

2020 State Fair of Virginia Junior Sheep Show

Entries due August 15 by 5:00 pm
Nominations due August 1 by 5:00 pm

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2020 Official Schedule

See Master Schedule for items pertaining to Junior Sheep schedule

Junior Sheep Show Rules:

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to the Junior Sheep Show. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.

1. See General Rules for information pertaining to health regulations (including Scrapie Identification requirements and issues pertaining to contagious and infectious diseases such as club lamb fungus). The National Show Ring Code of Ethics shall govern the livestock show as found in the General Rules. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to test any entry for violative drug residues as described in the National Show Ring Code of Ethics.
2. Participants must enter the FairEntry System through the Youth Livestock Web Site at <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock.html> or use the FairEntry Link below. For State Fair Entry <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock.html>, under "Shows" and then "State Fair" or directly access FairEntry at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14595>. Entries must be made online, printed, and mailed with entry fee payment by August 15th at 5:00 pm. All entries must be postmarked by August 15th.
3. The State Fair of Virginia Junior Sheep Show is open to all Virginia 4-H and Virginia FFA youth which are in good standing with their respective organizations and meet the entry requirements of each species division. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30, 2020 (exception for 8 & under sheep costume class) and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2020. Exhibitor eligibility and entries will be verified using the 4HOnline enrollment system for 4-H youth and the State FFA Office Member Roster for FFA youth.
4. **WAIVED for 2020** - All youth exhibiting beef, meat goats, sheep, and swine **must be** YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified before August 15th. For more information about YQCA or to be YQCA certified please visit the YQCA section of the Virginia Youth Livestock Website <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock.html>
5. Sheep which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after completing the State Fair of Virginia online nomination process are ineligible for exhibition. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. sheep are ineligible even if they are "bought back" or "no-saled").
6. Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class (or in group classes), or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA member with 2020 SFVA Youth Livestock entries on-site and checked-in for any species.
7. All youth beef, sheep, goat and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections by submitting nominations and entries.

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8. All animals are subject to be used for educational purposes (skill-a-thon contest, judging classes, etc.) upon request by show staff/superintendents. Upon entry, exhibitors agree to providing animals for these purposes upon request.
9. All sheep must remain in the designated penning area and immediate area upon arrival until released from the fair. Sheep are not allowed to be taken to trailers, cattle barns, cattle tie-out area, or other areas away from the sheep barn at any time. All tack and fitting areas for sheep must remain in the designated area adjacent to the barns as defined by show management.
10. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines.
11. Use of irritants including alcohols, sprays, and other irritants is prohibited.
12. The use of muzzles is prohibited.
13. The use of coloring agents is prohibited.
14. The use of adhesives and glues for purpose of fitting hair and/or wool is prohibited. Addition of twine, wool, hair, or any substance (such as to "build" legs) is prohibited.
15. Sheep shall be penned on natural bedding (i.e. straw, wood shavings, wood chips, or bark- no carpet).
16. Pen assignments will be by county based on number of entries.
17. Health or other issues that arise with sheep which require treatment while at the State Fair of Virginia shall be done with the knowledge and supervision of the show veterinarian and superintendent. The show management reserves the right to remove entries from the fairgrounds for this purpose.
18. Show rails (racks) will not be allowed inside the sheep barns. All show rails must be kept outdoors.
19. Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece).

SHOWMANSHIP

1. Only exhibitors entered in the Junior Sheep Show with sheep entries checked in and present at the show are eligible to compete in showmanship.
2. Showmanship competition for market lamb, commercial ewe and registered breeding sheep exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for market lamb/commercial ewe exhibitors and registered breeding sheep exhibitors.
3. Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:
 - a. Novice Division- for exhibitors showing for the first time at the State Fair, and who are 12 years of age or younger on September 30, 2020
 - b. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30, 2020
 - c. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30, 2020
 - d. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30, 2020
4. Classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller preliminary classes.
5. **Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship.** The animal must be entered in the junior sheep show. Exhibitor's lambs that are eliminated from the show due to weight requirements may be used in showmanship.

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SPECIAL RULES - MARKET LAMBS

To be eligible for exhibition, all Market Lamb and Commercial Ewe entries must have been nominated using the OFFICIAL STATE FAIR OF VA ONLINE NOMINATION PROCESS, INCLUDING DNA SUBMISSION. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her sheep NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2020. At the time of nomination all market lambs and commercial ewes will be individually identified with an official Federally issued Scrapie Tag. Only lambs that have been nominated and properly identified will be eligible to show in the Market Lamb or Commercial Ewe competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Exhibitors may nominate up to a total of 12 lambs (wethers and ewes, to be shown as either market lambs or commercial ewes. Each animal may be nominated in the name of ONE exhibitor only.

