



Department Q: Sheep

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Entry Rules and Class Descriptions

Entry fee is \$2.00 per class.

Entries close July 14, 5pm.

Entries made in the wrong class will be disqualified.

Entries can be made online at www.saratogacountyfair.org

Show is Friday, July 27, 6pm.

1. Animals entered are to be owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to the first day of the Fair.
2. *Saratoga County Agricultural Society requires all sheep to be immunized against rabies. A certificate of rabies vaccination, signed by an accredited veterinarian, must be presented to gain entrance to the fairgrounds.* Other health rules are as stated in the NYS Livestock Health Requirements as printed in the front of this book.
3. Entries not listed in this book will not be received by this department.
4. When only one animal is exhibited in a class, it will be left to the discretion of the judge as to the premium awarded. Exhibitors may enter more than one animal in each class.
5. Sheep classification requirements: Senior ewe lambs shall be born after August 1, 2017, and before January 31, 2018. They may have 2 adult teeth started but not totally erupted. Junior ewe lambs shall be born after February 1, 2018, and before July 31, 2018. Ram lambs shall be born on or after August 1, 2017. Yearlings shall be born after August 1, 2016, and before July 31, 2017. They may have no more than 2 adult teeth. Two-year baby teeth must be in.
6. All sheep in the group classes must have been exhibited in prior individual classes from within that section.
7. An exhibitor's flock is for registered sheep and will consist of 1 ram (any age) and 3 ewes of any age (do not need to be related).
8. All sheep will be shown and judged in the ring.

9. A grade flock must have a purebred ram. The purebred ram must be one of the breed origins of the grade flock. A sheep cannot be entered in both purebred and grade classes except when a purebred ram is in a grade flock.

10. Grade sheep exhibited in Section 9 cannot be exhibited in Section 10 or vice versa. Animals exhibited in Section 1 through Section 10 cannot be exhibited in Section 12.

11. A wether can be exhibited in only 2 classes, Classes 19 & 22.

12. Purebred sheep will have their registration papers available for inspection upon request.

13. In order to be exhibited in Section 8 Natural Color, the animal must show 40% color in fleece.

14. A Champion Ram and Reserve Champion Ram will be chosen from winners of the Ram classes.

15. A Champion Ewe and Reserve Champion Ewe will be chosen from winners of the Ewe classes. This includes the classes for grades.

16. A Grand Champion Ewe of all Breeds and Reserve Champion Ewe of all Breeds will be chosen.

17. A Grand Champion Ram of all Breeds and a Reserve Champion Ram of all Breeds will be chosen.

18. The Sheep Show is open to all counties. **Out of County flock will be accepted ONLY if space is available. Please contact the superintendent to see if space is available.**

19. **Tickets:** Each sheep exhibitor will receive six (6) free one day admission tickets upon submitting entries, good for one (1) admission per day for the entire week. In addition, each exhibitor will be able to purchase up to two (2) packets of six (6) one day admission tickets for \$25 per packet only at the time of entry. All general re-entry rules will apply with NO exceptions. A one day admission ticket or season ticket allows admission to the grounds ONLY. [A hang tag will be required to park on the grounds.](#)

20. **Campground:** Exhibitors in this department wishing space for a camper must request so in writing to the fair office on or before June 1, 2018. A limited amount of camper space may be available. Should there be more requests than space available, a committee of the livestock superintendents will determine, based on need, those who will be offered spots at the exhibitor camping rate, and will notify them by June 15, 2018. Camping spaces are not transferable, and will only be verified with paid entries.

All sheep in the group classes (Classes 9-12 and 18-20) must have been exhibited in prior individual classes (Classes 1-8 and 13-17) from within that section.
NOTE: A grade flock must have a purebred ram.

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Use these section numbers when filling out your entry form:

Section 1:

Purebred Dorset

Section 2:

Purebred Corriedale

Section 3:

Purebred Romney – white and natural colored

Section 4:

Purebred Cotswold – white and natural colored

Section 5:

Purebred Suffolk

Section 6:

All other purebreds classified as white wool breeds

Section 7:

All other purebreds classified as meat breeds

Section 8:

Natural Colored – excludes Sections 3, 4 and 5

Section 9:

Purebred Texel

Class Numbers		1st	2nd	3rd
1	Ram, 2 yrs & over	\$12	\$9	\$6
2	Yearling ram, 1 yr & under 2 yrs	\$12	\$9	\$6
3	Ram lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
4	Pair of ram lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
5	Ewe, 2 yrs & over	\$12	\$9	\$6
6	Yearling ewe, 1 yr & under 2 yrs	\$12	\$9	\$6
7	Senior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
8	Junior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
9	Pair ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
10	Dam & lamb, ewe & her ram or ewe (no wether lamb)	\$12	\$9	\$6
11	Get-of-sire, 3 animals with same sire	\$15	\$12	\$9
12	Exhibitor's Flock	\$15	\$12	\$9

Section 9: All grade white wool breeds

Section 10: All grade meat breeds

Class Numbers		1st	2nd	3rd
13	Grade ram under 6 mons	\$12	\$9	\$6
14	Grade ewe 2 yrs & over	\$12	\$9	\$6
15	Grade yearling ewe	\$12	\$9	\$6
16	Grade senior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
17	Grade junior ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
18	Grade pair ewe lambs	\$12	\$9	\$6
19	Dam & lamb, ewe & her ram, Wether or ewe lamb	\$12	\$9	\$6
20	Grade flock (must have purebred ram)	\$15	\$12	\$9

Section 11: Best fleeced animal

Class Numbers	1st
21 Best fleeced animal	\$12

Section 12: Market lamb

Class Numbers	1st	2nd	3rd
22 Market lamb ewe, wether or ram	\$12	\$9	\$6

Section 13: Fleece of wool

Fleeces will be received in the Peck Building by 4pm Tuesday, July 24.

1. An entry shall consist of 1 fleece.
2. All fleeces must be skirted, tag and chaff free, labeled according to class, and in a clear plastic bag.
3. No fleece shall be eligible to be exhibited in more than 1 class.
4. The owner's name shall not appear on any fleece in competition.
5. Classes entered are solely the decision of the entrant.
6. A Champion Fleece and Reserve Champion Fleece will be chosen from the 1st and 2nd place winners.
7. A Grand Champion Fleece and Reserve Champion Fleece will be chosen from the Champion and Reserve Champions.

Classes

31-33 White fleeces
34-36 Natural colored fleeces

Class Numbers	1st	2nd	3rd
31 Fine	\$8	\$5	\$3
32 Medium	\$8	\$5	\$3
33 Long	\$8	\$5	\$3
34 Fine	\$8	\$5	\$3
35 Medium	\$8	\$5	\$3
36 Long	\$8	\$5	\$3

Special Awards

Shepherd's Contest

Rosettes will be awarded to the top 3 exhibitors doing the best job of caring for their sheep and exhibit space during the Fair.

Judging will take place daily.

Exhibitors will be judged on the following:

1. Cleanliness of animals and stall.
2. Daily organization and appearance of exhibitors.
3. Cleanliness of walkways.
4. Cleanliness and neatness of equipment and feed storage.
5. Courtesy to public and other exhibitors.