

# DEPARTMENT 102

## OPEN SHEEP SHOW

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Chairpersons:** Linda & Fred Schauwecker

**Judges:** To Be Announced

### IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Yarn Show Entry Form Due: Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Entry Receiving: After 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and before 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Entry Pick Up: Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 after 6:00 p.m.

Yarn Show Pick Up: Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (4:00-6:00pm)

Entry Fee: \$3.00 per animal, (*online only*) \$3.00 per exhibitor

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. ENTRY FEE IS \$3.00 PER ANIMAL- Maximum sheep per weekend 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<sup>st</sup>, Spring Lambs as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
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, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and **BEFORE** 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
12. No sheep are to leave **BEFORE** 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
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. Youth are required to wear solid color pants (in good repair) and white shirts 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.**

### ORDER OF JUDGING

Show Committee reserves the right to change the show order.

#### **Friday Evening, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

V- Obstacle Course

#### **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.**

W - Fitting & Showmanship (Seniors- No Halters In Show Ring)

A - Market Lambs

D - Cheviots

F - Dorper

G - Cotswolds

(Break for Lunch)

U - Costume/Lead Line

(1 Hour After Lunch Break)

H - Dorsets

O - Tunis

P - Shetland

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.**

- B - Natural colored
- E - Border Leicester
- M - Southdowns
- J - Lincolns
- I - Hampshires
- L - Shropshires
- N - Jacob
- T - Any Other Breed- Meat
- TW - Any Other Breed- Wool

Total Show Will Be Limited to 300 Heads.

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.

**FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

**Novice-** 1<sup>st</sup> year in Youth Club Work and under 14 years old

**Junior-** 2<sup>nd</sup> year, up to 13 years old

**Senior-** 14 years old up to 19 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>

Open to all Youth & 4-H Sheep Club Members

**OPEN CLASSES**

**CLASS (ALL OPEN CLASSES)**

**Awards:**  
CHAMPION RAM- ROSETTE

1. Yearling Rams
2. Fall Ram Lambs
4. Spring Ram Lambs
5. Pair of Ram Lambs

**Awards:**  
CHAMPION EWE- ROSETTE  
BREED GRAND CHAMPION- ROSETTE & TROPHY

6. Yearling Ewes
7. Pair of Yearling Ewes
8. Fall Ewe Lambs
10. Spring Ewe Lambs
11. Pair of Ewe Lambs

14. Farm 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**

**Awards:**  
CHAMPION MARKET LAMB- ROSETTE & BAG OF GRAIN

- A1. Market Lamb (may enter up to three market lambs)
- A4. Pen of Three Market Lambs

**Awards:**  
ROSETTE & TROPHY

- W1. Novice Fitting and Showmanship
- W2. Junior Fitting and Showmanship
- W3. Senior Fitting and Showmanship

- U1. Youth Novice Costume/Lead Line Class
- U2. Youth Junior Costume/Lead Line Class
- U3. Youth Senior Costume/Lead Line Class

Entrants **must** wear something made of wool.

**Awards:**  
ROSETTE & TROPHY

- U4. Adult Costume/Lead Line Class

Entrants **must** wear something made of wool.

**Awards:**  
ROSETTE & TROPHY

- V1. Youth Novice Obstacle Course
- V2. Youth Junior Obstacle Course
- V3. Youth Senior Obstacle Course

**Awards:**  
ROSETTE & TROPHY

- V4. Adult Obstacle Course

**Premium Awards:**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Breed Classes	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12
Group Classes	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12
Youth Classes	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$11
Costume/Lead Line & Obstacle Classes	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$11

	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Breed Classes	\$11	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Group Classes	\$10	\$10			
Youth Classes	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Costume/Lead Line & Obstacle Classes	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10

**YARN SHOW**

**Rules & Regulations:**

1. Entries: All entries should be submitted Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 between 4:00pm and 9:00pm in the Sheep Barn. All entries can be picked up Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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.
4. All items entered should have a tag with Class #, Exhibitor Name, address and phone number. Tags will not be shown in display case.

**Awards:**

BEST HANDSPUN YARN IN SHOW- TROPHY & ROSETTE

**CLASS Y**

- 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
- Y5. One 2oz. skein- Any Fiber- novice spinner

**Challenge Competitions**

Y6. Challenge Competitions: Scarves

Made from any handspun wool, any design- knitted, woven, crocheted or felted.

**2025 Competition: Hats**

**OFFICIAL RULES**

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information

Topsfield Fair General Livestock Rules & Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 2024 Fairs Animal Health Rules