

DEPARTMENT 2102

OPEN SHEEP SHOW

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chairpersons: Linda & Fred Schauwecker

Judges: To Be Announced

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form Due: Tuesday, September 15th, 2026

Yarn Show Entry Form Due: Thursday, October 1st, 2026

Entry Receiving: After 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1st, 2026 and before 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 2nd, 2026

Entry Pick Up: Sunday, October 4th, 2026 after 6:00 p.m.

Yarn Show Pick Up: Tuesday, October 13th, 2026

(4:00-6:00pm)

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

Camping and Overnight: Please contact the Dept. Chairman for more information.

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 1st, Spring Lambs as of January 1st.
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 1st, 2026 and **BEFORE** 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 2nd, 2026.
12. No sheep are to leave **BEFORE** 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th, 2026.
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 2nd, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

V- Obstacle Course

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

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

A - Market Lambs

AA – Market Lambs Youth

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 4th, 2026 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- 1st year in Youth Club Work and under 14 years old

Junior- 2nd year, up to 13 years old

Senior- 14 years old up to 19 years old as of January 1st

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

- A1. Market Lamb (may enter up to three market lambs)
- A4. Pen of Three Market Lambs
- AA1. Market Lamb Youth

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	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18
Group Classes	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18
Youth Classes	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18
Costume/Lead Line & Obstacle Classes	\$26	\$24	\$22	\$20	\$18

	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Breed Classes	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$10
Group Classes	\$16	\$14			
Youth Classes	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$10
Costume/Lead Line & Obstacle Classes	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$10

YARN SHOW

Rules & Regulations:

1. Entries: All entries should be submitted Thursday, October 1st, 2026 between 4:00pm and 9:00pm in the Sheep Barn. All entries can be picked up Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 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: Mittens/Gloves
Made from any handspun wool, any design- knitted, woven, crocheted or felted.

2027 Competition: Scarves

OFFICIAL RULES

Topsfield Fair General Rules & Information

Topsfield Fair General Livestock Rules & Information

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 2026 Fairs Animal Health Rules