

# 2011 OPEN SHEEP SHOW

CHAIRPERSONS: Linda & Fred Schauwecker

Judge: To Be Announced

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### PLEASE READ ALL RULES CAREFULLY.

1. ENTRY FEE IS \$3.00 PER ANIMAL - Maximum sheep per week-end is 300 head. Entries will be received on a first come, first served basis. Entries without an entry fee will not be accepted.
2. Management will use care and diligence for safety and health of animals. Neither the Society nor the Committee shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. Entries are accepted on these conditions only.
3. All animals, except market lambs, must be registered in the name of the exhibitors, and papers must be available for the Committee. All animals must have been owned by exhibitors 30 DAYS BEFORE SHOW.
4. No pending registrations will be accepted; all animals must be EAR TAGGED OR TATTOOED. The sheep committee has the right to temporarily mark any animals that have no identification.
5. Animals will be inspected upon arrival for contagious diseases and parasites. Any animal found unhealthy will be removed from the FAIRGROUNDS immediately. All Exhibitors **MUST HAVE HEALTH PAPERS.** Registration papers will be checked upon arrival.
6. All animals **MUST SHOW SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN FITTED,** and market lambs **MUST BE SHORN CLEAN.**
7. Age of animals will be figured as of September 1, Spring Lambs as of January 1.
8. Market lambs may be ewes, rams, or wethers and may not be shown in any other class. Market lambs will be weighed Saturday morning before show time at 8:00 a.m.
9. Exhibitors are limited to TWO entries in each class.
10. All animals in group class must have been shown in individual classes. Group classes are limited to one entry per breed, per exhibitor.
11. Sheep should arrive AFTER 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, and BEFORE 12:00 P.M. on Friday, September 30, 2011.
12. No sheep are to leave BEFORE 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 2, 2011.
13. No more than two breeds are to be exhibited by one exhibitor.
14. Initial bedding will be supplied. Hay, grain and additional bedding will be available for sale on the grounds.
15. Exhibitors must inform themselves as to when their BREED OF SHEEP are judged. Sheep must be in the ring promptly on call. A failure to comply with this order renders exhibitor liable to be ruled out of competition.
16. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES allowed in the Sheep Barn.
17. No unsupervised minors in the barn after closing.
18. Proper dress required in show ring at all times.
19. Youths are required to wear proper dress in the show ring for Fitting & Showmanship.
20. Exhibitors are requested to display their Farm Signs.
21. THE SHOW COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD, DELETE OR COMBINE CLASSES AT THEIR DISCRETION.

ENTRIES DUE SEPTEMBER 12TH

ENTRY FORMS are on attached pages

## OPEN SHEEP SHOW

OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> & OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2011  
(Saturday & Sunday)

### ORDER OF JUDGING

Show Committee reserves the right to change the show order.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 30, AT 6:00 P.M.:

V - Obstacle Course

STARTING PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M. ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>:

W - Fitting & Showmanship

(Seniors - No Halters in Show Ring)

A - Market Lambs

D - Cheviots

(BREAK FOR LUNCH)

U - Costume/Lead Line

(1 HOUR AFTER LUNCH BREAK)

G - Cotswolds

H - Dorsets

I - Hampshires

N - Suffolks

STARTING PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M. ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>:

B - Blacks

J - Montadales

L - Shropshires

M - Southdowns

O - Tunis

T - Any Other Breed - Meat

TW - Any Other Breed - Wool

TOTAL SHOW WILL BE LIMITED TO 300 HEAD.  
THE FAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RETURN ENTRIES.  
ALL ENTRIES ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME,  
FIRST SERVED BASIS.

OPEN TO ALL. OUT OF STATE ENTRIES ARE WELCOME.