Exhibitors are limited to 6 total entries in the market lamb and commercial ewe lamb divisions. A maximum of 4 market lambs and a maximum of 3 commercial ewe lambs per exhibitor may be shown (total not to exceed 6).

1. Market lambs should be born on or after January 1 of the current year and must exhibit lamb's teeth.
2. Market lambs must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of online nomination submission and continuously thereafter.
3. Market lambs may be wethers or ewes. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
4. Lambs exhibited in the market lamb division may not be shown in the registered breeding sheep division, or in the commercial ewe lamb division.
5. Market lambs must be exhibited shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.
6. Final designation of entries, and designation of lambs to be offered for sale will be made at official weighing.
7. Market lambs will be shown by breed type. Breed type will be determined at the time of official weighing by a classification committee. The classification committee will apply breed standards to evaluate and place lambs in the proper class. Heads on White-Face, Speckle-Face, and Southdown lambs must be closely sheared for classification and weigh-in. The decisions of the classification committee will be final. Market lambs will be divided into breed-type divisions as follows:
 - a. Black-Face: Generally includes lambs of Suffolk and Hampshire breeding and their crosses along with other black-faced breeds. Also includes all lambs that do not fit classification requirements for Speckle-Face, White-Face, Southdown, and Hair Sheep classes.
 - b. Speckle-Face: Must be a cross with evidence of a percentage white-face and percentage black-face breeding. Significant spotting must be present for at least TWO of the following areas: face, ears, and/or legs below knees and stifle joint.
 - c. White-Face: Generally includes lambs of white-face breeds and crosses of those breeds (Dorset, Cheviot, Columbia, etc.). Lambs should exhibit characteristics of these breeds. Face, ears, and legs should be white. Excessive black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body, or freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin are not acceptable
 - d. Southdown: Lambs must exhibit characteristics of Southdown breed. Hair color should be mouse colored, grey to brown. Nostrils may be black to purple-grey, and ears should be moderate length, covered with short hair or wool.
 - e. Hair Sheep: Lambs must exhibit characteristics of hair sheep breeds (Katahdin, Dorper, etc.). Lambs must be of straight hair sheep breeding, crossbred hair x wool breeding is not acceptable. **Note: a minimum of 5 lambs from at least 3 exhibitors is required to have a separate Hair Sheep class.**

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8. Within breed type, classes will be divided according to weight. **Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds (no maximum weight limit).** Re-weighs will not be allowed. Class weight breaks and Division assignments will be made at the discretion of show officials. An attempt will be made to limit classes to a maximum of 25 lambs, and Divisions assigned with a goal of having approximately the same number of lambs in each Division. Accordingly, class winners from more than one breed type may be placed in the same Division based on the total number of lambs exhibited (historically Speckle-Face, White-Face and Southdown lambs comprise Division I, and Blackface lambs Divisions II-VI).
9. All lambs weighing under 90 pounds (market lambs and commercial ewes) will be allowed to show in a feeder lamb class held at the beginning of the Market Lamb Show. These lambs will not be eligible for premiums or awards. Lambs weighing less than 90 pounds are not eligible to sell.
10. Class Winners, Division Champions and Reserves, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are eligible for the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see scholarship description at end of this Competition Guide for details.
11. All first and second place class winners must be shown to compete for their respective Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion honors. Failure to do so will be considered a violation of the National Show Ring Code of Ethics and appropriate action will be taken.
12. The market lamb show will be terminal for the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, ALL Division Champions, and ALL Reserve Division Champion lambs. All of these lambs must participate in the carcass contest. Exhibitors of these lambs qualify for the Scholarship Program (see Scholarship documents for specific policies, regulations, and details). Class winners participating in the Scholarship Program must also participate in the carcass contest (terminal). Participation in the scholarship program for class winners is optional.
13. A division champion and reserve champion will be chosen from each division in the Market Lamb Show. An overall Grand Champion, Overall Reserve Champion, and a 3rd, 4th, and 5th Overall will be chosen from the division champions and reserve champions.

