



## SHEEP

### Department 3—Open Show

Amount Offered:	\$11,422.00
Entry and Stall Fee:	\$5.00 per entry (2 entries per Class maximum)
Group/ Pair Entry Fee	\$4.00
Late Entry Fee – Requires Approval :	\$45.00 per entry
Judging Time Breed Show:	Friday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026, will not start before 11:00 am will begin at the conclusion of Dairy Goat Show
Judging Time Market Lamb:	Friday, August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 following Breed show
Superintendent:	Tom Linneman.....(815)790-6441
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### Rules and Regulations

**NEW THIS YEAR: Curfew Enforced – Quiet time and curfew is 12:00am midnight – 5:00am.**

**All exhibits are closed. This includes grandstands, midway, barns and campgrounds. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult during these times.**

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. All exhibitors must buy one (1) week long exhibitor pass, **no exceptions.**
3. Any exhibitor showing in Junior or Open Show can check in Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm only with the permission from the superintendent, or on Monday or Tuesday from 8 am to 8 pm.
4. Market lamb weigh-in is from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, or for non-4-H lambs from 7:00 pm, to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
5. Purebred Sheep exhibitors must tender registration papers and all animals must have U.S.D.A. PRINTED Scrapie Eradication Program (1-866-USDA-TAG) approved ear tags and/or tattoos. Registration paper and ear tags/tattoos must correspond. **HAND-WRITTEN SCRAPIE TAGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** This will be checked before animals are unloaded.
6. Purebred registration for animals in individual classes must be in the individual exhibitor's name and show initial registration dates or transfer dates 30 days in advance of the first day of the fair. Exhibitors in the same family may combine the purebred animals which they have shown in individual classes to form group entries.
7. **Health papers must accompany all animals upon arrival.** All animals must meet requirements specified in the 2023 Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements-County Fairs, and the Scrapie Eradication Program.
8. All animals shall be individually inspected by the Superintendent or Assistant PRIOR to unloading. All blankets, coats, sweaters, etc. shall be removed from the animals before inspection. Animals penned before such inspection shall be automatically disqualified.
9. All Market Lambs and Jackpot Lambs will be weighed by the weigh master. All wether lambs will be palpated for testicular tissue at the time they are weighted. Any evidence of testicular tissue shall cause the weather lamb to be disqualified. Lambs will be divided into appropriate weight Divisions for showing.
10. Market Lambs must have been born on or after January 1, of exhibit year.
11. Market animals may not be shown in breeding Classes and breeding animals may not be shown in market Classes. Ram lambs may not be shown in market Classes.
12. No striking of any animal will be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of open hand or clenched fist. The exhibitor will be subject to disqualification and forfeiture of all premiums.
13. **No washing will be allowed after 8am for breeding and after 11am for market lambs. All wool areas on a sheep shall be dry to the touch when the animal is brought into the show ring. The Judge will determine**

**whether or not an animal is dry. Wet sheep will be disqualified.**

14. No icing (examples: Exhibitors are not allowed to place anything to the lamb that is cold to the touch, has been soaked in water, or spray any alcohol-based products). No toweling or painting of animals is allowed. Animals showing signs of stress due to unusual handling methods or symptoms of health distress from possible use of drugs or steroids will be disqualified. Animals whose physical structure has been altered (removal of ribs, etc.) in any way (except castration) shall be disqualified. The Superintendent may order blood and/or urine tests on any or all animals brought into the McHenry County Fairgrounds. The veterinarian shall be chosen by the McHenry County Fair Board.
15. The Judge may verify the age/maturity of a sheep by examining the teeth. Inappropriate physiological maturity may cause an animal to be disqualified.
16. The fair reserves the right to assign the location and the number of pens subject to available space; no refunds on pen rent. Prior to entries closing, exhibitors participating in the U.S.D.A. Scrapie Flock Certification Program must contact the Superintendent so pens may be assigned which meet Scrapie Program standards. All sheep entered in the shows must be housed in assigned sheep pens for the duration of the fair. Sheep may be exercised **in Hansen Pavillion, west of Bill Morrissey Way**, between 6:00 am and 8:00 pm (except during shows) at the discretion of the Superintendent.
17. All sheep must be bedded on straw or wood shavings.
18. All exhibitors are expected to keep a clean, clear walkway and appearance in their respective areas. All exhibitors must clear pens and stall of all waste materials except bedding, which should be pulled a minimum of 18 inches from the wall prior to leaving the grounds at the conclusion of the fair.
19. In Pair and Flock Divisions exhibitors are allowed one entry only.
20. There will be no refund of entry fees or pen rents on disqualified entries.
21. Sheep entered in the Wether Sire and Dam Division are not required to have registration papers from their respected bred. The Wether Sire and Dam Division is a separate section and is not eligible for the purebred Over All Grand Champion.
22. **While exhibiting on the McHenry County Fairgrounds, owners of animals in need of additional nutritional supplements or medical attention must let the superintendent know immediately AND have the Fair Veterinarian fill out and sign off on the Veterinarian Treatment Form. Any forced substances used on breed or market animals while on fairground property, must be approved by the Fair Veterinarian. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
23. The McHenry County Fair Association, for the safety of those attending the Fair (including the rider), prohibits the use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar wheeled riding items of the Fairgrounds, during the Annual Fair, including set-up and take-down.
24. **Special Jackpot Rules and Regulations:**
  - a. All Fair Rules and Sheep Department Rules apply with these exceptions:
    - i. Jackpot Entries accepted until 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Premiums**