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## FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

1. Novice - 1st year in Youth Club Work and under 14 years old
2. Junior - 2nd year, up to 14 years old
3. Senior - 14 years old up to 19 years old as of January 1st  
Open to all Youth & 4-H Sheep Club Members

## OPEN CLASSES

### CLASSES:

- 1 Yearling Rams
- 2 Fall Ram Lambs
- 4 Spring Ram Lambs
- 5 Pair of Ram Lambs  
CHAMPION RAM – ROSETTE
- 6 Yearling Ewes
- 7 Pair of Yearling Ewes
- 8 Fall Ewe Lambs
- 10 Spring Ewe Lambs
- 11 Pair of Ewe Lambs  
CHAMPION EWE – ROSETTE  
BREED GRAND CHAMPION – ROSETTE & TROPHY
- 14 Flock – 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewes, 2 Ewe Lambs
- 15 Breeder's Flock – 1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewes, 2 Ewe Lambs bred and owned by one exhibitor
- 16 Get of Sire – 4 Animals, any age or sex sired by one Ram and owned by one exhibitor
- 17 Pen of Three Lambs – Bred and owned by one exhibitor
- 18 Pair of Lambs (1 Ram, 1 Ewe) Bred and owned by exhibitor
- 19 Best Three Head – Bred and owned by exhibitor

### PAPERS MUST BE PRESENTED IN THE RING FOR ALL BRED AND OWNED CLASSES

- A1 Market Lamb - Light Weight
  - A2 Market Lamb - Medium Weight
  - A3 Market Lamb - Heavy Weight
  - A4 Pen of Three Market Lambs  
CHAMPION MARKET LAMB – ROSETTE & BAG OF GRAIN
- U1-U3 Youth Costume/Lead Line Class  
Entrants must wear something made of wool.  
ROSETTE & TROPHY
- U4 Adult Costume/Lead Line Class  
Entrants must wear something made of wool.  
ROSETTE & TROPHY
- V1-V3 Youth Obstacle Course – ROSETTE & TROPHY  
V4 Adult Obstacle Course – ROSETTE & TROPHY

## PREMIUM AWARDS

### BREED CLASSES

#### Placing in Class:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20	18	16	14	12	11	10	10	10	10

### GROUP CLASSES

#### Placing in Class:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
20	18	16	14	12	10	10

### YOUTH CLASSES

#### Placing in Class:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
18	16	14	12	11	10	10	10	10	10

### COSTUME/LEAD LINE & OBSTACLE CLASSES

#### Placing in Class:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
18	16	14	12	11	10	10	10	10	10

# SPINNING BEE

OCTOBER 5, 2011

Wednesday Evening - 7:00P.M. to 9:00P.M.

Judge: TBA

## PREMIUM AWARDS

### Placing in Class:

1ST.	2ND.	3RD.	4TH.	5TH.	6TH-7TH
20	18	16	14	12	10

## SPINNING CLASSES:

- SP 1. NOVICE - Will be judged on UNIFORMITY OF YARN.
- SP 2. INTERMEDIATE - Will be judged on UNIFORMITY OF THE YARN
- SP 3. ADVANCE - Will be judged on UNIFORMITY, TEXTURE AND CREATIVITY OF YARN SPUN.  
YOUTH CLASS - SAME AS ABOVE
- SP 4. DROP SPINDLE - Will be judged on UNIFORMITY OF YARN.  
QUANTITY SPUN (within reason) IS **NOT** IMPORTANT  
Plying is at the discretion of the Spinner.
- SP 5. DROP SPINDLE, LONGEST SPUN - Take 10 minutes to spin as much as you can and then unravel your spindle. The spinner who walks the farthest away from the judge is the winner! **You can enter another category along with this one.**

BRING YOUR OWN WHEEL, EMPTY SPOOLS AND CHAIRS (There will be chairs available)  
WOOL FIBER WILL BE PROVIDED.  
THIS IS OPEN TO ALL SPINNERS.  
COME ON OUT FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!

