

DEPT. 03A – SHEEP

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Mail entries to Columbia County Fair

32 Church St., Chatham, NY 12037

ENTRIES & PAYMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 15, 2025

ENTRY FEE - \$4.00 PER ENTRY

JUDGING-SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st @ 10 AM

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **All** animals must be in place by 10:00 AM opening day Wednesday, AUGUST 27, **but may arrive no sooner than noon** on Tuesday unless other arrangements have been made.
2. Discharge time will be 7:00 PM Monday, September 1, 2025. All vehicles for loading will not be allowed in the agricultural area until this time.
3. Premiums to be offered for Registered Purebred Sheep with the exception of Divisions 12, 13, 14 and 24. Sheep Exhibitors in the Natural Colored classes are encouraged to have animals recorded with the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association.
4. Only two animals may be entered (*except in class 19&20*) and only two premiums will be awarded to any one exhibitor in any one class. Where there is no competition, prize money will be paid, according to the general rules.
5. Upon request, exhibitors must present to the superintendent a certificate of registration and/or sheep sales slip. All sheep entered must have been owned by the individual exhibitor 30 days prior to show day, must be fully registered with the breed association and must be accompanied by a valid registration certificate. Each sheep must have appropriate identification as prescribed by the breed association. Ear tags may be checked on show day.
6. Each exhibitor of sheep shall present to the superintendent a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian indicating that his flock is free of all contagious or infectious diseases and are not under quarantine. Certificates are due upon arrival at the fair. All sheep must have a proper Scrapie Identification tag and Rabies Vaccination. Please see **Animal Health Requirements for Admission to New York State and County Fairs** (Part 351 of NYS Agriculture and Markets Regs.)
7. Sheep should be properly blocked and trimmed. Meat breeds not more than one inch of wool; wool breeds not more than four inches. Colored classes will be judged 60% wool, 40% body conformation and shall have no more than four inches of wool.
8. Please indicate on the entry form the Division that applies to your breed.
9. Each breed represented by at least one exhibitor's flock and/or three exhibitors will have their own breed show.
10. Breeds that do not meet the above requirements will be AOB.
11. Please indicate the total amount of animals entered on your entry form.
Exhibitors may be asked to limit entries due to space limitations.
12. Rams and Ewes that show in breed classes cannot be shown in market class.
13. All animals entered in group classes must be entered in single classes and all registered under the same name.
14. Exhibitors may show only one entry in group classes, including pair classes.
15. No Rams may be shown in market classes.

Group Classes No.: (4, 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 31)

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15

PREMIUMS

Individual Classes No.: (1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 28, 29, 30)

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

Division		
Division 1.	Dorper	Division 9. Wether Dam
Division 2.	Dorset	Division 10. AOB Meat
Division 3.	Hampshire	Division 11. Corriedale
Division 4.	Jacob	Division 12. Natural Colored Fine
Division 5.	Shropshire	Division 13. Natural Colored Medium
Division 6.	Southdown	Division 14. Natural Colored Long
Division 7.	Suffolk	Division 15. Bluefaced Leicester
Division 8.	Tunis	Division 16. Natural Colored Border Leicester
		Division 17. White Border Leicester
		Division 18. Gotland
		Division 19. Merino
		Division 20. Rambouillet
		Division 21. Romney
		Division 22. Shetland
		Division 23. AOB Wool
		Division 24. Market Lamb (see below)

ALL CLASSES

1. **Yearling Ram:** 1-year-old and under 2 – Only one entry per breed per exhibitor,
2. **Senior Ram Lamb:** born after 9/1/24 and before 12/31/24
3. **Junior Ram Lamb:** born on or after 1/1/25
4. **Pair of Ram Lambs**
5. **Champion Ram of Breed** ----- **Rosette**
6. **Reserve Champion Ram of Breed** ----- **Rosette**
7. **Yearling Ewe:** 1-year-old and under 2.
8. **Pair of Yearling Ewes**
9. **Senior Ewe Lamb:** born after 9/1/24 and before 12/31/24.
10. **Intermediate Ewe Lamb:** born 1/1/25-1/31/25.
11. **Junior Ewe Lamb:** born on or after 2/1/25.
12. **Pair of Ewe Lambs**
13. **Junior Champion Ewe**
14. **Reserve Junior Champion Ewe**
15. **Champion Ewe of Breed** ----- **Rosette**
16. **Reserve Champion Ewe of Breed** ----- **Rosette**
17. **Best Fleece:** One entry per exhibitor per breed.
18. **Best Two Females:** Bred and owned by exhibitor.
19. **Pen of Three Lambs:** Both sexes represented.
20. **Get of Sire:** Three sheep sired by the same ram. Both sexes represented
21. **Best Headed:** Purebred sheep only.
22. **Exhibitors Flock:** Owned by exhibitor. (1) Ram (2) Yearling Ewes (2) Ewe Lambs
23. **Breeders Flock:** Bred and owned by exhibitor. (1) Ram (2) Yearling Ewes (2) Ewe Lambs
24. **Supreme Ram** ----- **Rosette**
25. **Supreme Ewe** ----- **Rosette**
26. **Supreme Flock** ----- **Julie Winkler Plaque and Rosette**
27. **Supreme Fleece** ----- **Rosette**

Division: 24 Market Lambs (to be shorn after August 1, 2024)

28. Light Weight Market Lamb
29. Medium Weight Market Lamb
30. Heavy Weight Market Lamb
31. Pair of Market Lambs
32. **Champion Market Lamb** ----- **Rosette**
33. **Reserve Champion Market Lamb** ----- **Rosette**

AWARDS

34. **Shepherds Award:** Exhibitors will be judged on overall care and grooming of animals and general appearance of their pen and tack area. Promotion of the sheep industry is very important. Exhibitors are encouraged to dress up their pen area in an effort to educate the public on sheep in America. **No entry required.**
35. **Premier Exhibitor:** Awarded to the exhibitor in each breed with the most points. **No entry required.**