**Purebred Single Class:** First-\$24; Second-\$20; Third-\$16; Fourth-\$14; Fifth-\$12; Sixth-\$10; Seventh-\$8; Eighth-\$6

**Purebred Pair Class:** First-\$22; Second-\$18; Third-\$14; Fourth-\$10

**Weather Sire and Dam Class:** First-\$24; Second-\$20; Third-\$16; Fourth-\$14; Fifth-\$12; Sixth-\$10; Seventh-\$8; Eighth-\$6

**Weather Sire and Dam Pair Class:** First-\$22; Second-\$18; Third-\$14; Fourth-\$10

**Market Lamb Single Class:** First-\$24; Second-\$20; Third-\$16; Fourth-\$14; Fifth-\$12; Sixth-\$10; Seventh-\$8; Eighth-\$6

**Market Lamb Pair Class:** First-\$22; Second-\$18; Third-\$14; Fourth-\$10; Fifth-\$8; Sixth-\$6

Champion Ewe and Ram for each Breed: Rosettes

Champion Corridales: Rosette

Champion Southdown: Rosette

Champion Dorset: Rosette

Champion Shropshire: Rosette

Champion Dorper: Rosette

Champion Suffolks: Rosette

Champion AOB Wool: Rosette

Champion AOB Meat: Rosette

Grand Champion Purebred Ram: \$100 and Banner

Grand Champion Purebred Ewe: \$100 and Banner

Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Ram: \$50 & Banner

Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Ewe: \$50 & Banner

Grand Champion Market Lamb: \$100 and Banner  
 Grand Champion Pair Market Lambs: Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb: \$50 and Banner  
 Reserve Grand Champion Pair Market Lambs: Rosette

**Bonus Premiums**

**Jackpot Market Lamb:** First-\$100; Second-\$50; Third-\$35; Fourth-\$25

**\*No ribbons for group classes.**

**Class Definitions**

Yearling Ewe or Ram– one (1) year old and under two (2) years of age

*Oxford, Shropshire, Southdown, Corridale, and Cheviot*

Senior Lambs– born between September 1, of previous show year and February 15 of exhibit year

Junior Lambs– born after February 15 of exhibit year

*Suffolk, Dorset, Hampshire, All Other Breeds (AOB)*

Senior Lambs– born between September 1 of the previous exhibit year and December 31 of the previous exhibit year

Junior Lambs– born after January 1 of the exhibit year

Mix Lamb Pair– one (1) ewe lamb and one (1) ram lamb

Mix Yearling Pair– one (1) yearling ewe and one (1) yearling ram

Pair of Yearlings Ewes– two (2) ewe yearlings

Pair of Ewe Lambs– two (2) ewes

Flock– one (1) ram (yearling or ram lamb), one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) ewe lamb

Division	Class
<b>PUREBRED SHOW</b>	
<b>A</b> Corridales	<b>1</b> Yearling ram <b>8</b> Junior ewe lamb
<b>B</b> Southdown	<b>2</b> Senior ram lamb <b>9</b> Pair of ewe lambs
<b>C</b> Dorset	<b>3</b> Junior ram lamb <b>10</b> Pair of mixed lambs
<b>D</b> Shropshire	<b>4</b> Pair of ram lambs <b>11</b> Pen of 3 lambs
<b>E</b> Suffolks	<b>5</b> Yearling ewe <b>12</b> Pair of mixed yearlings
<b>F</b> Dorper	<b>6</b> Pair of yearling ewes <b>13</b> Flock
<b>G</b> AOB Meat	<b>7</b> Senior ewe lamb
<b>H</b> AOB Wool	
<b>WETHER SIRE AND DAM SHOW</b>	
<b>I</b> Wether Sire and Dam	<b>1</b> Yearling ram <b>6</b> Pair of ewe lambs
	<b>2</b> Ram lamb <b>7</b> Pair of mix yearlings
	<b>3</b> Yearling ewe <b>8</b> Pair of mix lambs
	<b>4</b> Pair of yearling ewes <b>9</b> Flock
	<b>5</b> Ewe lamb
<b>MARKET LAMB SHOW</b>	
<b>J</b> Market Lambs	<b>1</b> Single market lamb
	<b>2</b> Pair of market lambs
<b>JACKPOT MARKET LAMB SHEEP SHOW</b>	
<b>Entry Fee: \$10 per Head</b>	
<b>Judging Time: Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1:00 pm – <u>NO washing animal after 11am</u></b>	
<b>Entries Accepted: Up to 7 pm on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the Fair Office ONLY</b>	
<b>K</b> Jackpot Market Lamb Sheep	<b>1</b> Jackpot entry

# Sheep Open Entry Form

*Use a separate form for each show*

- Register online at [www.mchenrycountyfair.com](http://www.mchenrycountyfair.com) or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Tuesday from 9 am – 2 pm. In person registration dates: Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 2-7pm and July 19<sup>th</sup> 11 am-2pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 2:00 pm on July 19, 2026, **online entries are due at midnight. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry (include Breed)
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#	Fee	Total
	\$5.00 per Open and Stall Entry	
	\$4.00 per Group or Pair Entry	
	\$10.00 per Jackpot entry	
	\$45.00 Late fee per entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	



I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2026 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: [mchenrycountyfair.com](http://mchenrycountyfair.com)

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 Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

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 Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date

<b>#</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$10.00 per Jackpot Entry	
	\$45.00 Late Fee per Entry	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>