

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H & AGRICULTURAL FAIR

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H INVITATIONAL SHEEP SHOW

Date: FRIDAY, AUGUST 26th, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

Location: SHEEP BARN

Superintendent: SUSAN MILLER, CHAIR
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SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This show is open to New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania 4-H & FFA members in the Sheep Project.
2. To be eligible to show at the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Show the exhibitor must be:

For 4-H member: Youth must have been enrolled in grades K-13 as of September last year. Youth in grades K-3 may compete in a non-competitive Prep/Cloverbud showmanship class for participation ribbon.

In "Good Standing" according to the state 4-H standards is as follows. The 4-H member must have:

- Attended at least 70% of regular club meetings and/or activities.
- Given a state, county or club 4-H presentation following the State 4-H presentation guidelines.
- Been responsible for the physical care and training of the animal to the fullest extent possible.
- Each county is responsible for collecting and reviewing record books prior to their county show. All 4-H participants must have completed a record book prior to attending the show. This is to be verified by the Club Leader, by their signature on the entry form.
- All animals entered must have been owned or leased by the exhibitor by May 1st.

For the FFA Member:

- Must be a current dues paid FFA member of an Active FFA Chapter in the State of New Jersey
- Be responsible for the physical care and training of the animal to the fullest extent possible.
- Carry the Sheep project as an SAE Project. All animals entered must have been owned or leased by the exhibitor by May 1st.

3. All entries must be submitted no later than August 1st to:
Susan Miller
101 Old Clinton Road
Flemington, NJ 08822
Email: susanbuchananmiller@gmail.com
Exhibitors must provide their own water buckets and feed. Hay and Straw will be provided.
5. A competent Shepherd will be in charge of the exhibit during the fair.
6. **Animals to be exhibited MUST arrive on Tuesday August 23, 2022, between the hours of 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.** ANIMALS are subject to visual health inspection and must show Certificate of Veterinary Inspection & Rabies vaccination prior to unloading. Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Project members must abide by Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Rules. All other participants may leave after the conclusion of the show.
7. Before unloading the sheep to be exhibited at the show, the following information must be presented:
 - Registration papers or Bill of Sale/Proof of Ownership. "Lend-a-Lamb" project animals need to have completed & signed 4-H Lease Forms.
 - A completed CVI with the animal's ear tag number for each animal being shown.

All lambs entering the show and sale must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) dated within 90 days of the show. The CVI must be presented at registration. Certificates should indicate that the sheep/lamb did not originate from a flock with foot rot, sore mouth, or any infectious or contagious disease. This statement must be written on the CVI. Inspection must take place on the farm where the sheep live. The lamb must be identified individually on this certificate by ear tag or tattoo number. Sheep shall be identified by USDA approved official identification. Scrapies identification tag/tattoo must be present on the sheep/lamb as required. All health regulations/requirements as set forth by the NJ State Vet shall be followed and enforced for animals on exhibit at 2022 fairs/animal exhibits.

All animals which are eligible for USDA rabies vaccination should be current on rabies vaccination & proof of vaccination by a veterinarian should be provided upon entry.

All animals are subject to a visual health inspection by the designated livestock inspector prior to being unloaded. There are no exceptions. Animals suspected of having a health problem must be removed from the show grounds immediately.