# YARN SHOW

CHAIRPERSONS: Vicki Rigel & Linda Schauwecker

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entries: All entries should be submitted Thursday, September 29th, 2011 between 4:00pm and 9:00pm in the Sheep Barn. All entries can be picked up Tuesday, October 11, 2011 between 4:00pm and 6:00pm.
2. The committee reserves the right to combine or create classes. The judges' decision is final.
3. All yarns must be hand spun 100% wool fiber, unless otherwise noted. Yarns and Challenge Competitions are limited to one entry per class.

## YARN CLASSES

- Y1. One 2oz. skein - Single or 2 Ply - 100% Wool  
Y2. One 2oz. skein - 3 Ply or Navajo Ply - 100% Wool  
Y3. One 2oz. skein - Single or 2 Ply - any natural fiber  
Y4. One 2oz. skein - Single or 2 Ply - Novelty  
Y7. One 2oz. skein - Any Fiber - novice spinner

## CHALLENGE COMPETITIONS

- Y5. Challenge Competition: Socks  
Made from any handspun wool, any design - knitted, woven, crocheted or felted.

2011 Competition: Gloves/Mittens

## AWARDS

Best Handspun Yarn in Show - Trophy & Rosette

# OPEN SHEEP SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibitor No. \_\_\_\_\_

Open Show

## ENTRIES DUE SEPTEMBER 12TH

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#1 Yearling Rams	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#2 Fall Ram Lambs	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#4 Spring Ram Lambs	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#5 Pair of Ram Lambs	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#6 Yearling Ewes	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#7 Pair of Yearling Ewes	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#8 Fall Ewe Lambs	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#10 Spring Ewe Lambs	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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#11 Pair of Ewe Lambs	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____
	Breed _____	Reg. # _____	Birthdate _____

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**Everyone is invited to Come See Us on Opening Day- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH. All exhibits will need to be in place on Thursday, September 29th, EXCEPT POULTRY. Please refer all questions regarding this change to the Department Chairperson or the Fair's Administration Office.**

## GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

**\*\* *Topsfield Fair and Essex Agricultural Society are not responsible for changes to or omissions from any contest rules, regulations, and/or guidelines.***

Exhibitors must adhere to all rules as they apply to individual departments as well as the following regulations:

1. The Essex Agricultural Society is a member of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association. The rules and regulations of this organization will apply where applicable.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on fairgrounds.
3. No smoking allowed in buildings.
4. No exhibit shall be removed before the close of the fair, without the express consent of the department head and fair management. Please refer to individual department for specific pickup times.
5. Departments designated 4-H and youth are restricted to boys and girls 9 through 19 years of age as of January 1, 2011, unless otherwise stated in department rules.
6. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Society for the safe keeping of animals and articles entrusted to its care, but all exhibits are received upon express condition that THE SOCIETY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE that may occur to animals or articles on exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants agree to be solely responsible for any loss, injury to, damage done, occasioned by or arising from any exhibit, equipment, animal or person and to defend and indemnify the Society and the management thereof against all claims and liability in regard thereto. In view of this understanding, exhibitors, contestants, and/or participants may deem it advisable to obtain appropriate liability insurance.
7. No person will be awarded premium checks with providing the Fair office with his/her social security number.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES & INFORMATION

1. All animals must be checked by the State Veterinarian and/or the department head or his designee, upon arrival at the fairgrounds.
2. Please review and comply with all health regulations as they pertain to individual departments. Massachusetts Department of Agriculture rules regarding animal health must be adhered to.
3. All out-of-state livestock must be accompanied by a current Certificate of Health.
4. EXHIBITOR PARKING WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED. PLEASE CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD IF PARKING PROBLEMS ARISE.

