shown.

SHEEP BREEDING STOCK

- CLASS A – HAMPSHIRE
- CLASS B – SUFFOLK
- CLASS C – SHROPSHIRE
- CLASS D – DORSETS
- CLASS E – COLUMBIA
- CLASS F – RAMBOUILET
- CLASS G – OXFORD
- CLASS H – CORRIEDALE
- CLASS I – SOUTHDOWN
- CLASS J – ANY OTHER PUREBRED
- CLASS K – COMMERCIAL

Premiums:

Item No.	1st \$5.00	2nd \$4.00	3rd \$3.00	4th \$2.00
1.	Spring ram lamb			
2.	Winter ram lamb			
3.	Fall ram lamb			
4.	Yearling ram			
5.	Spring ewe lamb			
6.	Winter ewe lamb			
7.	Fall ewe lamb			
8.	Mixed pair of lambs, 1 ram, 1 ewe, must have been shown by exhibitor, in individual classes, in respective breed.			
9.	Yearling ewe			
10.	Mature ewe			
11.	Flock (1 ram, 1 yearling ewe, 1 ewe lamb)			
12.	Bred and owned spring ewe lamb (All classes will be judged together; trophy to the first place lamb; no premium.)			

Criteria and Guidelines for Bred and Owned Spring Ewe Lambs:

1. A spring ewe lamb is one that has been born on or after February 16 of the exhibit year.

2. The spring ewe lambs dam (mother) must have been in COMPLETE ownership on the farm of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family farm PRIOR to breeding. NO in process of ownership at breeding time. Defining Family Farm – parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters, aunts or uncles.
3. The sire (father) of the said spring ewe lambs can be owned, borrowed or leased.
4. No spring ewe lamb is eligible for class award if dam was bought as a bred ewe.
5. Bred and owned spring ewe lamb class is open to all breeds shown in previous classes. It MUST have been shown earlier in a breed class.

CHAMPION RAM-TROPHY
RESERVE RAM-TROPHY
CHAMPION EWE-TROPHY
RESERVE EWE-TROPHY

SHEEP MARKET LAMBS

In the market lamb class you are able to show up to three (3) lambs per exhibitor. When entering your lambs for the fair, enter one item number for each lamb you actually have. The appropriate weight divisions will be determined on entry day at the Fair weigh-in. Lambs weighing 89 pounds or less at the Fair will be shown in a separate non-premium, ribbon-only class.

All lambs must weigh 110 pounds to be eligible to sell. There will be no reweighs allowed.

All lambs entered will be divided by weight for the correct classes.

Animals in Market Classes must have signed Drug History Form (see Animal Health Rules).

The judge will select animals for the auction; only one animal per exhibitor may be in the ring for auction selection (unless Supreme and Reserve Supreme Champion). Exhibitor must exhibit the animal during auction selection.

Prolapsed lambs will not be allowed to show.

CLASS L – MARKET CLASSES (Including Crossbreds)

Premiums:

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Item No.

Market lambs, 90 pounds, no maximum weight

1. Market lamb, Wether – Animal #1
2. Market lamb, Wether – Animal #2
3. Market lamb, Wether – Animal #3
4. Market lamb, Ewe – Animal #1
5. Market lamb, Ewe – Animal #2
6. Market lamb, Ewe – Animal #3

CHAMPION MARKET LAMB-ROSETTE & PLAQUE
RESERVE MARKET LAMB-ROSETTE & TROPHY

CLASS M – BRED & OWNED MARKET LAMB

Market lamb (wether or ewe) bred and owned by the exhibitor.

Item No.

1. Bred & owned market Lamb (award only, no premium)

Criteria and Guidelines for Bred and Owned Market Lambs

1. A market lamb is one that has been born after January 1 of the exhibit year.
2. The market lambs dam (mother) must have been in COMPLETE ownership on the farm of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's family farm PRIOR to breeding. NO in process of ownership at breeding time. Defining Family Farm – parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters, aunts or uncles.
3. The sire (father) of the said market lambs can be owned, borrowed or leased.
4. No market lambs are eligible for class award if dam was bought as a bred ewe.

5. Bred and owned market lamb class is open to one market lamb shown by exhibitor in previous market lamb classes. It MUST have been shown to qualify.
6. Bred and owned market lamb does not have to be one in the sale line-up.

CLASS N – SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship begins with seniors.

Novice class is for a beginner/learner or a first or second year showman not wanting to compete in the Junior class. Novice will not participate in Round Robin Showmanship event on Sunday if placing first in the class.

Premiums:

1st \$3.00 2nd \$2.50 3rd \$2.00 4th \$1.50

Item No.

1. Novice class – grades 3-6
2. Junior, grades 3-6
3. Intermediate, grades 7-9
4. Senior, grades 10-13

TROPHY TO 1st PLACE IN JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE and SENIOR GROUPS

CLASS O – MARKET WOOL/FLEECE

Premiums:

1st \$5.00 2nd \$4.00 3rd \$3.00 4th \$2.00

Item No.

1. Fine Wool (Merino, Rambouillet)
2. Medium wool (All other Breeds)
3. Long Wool (Lincoln, Border Leicester)
4. Colored Wool (Natural Colored)

CLASS P – CARCASS CLASS

Premiums:

1st \$6.00 2nd \$5.00 3rd \$4.00 4th \$3.00

Item No.

1. Carcass Class

SHEEP HERDSMANSHIP CLUB AWARD

All exhibitors will be judged by club on the herdsmanship award criteria using the below scorecard.

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| 1. GENERAL APPEARANCE and NEATNESS | 35% |
| a. Adequate and proper usage of shavings/bedding for comfort of animal(s) | |
| b. Decorations tasteful and attractive | |
| c. Use of promotional or educational material in club exhibit space | |
| d. Appropriate and clear signage for exhibitor, club and animal identification | |
| e. Area is presentable and inviting to the fair guest | |
| 2. APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS | 25% |
| a. Knowledgeable, courteous and friendly; able to answer questions about the exhibit and/or animal(s). | |
| b. Clothes and person neat and clean; appropriate dress | |
| 3. STORAGE OF FEED AND EQUIPMENT | 25% |
| a. Aisles neat and clean | |
| b. Adequate aisle width for visitors | |
| c. Show tack, equipment, brooms, rakes, shovels, feeding pans and pails are neatly stored. | |
| 4. CLEANLINESS OF EXHIBIT AND ANIMALS | 15% |
| a. Animal(s) are clean, well-groomed; neat and attractive; tied/penned properly; no flies | |
| b. Bedding clean and dry; shows evidence of frequent reworking and care of animal(s) | |
| TOTAL | 100% |

LITTLE EWES SHEEP SHOW

The Little Ewes Sheep show is open to La Crosse County youth who are age 3 through second grade (completed).

The show will be held on Friday, July 17 following the Junior Sheep Show.

The lamb is to be brought in that morning and taken home that afternoon. Tie space and bedding will be provided. The child may also borrow a lamb from a Junior exhibitor but needs to be arranged with the exhibitor prior to the start of the Little Ewes show. Each child will be asked to lead his/her lamb around and answer a question.

Every child will receive an award. Please register by July 1, 2026 with Tammie Nachtigal. Send her the child's name, age/grade, phone number and shirt size to her email address. If you have any questions, call Tammie at 608-386-0488 or by email: tjnachtigal@gmail.com

A special thank you to the Little Ewes Sheep Show sponsors: Sponsors will be mentioned during the show.