

DEPARTMENT 4 SHEEP

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1. Judging will be held on Thursday, July 20
2. All sheep must have an individual Scrapie Identification tag before they can be exhibited. All sheep must be identified with an individual Scrapie identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call (866-873-2824)
3. Sheep showing any evidence of foot rot, sore mouth or any other contagious disease will eliminate the animal from the shows.
4. Anyone using illegal showing methods will be: Deducted one ribbon (blue to red, red to white). All lambs must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Slapping lambs is not acceptable. No lifting/stretching of the neck of lambs will be tolerated. At NO time should lamb be lifted off the ground while setting up
5. An exhibitor who is involved in both 4-H and FFA shall not exhibit the same animal for both organizations. However the exhibitor could exhibit breeding sheep projects for 4-H and market sheep projects for FFA and vice versa. The livestock will remain identified in the same organization for the duration of the project year.
6. Any questions and/or problems in an animal barn are to be addressed to the superintendent of the barn.
7. No powder or coloring agents except on the hooves will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition. Projects, which show evidence of this (except for hooves), will not be permitted into the show ring. Animals will be scrutinized at the check-in area. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will not be permitted in the show ring.
8. **It is the intent that the 4-H and FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming their own animals. If assistance is needed it must be done by a family member and/or another Van Buren County 4-H or FFA Member. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings. 1st Offense Verbal Warning 2nd Offense Ribbon Reduction**
9. Morning chores must be done by 8:00 a.m. and evening chores by 6:00 p.m. Consequences may be enforced. Stalls/Pens/Cages should be cleaned at both chore times AM and PM, and preferably at least once during the day.
10. **Exhibitors may sell a maximum of 3 market lambs through the livestock sale**
11. **Harnesses are not required for exhibitors to wear. Exhibitor number and cards may be pinned to shirt or clipped on a belt holder.**

CLASS A SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

- Lot 1— Senior Showmanship
- Lot 2— Intermediate Showmanship
- Lot 3— Junior Showmanship

CLASS B – MARKET LAMB CLASS

1. The lightweight lambs will be separated upon weigh-in and will be placed in feeder weight class.
2. No full shearing of any type will be allowed on the grounds. Animals must be slick sheared prior to arrival at the fair.
3. Sheep must be in milk teeth (less than a year old)
4. You can show up to 3 individuals and a pen of 2
5. Market lambs can have 1/4 to 1/2 inch wool or slick sheared.
6. Market lamb exhibitors must have at all times, the lamb's ending weight with ear tag number visible.

7. Lambs must gain at least .4 lbs. per day to show for Grand or Reserve Champion. Breeding sheep cannot be in Rate of Gain contest.
8. All sheep in this class are to be ewes or wethers. No intact males.
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- Lot 1 – Market Lambs – Individual (can show Two)**
- Lot 2 – Market Lambs - Pen of Two**
- Lot 3 – Market Lambs (Hair Sheep) – Individual (can show two)**
- Lot 4 –Market Lambs (Hair Sheep) – Pen of 2**

**Grand Champion Market Lamb
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb**

**Grand Champion Pen of Two
Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two**

CLASS M – COUNTY BORN & RAISED MARKET ANIMAL

1. All animals entered in this class must have been born as well as raised in Van Buren County.
2. Documentation must be provided with the fair entry regarding birth place
3. Animal must be a market animal weighed in during the April weigh in date.
4. 1 entry per exhibitor

**Grand Champion County Born & Raised
Reserve Grand Champion County Born & Raised**

CLASS C BREEDING SHEEP

1. Registered sheep must have papers, and be transferred 60 days prior to the person showing or they will not be shown in the purebred class.
2. Rams shall not be born before Nov. 1st of the year before. For example: Rams showing in 2023 can't be born before Nov. 1st of 2022.
3. Yearling classes or 2 year and older may use a halter to assist in showing.
4. Breeding stock may not be shown in market classes or vice versa.
5. If there are more than 15 commercial ewes in a class, they may be split into speckled and black face.
6. Any sheep born before Nov. 1st, will be shown in yearling class.
7. 1/4 to 1/2 inch wool is a suggested length for breeding stock. (WOOL TYPE BREEDS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS RULE.)
8. For the Ewe-Lamb Class, the lamb must be under 60 days old. The ewe must be nursing and claiming.

<p><u>CLASS D—CORRIEDALE</u></p> <p><u>CLASS E—HAMPSHIRE</u></p> <p><u>CLASS F—SUFFOLK</u></p> <p><u>CLASS G—DORSET</u></p> <p><u>CLASS H –RAMBOULLETT</u></p>	<p><u>CLASS I—OTHER PUREBREEDS</u></p> <p><u>CLASS J—KATAHDIN</u></p> <p><u>CLASS K—CROSSBRED</u></p> <p><u>CLASS L—HAIR SHEEP</u></p>
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An Exhibitor may NOT have more than 2 entries per lot

LOTS FOR CLASSES D-L

Lot 1 – Ram Lamb	Grand Champion Ram
Lot 2 – Ewe Lamb	
Lot 3 – Speckled Ewe Lamb	Reserve Grand Champion Ram
Lot 4 – Yearling Ewe	
Lot 5 – 2 years and older	Grand Champion Ewe
Lot 6 – Pair of Ewes	
Lot 7 – Ewe & Lamb	Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

CLASS CBRBF – COUNTY BORN & RAISED BREEDING FEMALE

1. All animals entered in this class must have been born as well as raised in Van Buren County.
2. Documentation must be provided with the fair entry regarding birth place
3. 1 entry per exhibitor
4. This class will not be divided, all ages can be represented in this class.

Grand Champion County Born & Raised Breeding Female
Reserve Grand Champion County Born & Raised Breeding Female

CLASS U—FARM BUREAU ULTRASOUND

Grand Champion Ultrasound
Reserve Grand Champion Ultrasound

OUTSTANDING SHEPHERD

In 2006, the Melvin Carr family established the Outstanding Shepherd Award”, in memory of Marcia Carr. The award is a ewe lamb from the Carr flock. The recipient will be chosen from the Sheep Exhibitors. The recipient must be willing to show the ewe or one of her offspring at the next year’s fair as well as bring back a ewe lamb to be awarded at that fair.

The award may be won only once and is based on the following three areas:

1. Clean stall and surrounding areas.
2. Courtesy and helpfulness daily in the Sheep Barn
3. Sheep Showmanship.

The presentation will be made prior to the Livestock Auction on Monday

This award stands alone and does not apply to any other award