8. It is recommended that all sheep exhibited have proof of rabies vaccination. Different rabies vaccines have different dates of withdrawal before animals can be slaughtered. Check with your veterinarian for details on the vaccine he/she uses.
9. All sheep should be exhibited according to breed standards. Grades to be shown either as meat or wool breed to be noted as such on the entry form. (Meat type breeds should have less than 1" of wool, wool type breeds should have more than 2" of wool on them at time of show.)
10. Fitting of all animals is the sole responsibility of the 4-H or FFA member exhibiting the animal. Younger 4-Hers and first year members may receive guidance and suggestions from parents, 4-H Sheep Club Leaders, or other 4-H or FFA Sheep Club Members. **Fitting by anyone other than the exhibitor of the animal is not allowed.** Failure to abide will result in forfeiture of any awards earned by that animal.
11. Each member may exhibit 5 entries per breed but no more than 2 entries per class per breed. The second sheep must be shown by a 4-H member. Siblings may combine their entries for the group classes. It will be necessary in most cases to house two animals per pen. Pens will be assigned to all members prior to arrival. All animals must remain in assigned pens throughout the fair.
12. In order to enter the show ring, members exhibiting in the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Sheep Show must be attired in clean, plain white collared shirt or blouse (no county, family or flock names on the shirts), blue denim jeans, and sturdy shoes, (no clogs or sandals). No midriffs showing.
13. The use of artificial coloring, painting or changing the breed qualities of a lamb shall be considered fraud and deception and will not be permitted at the Hunterdon County 4-H Invitational Sheep Show.
14. No muzzling of animals will be permitted.
15. Sheep must be shown with all four feet on the ground.
16. Use of halter is optional.
17. The sheep will be judged Friday August 26, 2022 starting at 10:00 a.m. The Danish system of judging will be used with the following awards: Excellent, Very Good, Good. (Meat type animals will be judged on conformation and wool type breeds will be judged 60% on wool and 40% on conformation and breed standards)
18. A completed, signed 4-H permission form for the 4-H or FFA member must accompany the entry. Youth without a permission form will not be allowed to participate.
19. Any grievance must be in writing and given to a member of the Committee. It will be reviewed in a timely manner and a decision will be made.
20. All participants must fit and show their own/lease sheep in the fitting and showmanship classes
21. All participants are expected to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics.

22. Within each class, breeds will be judged separately, wool and meat breeds will be in separate classes. The following classes will be recognized.

PUREBREDS

- A. Yearling Ram 1 year and under 2 years of age.
- B. Fall Ram lamb born September 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021.
- C. Spring Ram lamb born January 1, 2022 or after

CHAMPION RAM (if competition exists in any breed or at the discretion of the judge)

- D. Aged Ewes 2 years old and older.
- E. Yearling Ewes 1 year old and under 2 years.
- F. Fall Ewe lamb born September 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021
- G. Spring Ewe lamb born January 1, 2022 or after

CHAMPION EWE (if competition exists in any breed or at the discretion of the judge)

GRADES

- H. Fall Ram lamb born September 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021.
- I. Spring Ram lamb born January 1, 2022 or after

CHAMPION RAM (if competition exists or at the discretion of the judge)

- J. Aged Ewes 2 years old and older.
- K. Yearling Ewes 1 year old and under 2 year
- L. Fall Ewe lamb born September 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021
- M. Spring Ewe lamb born January 1, 2022 or after.

CHAMPION GRADE EWE competition exists in any breed or at the discretion of the judge)

- N. Pair of Ewe Lambs
- O. Young Flock consisting of one ram lamb and two ewe lambs of the same breed.
- P. Exhibitor's Flock consisting of one ram, either a yearling or ram lamb, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs of the same breed.

SHOWMANSHIP & FITTING

The following Showmanship Classes will be conducted: (the number of years showing includes this project year but not including Prep/Cloverbud years in 4-H):

- 1 Advanced Showmanship
- 2 Intermediate Showmanship
- 3 Novice Showmanship
- 4 Beginner Showmanship
- 5 Prep/Cloverbud Showmanship Class – (Grades K-3). This class will be held between the purebred rams and ewes, and all participants in this class will receive a special participation award. Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H Prep/Cloverbud program.

THE FOLLOWING FITTING CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SHOW

- 1 Fitting of Meat-Type animals (Purebred or Grade)
- 2 Fitting of Wool-Type animals (Purebred or Grade)

NOTE: SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE LISTED IN THE PROGRAM ON SHOW DAY.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SHOW

All participants are invited to participate in the:

TEAM SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

02/03, 3/04, 6/05, 5/07, 5/08, 5/09, 7/12, 7/13, 1/14, 3/15, 8/15, 7/15, 7/17, 7/18, 3/19, 7/21, 7/22