

HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H & AGRICULTURAL FAIR
HUNTERDON COUNTY 4-H SHEEP SHOW

Date: THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1:00 p.m.

Superintendent: SUSAN MILLER

Location: SHEEP BARN

1. Refer to general rules for all Hunterdon County 4-H exhibits.
2. Animals are to be brought to the fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 21st between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and remain until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 28, 2022.
3. All sheep to be exhibited by Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Club members must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Sheep from New Jersey must be dated within 90 days of the show. The CVI must be presented at the time of registration. Certificates should indicate that the sheep did not originate from a flock with foot rot, sore mouth, or any infectious or contagious disease. The statement must be written on the CVI. Inspection must take place on the farm where the sheep reside. Each sheep must be identified individually on this certificate by ear tag or tattoo number. All sheep shall be identified by USDA Scrapie approved official identification. 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 sheep are subject to 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.

4. Animals will be judged Thursday afternoon, August 25th at 1:00 p.m.
5. Owners of sheep exhibited must furnish feed & water buckets. Hay and bedding will be provided.
6. Exhibitors must provide their own feeding utensils.
7. A competent herdsman will be in charge of the exhibit during the fair.
8. It will be necessary, in most cases, to house two animals per pen, except in the case of rams.
9. A member may enter no more than 5 entries per breed and no more than 2 entries per class per breed. The second sheep must be shown by a 4-H member. Siblings may combine entries for the group classes.

10. Animals must be owned or leased by May 1. In case of illness or death of the breeding project, participation in the Invitational Blue Ribbon Market Lamb Sale by 4-H Sheep Club members of Hunterdon County, will be at the discretion of the Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Club leaders.
11. Exhibitors will be assigned pens. Exhibitor's animals **must remain** in the **assigned pens** throughout the fair, unless permission has been obtained from the Superintendent to change pens. **Exhibitors are to abide by the superintendent's assignment.**
12. Members to be attired in clean white, collared shirts or blouses (no family or flock names on shirts), and navy blue denim jeans and sturdy shoes in order to enter the show ring.
13. A member must meet the club's show requirements and hand in a completed Record Book through July 31, 2022 to the show superintendent in order to participate in the show. **(Club leader must verify that the exhibitor is a 4-H member in good standing by completing the Club Leader Verification box on entry form.**
14. 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).
15. Fitting of all 4-H animals is the sole responsibility of the 4-H'er exhibiting the animal. Younger 4-H'ers and first year members may receive guidance and suggestions from parents, 4-H Sheep Club Leaders or other 4-H 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.
16. Use of halter is optional.
17. In the event an animal is sick and the owner cannot be located, the herdsman is authorized to contact the veterinarian that is on duty unless otherwise noted by the owner.
18. The following classes will be recognized:

PUREBREDS

*** All registration papers will be checked as well as lease agreements.**

- a. Yearling Rams over 1 year and under 2 years of age
 - b. Fall Ram lambs born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
 - c. Spring Ram lambs born after January 1, 2022
- Champion Ram
- d. Aged Ewes two years old and over
 - e. Yearling Ewes over one year old and under two years
 - f. Fall Ewe lambs born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
 - g. Spring Ewe lambs born after January 1, 2022

Champion Ewe

GRADES

- h. Fall Ram lambs born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
- i. Spring Ram lambs born after January 1, 2022

Champion Ram

- j. Aged Ewes two years old and older
- k. Yearling Ewes over one year and under two years of age
- l. Fall Ewe lambs born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
- m. Spring Ewe lambs born after January 1, 2022

Champion Ewe

- 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 lamb, two yearling ewes, and two ewe lambs of the same breed.
19. The sheep will be judged Thursday afternoon, August 25th at 1:00 p.m. and will be judged for breeding stock. The Danish classification system will be used with the following awards: Excellent, Very Good, Good.
 20. A Prep/Cloverbud showmanship class will be held for Prep/Cloverbud members following the judging of the purebred ram classes. Members are limited to one animal – **ewes only, no rams**, please.
 21. Showmanship classes for all members will be held at the conclusion of the show. Classes to be determined by the number of members showing & their grade.
 22. 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 in the near future.
 23. All participants must fit and show their own/lease sheep in the fitting and showmanship classes.
 24. All participants are expected to abide by the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) Code of Show Ring Ethics.
 25. Entries close August 1st. No phone or post entries accepted.