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BUREAU OF FAIRS, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

In addition to complying with all laws and regulations governing animal health issues (M.G.L. C. 129§§14D, 14E, 44 and 330 CMR 4.03, 4.07, 16.03), all fairs must adopt and enforce the following rules for governance of the fair:

**2011 FAIRS ANIMAL HEALTH RULES**

**NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below.  
NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.**

**A. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ANIMALS**

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.
2. Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. **THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. **REMINDER: ALL sheep and goats of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program and the Massachusetts Emergency order 1-AHO-06. Information on approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.**
4. All livestock must have proper ID. For animals identified by microchip, readers must be available to the Inspectors.
5. SEE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES LISTED BELOW.

**B. OUT OF STATE ANIMALS**

1. All animals entering a Massachusetts fairground from out of state must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors.
2. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season in Massachusetts. TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB accredited and Brucellosis Free States. All other states must call for requirements.  
(617-626-1795)

**C. POULTRY**

1. No poultry will be admitted to a fairground until it has been individually inspected.
2. All poultry must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: infectious bronchitis, coryza, pullorum-typhoid, fowl-pox, external parasites and laryngotracheitis.
3. Each bird must be accompanied by written proof (ID card or test report) that the breeding flock was blood-tested negative for pullorum-typhoid within one year prior to entry date.
4. Birds from quarantined states will not be permitted entry.
5. All birds over 16 weeks of age as of January 1, 2011 shall be individually leg banded with a state leg band. This includes out of state exhibitors.
6. No bird vaccinated for laryngotracheitis within thirty days of the fair will be admitted.

**D. CATTLE, GOATS AND CAMELIDS (LLAMAS, ALPACAS, ETC.)**

1. All animals entering a Massachusetts fairground from out of State or within the state must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Cattle and Camelids must be identified by either ear tag, tattoo registration or microchip. **Note that all goats and kids presented, regardless of age, must be individually listed and identified on the health certificate.** These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. Health Certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts.
2. All of the above must be free of visual evidence of the following disease: foot rot, mange, pink-eye, ringworm, warts, cow-pox and open or draining wounds.
3. In addition all Goats must also be free of sore mouth and scrapie exposure. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP), goats of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or

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electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the FSEP and the Massachusetts Emergency order 1-AHO-06. Information on approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.

4. Blue Tongue testing is required for Camelids originating from outside the Commonwealth. Exception: Animals from a USDA declared "Low Incident State" are exempt. Note: New England and New York are low incident states.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all cattle be currently vaccinated for rabies.

## E. SWINE

1. All swine entering a Massachusetts fairground must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure to such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be accepted for the entire fair season in Massachusetts. All swine must be identified by an official ear tag or registration.
2. Swine must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, mange and open or draining wounds.
3. No person shall import into Massachusetts from outside the state any swine which have been pseudorabies vaccinated. M.G.L. c. 129§14E.
4. No person shall import into Massachusetts swine from Stage I or Stage II Pseudorabies States.
5. All swine shall originate from qualified pseudorabies-free herds, or monitored herds in qualified pseudorabies-free States only. The pseudorabies status of the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state.

## F. SHEEP

1. Sheep entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season.
2. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance

for Scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program and the Massachusetts Emergency Order 1-AHO-06, sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within the state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with requirements of the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program (FSEP).

Information on approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at 508-363-2290.

3. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which Soremouth has existed or in which Soremouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty days.
4. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink-eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

## G. EQUINE

1. All equines entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2011 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season.
2. All equines must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: mange, ringworm, soring, strangles and open or draining wounds..
3. All equines originating from within and outside of the Commonwealth must have a negative USDA-approved EIA test (i.e., coggins test or ELISA test dated within twelve months of entry.
- \*4. While not required, it is strongly recommended that all equines be vaccinated for rabies, tetanus, and EEE within one year of the fair.

## H. RABBITS

1. Rabbits must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: snuffles, wet tail, skin and ear infections.

## I. DOGS AND CATS

1. All dogs and cats must be free of visual evidence of the following diseases: kennel cough, distemper, hepatitis, parvo, ringworm, and mange.
2. **All Massachusetts dogs and cats and those originating from out of this State must have a valid and current vaccination certificate for rabies.**