

Sheep Show
Superintendent: Sebastian Cousins
2024 Judge: John Merlau

Deadline for ALL Entries: August 1, 2024 (midnight)

Take Notice:

Health Certificates are only required for out of state animals. All animals attending Michigan Fiber Festival are required to meet all State of Michigan Animal Health Requirements.

Place: Weldon Rumery Arena, Allegan County Fairgrounds.

Arrival Times: Friday August 16, 2024 between 9 AM and 8 PM only. All sheep must be checked prior to unloading.

Show time: Saturday, August 17, 2024 9 AM

Entry Fees: \$12.00 per head for individual animals/classes and \$12.00 per group class. Animals brought for sale are \$12.00 per head.

Premiums: \$25 - 20 - 15 -11 -7 (11 or more in a class)

\$25 - 20 -11- 7 9 or more in a class

\$25 - 20 - 11 if 3 in a class

\$20 - 11 if 2 in a class

\$11 if 1 in class

Divisions: 1. Long White - 2. Medium White - 3. Long Color -
4. Medium Color - 5. Coarse- 6. Fine Wool
7. Shetland - 8. Romney White -9. Romney Colored -10. Jacob -11. BFL

Classes: Each Division

1. Yearling Ram (Sept. 1, 2022– Aug.31, 2023)

2. Sr Ram Lamb (born Sept.1, 2023 - Dec.31, 2023)

3. Jr Ram Lamb (born Jan.1, 2024 until show time of same year or for as long as lambs have all baby teeth)

4. Pair of Ram Lambs

5. Yearling Ewe (Sept 1, 2022 – Aug. 31, 2023)

6. Pair of Yearling Ewes

7. Sr Ewe Lamb (born Sept.1, 2023 - Dec.31, 2023)

8.Jr Ewe Lamb (born Jan.1, 2024 or later)

9. Pair of Ewe Lambs

10. Young Flock (one ram lamb and two ewe lambs)

11. Flock (ram lamb or yearling ram, two yearling ewes, two ewe lambs)

****At the Conclusion of the Sheep Show:**

Supreme Champion Ram

Supreme Champion Ewe

Supreme Fleece on Hoof

NOTE: PRE-REGISTRATIONS AND OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR SUNDAYS YOUTH ACTIVITIES. REGISTRATION FOR THESE ACTIVITES WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY MORNING AT THE SHOW.

Sunday August 18, 2024 10AM- Youth Showmanship Class

Ages as of January 1, 2023

1. Junior ages 7-9 years (children under 7 may show if accompanied by parent/adult)

2. Intermediate 10-13years

3. Senior 14-18 years

Sunday August 18, 2024 12:30PM- Costume Lead Line Class- Youth AND Adults are welcome to enter! Creativity Counts!

Ages as of January 1, 2023

1. Junior ages 9 years and under

2. Intermediate 10-13 years

3. Senior ages 14 and over (adults welcome!)

Costume Class will be followed by a costume parade around the Festival Grounds.

Sunday Afternoon- 1:30pm-2:30PM- Youth Skillathon- Sheep Barn

Ages of January 1, 2024

1. Junior ages 9 years and under
2. Intermediate 10-13 years
3. Senior 14-18 years

Show Rules:

- 1.** All purebred sheep, including lambs, must be registered and it shall be the duty of each exhibitor to present certificates of registration and transfers to the sheep entry clerk. Transfers must be signed by secretaries of the registry associations and must show the date of transfer. All sheep must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor at the time of making entries. If animals are entered and shown without this being done, all awards including premium money will be forfeited. The only exception to this rule is breeds which do not issue registrations on younger animals. (In this instance, the sire and dam paperwork must be presented.) **All sheep must have special tags for scrapie program. Contact the USDA @ 1 866 873 2824 for the tags. No sheep will be permitted to show or be sold without the scrapie tags in place.**
- 2. No late entries will be accepted.**
- 3.** Do not make entries in Champion classes. Only first place animals are eligible for championship prizes, but second place animals may compete for Reserve Champion.
- 4.** An exhibitor may not receive more than one award in group classes and not more than two in any individual class. When there is just one exhibit in a class, only one premium will be awarded according to the merit of the animal. No exhibitor will be allowed to enter more than 12 animals in any one breed, and not more than two animals in any single class.
- 5.** All registered breeds are eligible to be shown, but must be shown as wool sheep. No slick shorn animals will be allowed and animals must have enough wool to be judged. Judge's decisions are final.
- 6.** Tampering and/or misrepresentation of breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies, or awards won by such exhibitor will be withheld. Unethical fitting shall include the following:
 - A. The addition of any wool or wool like substances.
 - B. The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
 - C. The injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation.
 - D. Any attempts to disrupt or change the normal dental development of the animal.
 - E. Any products (such as steroids and growth stimulants) administered internally or externally to alter the animal are prohibited.
- 7.** Young Flock entries shall consist of three head: one ram lamb and two ewe lambs owned by the same exhibitor. Flock entries shall consist of five head: a yearling ram or ram lamb, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs owned by the same exhibitor. (only one entry per exhibitor)
- 8.** All animals shown in group classes must be shown in the individual class by the same exhibitor.
- 9.** Birthdates for Jr. lamb competition: Jan. 1, 2024 until show time of same year or for as long as lambs have all lamb teeth. Birthdates for Sr. lamb competition: From Sept. 1, 2023 through Dec 31, 2023. Birthdates for Yearling competition: Sept. 1, 2022 - Aug. 31, 2023.
- 10.** Natural colored sheep are those sheep that are registered with a national association and have at least 70% colored wool, other than white.
- 11.** If there are more than 2 breeders and 20 head or more sheep entered, a breed class will be formed and premiums offered.
- 12.** No animals will be released from the grounds until 4 PM Sunday or all premiums will be forfeited and premiums and placing will be adjusted accordingly: also, showing privileges will be revoked for 2 years.
- 13.** All sale animals must receive a release from the Chairperson prior to leaving.
- 15.** Sale animals **do not** have to be registered but are subject to the per head fee.
- 16.** Exhibitors are responsible for bedding. Hay and straw are available on premises for purchase.
- 17.** In the event Premium Funds received from all sources are reduced or not received, premiums may be prorated among those entitled to same.
- 18.** If the chairperson feels a veterinarian has to be called in to check an animal's health, the owner is responsible for paying the vet bill.