SPECIAL RULES - CARCASS CONTEST

1. Market lambs exhibited in the live show are eligible to be entered in the carcass contest. Lambs designated for sale at time of weighing will automatically be entered in the carcass show. Lambs exhibited as commercial ewe lambs will not be eligible for carcass contest premiums. No pre-entry is required, and there is no entry fee.
2. All market lambs qualifying for the Scholarship Program must participate in the carcass contest.
3. Lambs entered in the carcass contest will be sold to a processor for a competitive market price. Lambs will be priced on an individual carcass basis. Discounts and/or premiums may apply for weight, yield grade, and quality grade. Exhibitors will stand the loss of condemned carcasses.
4. Carcasses will be together in one class. Equal premiums will be awarded for carcasses with similar characteristics. Less desirable carcass categories will be awarded lower premiums. Carcasses will be evaluated and placed into categories using a system that rewards carcass merit (percent boneless closely trimmed retail cuts, %BCTRC). Premium categories will be determined after carcasses have been evaluated.
5. Lambs exhibiting evidence of testicular tissue will be disqualified from the carcass contest. Carcasses must be of lamb maturity.
6. Commercial ewe lambs or market lambs not exhibited live may be sold, provided they were part of the exhibitor's group officially nominated. Lambs weighing less than 90 pounds will not be allowed to sell. Lambs will be priced on an individual carcass basis. These lambs will not be eligible for carcass premiums, but carcass data will be collected and furnished to the exhibitor. Additional pen space will not be provided for these extra lambs.

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Exhibitors are limited to 6 total entries in the market lamb and commercial ewe lamb divisions. A maximum of 4 market lambs and a maximum of 3 commercial ewe lambs per exhibitor may be shown (total not to exceed 6).

1. Commercial ewe lambs should be born on or after January 1 of the current year and must exhibit lamb's teeth.
2. Commercial ewe lambs must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of online nomination submission and continuously thereafter.
3. Lambs exhibited in the commercial ewe lamb division may not be shown in the registered breeding sheep division, or in the market lamb division.
4. Commercial ewe lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.
5. Commercial ewe lambs will be shown by breed type. Breed type will be determined at the time of official weighing by a classification committee. Heads on White-Face and Speckle-Face ewes must be closely sheared for classification and weigh-in. The decisions of the classification committee will be final. Commercial ewes will be divided into the following 3 breed classes as follows:
 - a. Black-Face: Generally includes lambs of primarily Suffolk and Hampshire breeding, plus all lambs that do not fit Speckle-Face and/or White-Face classes.
 - b. Speckle-Face: Must be a cross with evidence of a percentage white-face and percentage black-face breeding. Significant spotting must be present for at least two of the following areas: face, ears, and/or legs below knees and stifle joint.
 - c. White-Face: Generally includes lambs of white-face breeds and crosses of those breeds (Dorset, Cheviot, Columbia, etc.). Lambs should exhibit characteristics of these breeds. Face, ears, and legs should be white. Excessive black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body, or freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin are not acceptable.
6. Within breed type, commercial ewe lamb classes will be divided according to weight. **Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds to show (no maximum weight limit).** Re-weighs will not be allowed. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of show officials. Black-Face ewe lamb classes will be subdivided into Light, Medium, and Heavy Division with approximately the same number of ewes in each Division.
7. A Champion, Reserve, and Third Overall will be chosen from each the three Black-Face weight divisions, Speckle-Face division, and White-Face division. The top three in each of these divisions will compete for Overall Grand Champion Commercial Ewe, Reserve Overall, and 3rd, 4th, and 5th Overall Commercial Ewe Lamb honors, There will be no selection of an overall Black-Face Champion and Reserve.
8. All lambs weighing under 90 pounds (market lambs and commercial ewes) will be allowed to show in a feeder lamb class held at the beginning of the Market Lamb Show. These lambs will not be eligible for premiums or awards. Lambs weighing less than 90 pounds are not eligible to sell.

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SPECIAL RULES - REGISTERED BREEDING SHEEP

1. Sheep must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor before August 1 of the current year and continuously thereafter.
2. Registered sheep of any breed are eligible. Sheep must be recorded with, and have registration papers issued from, a national breed association. Junior show guidelines established by individual breeds will be followed regarding registration requirements for exhibition. All sheep must be registered in the flock books of their respective breed and carry their corresponding flock tag and/or tattoo.
3. Breeds must have a minimum of 10 sheep from at least 3 exhibitors to qualify for a breed show. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be exhibited in the All Other Breeds division. The AOB division may be split into two divisions, wool breeds and meat breeds, as entry numbers warrant.
4. All sheep must be the property of, registered, and certificates issued in the name of the exhibitor prior to August 1 of the current year. Registration papers must be available for inspection at the fair. Ownership of registered sheep may be joint with an immediate family member, provided the exhibitor's name is found on the certificate. For sheep with joint ownership, entries may be made in the name of only one exhibitor (this also applies to pair/group classes).
5. The date of birth must be verified for all entries by their registration papers.
6. Sheep exhibited in the youth registered breeding sheep division may not be shown in the market lamb division or commercial ewe lamb division.
7. Sheep are to be exhibited in fleece appropriate for the respective breed. Sheep may be slick sheared, and if fitted it is recommended they not have more than one inch of wool on any part of their body. Wool breeds should be shown with fleece presentation and length appropriate for their respective breed.
8. All exhibitors must check their entries and registration papers with show officials by the designated time.
9. Classes with more than twenty head may be split at the discretion of show officials. First and second place yearling ewes, senior ewe lambs, intermediate and junior ewe lambs will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe.
10. Breed Champions and Reserves will compete for Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ewes.
11. Exhibitors are limited to a total of two (2) premiums per class in individual classes, and one (1) premium in pair and group classes.
12. Registered Breeding sheep breed shows will include: Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire, Southdown, Suffolk. If breed is not listed, enter All Other Breeds (AOB) Division. Classes are as follows:
 - Yearling Ewe- born 9/1/18 to 8/31/19
 - A. Pair of Yearling Ewes- two yearling ewes
 - B. Senior Ewe Lamb- born 9/1/19 to 12/31/19
 - C. Intermediate Ewe Lamb- born 1/1/20 to 2/15/20
 - D. Junior Ewe Lamb- born 2/16/20 and later
 - E. Pair of Ewe Lambs- two ewe lambs
 - F. Bred & Owned Pair- two ewes bred and owned by exhibitor
 - G. Best Three Head- best three head

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SPECIAL RULES - COUNTY GROUPS

1. County Groups will consist of 5 sheep from a minimum of three exhibitors from the same county.
2. The group may consist of any combination of sheep exhibited in the youth sheep show (market lambs, commercial ewes, registered breeding sheep or a combination thereof).
3. Each county may exhibit a maximum of two groups. An exhibitor may have sheep in only one group.
4. Banners will be provided for the Champion and Reserve Champion groups.

PREMIUMS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Sheep Premium Schedule

	Placing									
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Market Lambs	\$50	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8
Commercial Ewes & Breeding Sheep	\$30	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8
Lead Line & Costume	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$4
Showmanship	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$23	\$20	\$17	\$14	\$12	\$10

PREMIUMS AND SPECIAL AWARDS FOR MARKET LAMBS & COMMERCIAL EWES

Market Lamb entries must participate in the carcass contest (be terminal) to receive the cash premiums listed below.

Grand Champion Market Lamb:	\$250, Banner, Scholarship & Market price for animal
Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb:	\$150, Banner, Scholarship & Market price for animal
Division Champions Market Lambs:	\$100, Rosette, Scholarship & Market price for animal
Reserve Division Champion Market Lambs:	\$75, Rosette, Scholarship & Market price for animal
Market Lamb Class Winners: (Scholarship eligible)	Scholarship & Market price for animal
3 rd Overall Market Lamb:	\$250, Banner
4 th Overall Market Lamb:	\$150, Banner
5 th Overall Market Lamb:	\$100, Banner
Grand Champion Commercial Ewe	\$500, Banner
Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Ewe	\$400, Banner
3 rd Overall Commercial Ewe	\$300, Banner
4 th Overall Commercial Ewe	\$200, Banner
5 th Overall Commercial Ewe	\$100, Banner

Premiums and Scholarships are not cumulative for the same entry.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM- SHEEP

Market Lambs – 29 Scholarships:

All market lamb entries/animals qualifying and designated for the Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered. If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment nor scholarship will be awarded and the competitor must accept the consequences without recourse against the State Fair of Virginia.

Upon qualifying for and agreeing to participate in the Scholarship Program, the exhibitor will be compensated for his/her entry as set forth in the Scholarship Program.

Overall Grand Champion – Market Lamb	\$1,000.00 Scholarship	(1)
Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Lamb	\$ 900.00 Scholarship	(1)
Division Champions – Market Lamb	\$ 600.00 Scholarship each	(4-5)
Reserve Division Champions – Market Lamb	\$ 500.00 Scholarship each	(5-6)
Class Winners – Market Lamb	\$ 200.00 Scholarship each	(Max of 17)

*Qualifying entries for the market lamb scholarships must participate in the carcass contest (terminal). Scholarships are not cumulative for the same animal. **Exhibitors may receive multiple market lamb scholarships, which may include any combination of the Grand, Division and Class Winner awards detailed above.***

Premier Exhibitor Scholarships - 9 Scholarships (by age group):

Junior	1 st	\$300.00	2 nd	\$200.00	3 rd	\$100.00
Intermediate	1 st	\$350.00	2 nd	\$250.00	3 rd	\$150.00
Senior	1 st	\$400.00	2 nd	\$300.00	3 rd	\$200.00

Sheep Promotion & Herdsman Award

1st Place: \$100 and Rosette

2nd Place: \$ 80 and Rosette

3rd Place: \$ 40 and Rosette

Awarded to the Junior Sheep exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness and visitor appeal, and promotes the sheep industry. Educational content of the exhibit, as well as cleanliness and appearance of the entire pen area and display, will be judged. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about their exhibit and sheep in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and State Fair guests.