

Department 4 – Sheep
Project Number 20601, 20602, 20603

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Entry Day – 9 a.m.– 1 p.m. Thursday of the Fair. Market lambs will be ultrasounded from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Judging Day – Friday of the Fair

Judging Time – 11 a.m. Friday

Judging Order – Breeding stock, market animals, showmanship

Check Out – Begins at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and must be removed by 6:30 p.m.

Additional Rules of Entry –

- Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised sheep project are eligible to participate in this department.
- Sexually-intact sheep of any age and all other sheep 18 months of age or older must be identified with official scrapie ear tags or other official scrapie identification. Exhibitors using ear tags for identification are responsible for replacing lost tags and reporting old and new tag numbers to the Extension office.
- Please read the WDATCP Animal Health Rules and Regulations section of the premium list pertaining to sheep.
- Exhibit decorating rules can be found in General Rules.
- No sheep are to be unloaded from trailers on entry day until after a superintendent has checked them in.
- For class definitions see WDATCP Chapter ATCP 160.08 and 160.09 printed in the premium book.
- Real-time ultrasound will be used to determine carcass measurements on all market lambs. The judge will not have access to ultrasound data before judging market lamb classes.
- Breeding animals of wool breeds shall be shown with 2 inches of fleece or less. All other breeds shown in breeding classes shall be shown with 1 inch of fleece or less. Market lambs shall be shown with no more than ¼ inch of fleece and must be sheared before weigh-in.
- Both wether and ewe lambs are eligible to show in the market classes.
- A pair of lambs includes a spring or fall ram lamb and a spring or fall ewe lamb owned by exhibitor.
- A flock shall consist of 3 animals; a yearling or lamb ram, a ewe lamb, and a yearling ewe owned by exhibitor.
- A pen of market lambs consists of two market lambs.
- Clipping and grooming of any animal on the fairgrounds must only be done by the exhibitor or immediate family. Immediate family includes: parent, step-parent, legal guardian of the exhibitor, a sibling or a step-sibling. Exhibitors in violation of clipping rules will be sanctioned with a pink ribbon.
- Exhibitors entering two market lambs will select one of their entries to be in the ultrasound carcass class. That selection must be reported to the superintendent/scale reader immediately following weighing of the animals.

AWARDS

**SALE OF CHAMPIONS
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

- Youth exhibiting in the market lamb class can qualify for the Sale of Champions by meeting the requirements outlined in this section.
- Exhibitors must show two lambs at the Oconto County Fair in order to be eligible to sell in the Sale of Champions.
- Lambs must be weighed on test and identified at the time and place specified by the Oconto County Youth Animal Project Committee and Fair Board. Exhibitors are responsible for transporting their lambs to the fairgrounds to be weighed. Exhibitors may weigh-in four (4) lambs. An exhibitor may show two (2) lambs in the market class. An exhibitor may show two (2) lambs in the market class and one of those market class exhibits in the ultrasound carcass class. Lambs must be identified by individual exhibitors – not just by family.
- The following performance standards must be met for lambs to qualify for the Sale of Champions:
 - Minimum average daily gain on test 0.40 lbs
 - Minimum finished weight 90 lbs
- Lambs will be weighed off test (i.e. move through the scale) only one time. Preliminary weighing or re-weighing of underweight animals at the fair is prohibited.
- Exhibitors must complete and sign production and financial records on the forms provided by the Extension office and turn them into the sheep superintendent or Fair Extension office by 9 p.m. Thursday.
- Exhibitors must certify that they have participated in a minimum of three training, educational, or project activities; or the equivalent, during the current project year. To qualify a lamb for the sale one educational activity must be specific to sheep. No duplicate activities, i.e. two jobs, three ag classes, etc. will be allowed as educational requirements--must be three different types of activities. A list of suggested activities meeting this requirement has been developed by the Youth Animal Sciences committees and is available from the Oconto County UW Extension office.
- **Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training (MAQA)-** The County Youth Animal Project Committee has ruled that all large meat animal exhibitors (beef, swine, sheep, meat goats) must participate in MAQA training to qualify to sell.
- Exhibitors are required to enter and participate in the appropriate sheep showmanship class.
- A minimum of four lambs or 50 percent (50%) of the number of qualifying lambs (the calculated number rounded up from zero) will be sold at the Sale of Champions. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion lambs of the market lamb classes will sell, if qualified. Additional lambs to sell will be the top ranked, qualified lambs in the ultrasound carcass class.
- Exhibitors are responsible for insuring the safety and wholesomeness of the meat animals they are producing and exhibiting. All exhibitors and their parent or guardian must certify, on forms provided, to proper withdrawal of all additives and medications in the animal(s) being shown. The exhibitor will be responsible for financial losses incurred due to condemnation of carcasses for illegal residues and may be liable for additional sanctions under state and federal regulations. The Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair Board may, at their discretion, order testing of samples from animals sold at the Sale of Champions for illegal residues at the expense of the exhibitor.
- Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions. An individual qualifying for more than one exhibit for the sale will elect the exhibit they wish to sell; the next ranked qualifying exhibit would then be eligible to sell. Exhibits must earn a blue ribbon to be eligible to sell. Exhibitors eligible to sell more than one exhibit must decide which to sell and report their decision to the chairman of the sale of champions or Extension agriculture agent no later than one hour following the end of the last show of the fair. If the exhibitor does not comply, the Sale of Champions committee will make the decision.
- Exhibitors selling in the Sale of Champions will receive the amount bid for their exhibit, minus a commission determined by the Youth Animal Science Committee and Fair Board. The commission covers awards, advertising and other expenses of the market class and sale. Exhibitors will be paid as soon after the fair as all auction payments are received, expenses are calculated, and commission is determined.

- **An extra two-percent (2%) will be deducted from the checks of sellers who fail to help set-up and take down for the auction and be present to help with clean-up of the fair on Monday following the fair.**

Other Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to the individuals:

- Receiving top blue ribbons in each division in Sheep Showmanship
- Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the market lamb class
- Showing the Champion and Reserve Champion in the ultrasound market lamb carcass class
- Receiving Best of Show of the sheep show (breeding sheep)
- Producing the highest rate of gain on test with a sale-qualified market lamb

The name of the group receiving the top blue sheep herdsmanship ribbon will be inscribed on the Sheep Herdsmanship plaque that is displayed in the barn.

Age Classifications:

Winter Lamb: Born January 1, 2009 to February 15, 2009
 Spring Lamb: Born February 16, 2009 to May 15, 2009
 Fall Lamb: Born September 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008
 Yearling Ram or Ewe: Born January 1, 2008 to August 31, 2008
 Mature Ewe: Born before January 1, 2008

The age of yearlings may be subject to verification by the fair veterinarian's examination whose findings shall be final.

Premiums for Classes A-F	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00

- CLASS A – HAMPSHIRE, PUREBRED & GRADE**
- CLASS B – SUFFOLK, PUREBRED & GRADE**
- CLASS C – SHROPSHIRE, PUREBRED & GRADE**
- CLASS D – ANY OTHER RECOGNIZED BREED, PUREBRED & GRADE**

Lot Numbers

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| 1. Winter Ram Lamb – must be registered | 6. Spring Ewe Lamb |
| 2. Spring Ram Lamb - must be registered | 7. Fall Ewe Lamb |
| 3. Fall Ram Lamb - must be registered | 8. Yearling Ewe |
| 4. Yearling Ram - must be registered | 9. Mature Ewe |
| 5. Winter Ewe Lamb | 10. Pair of Lambs– Ribbon Only |
| | 11. Flock of Three – Ribbon Only |

CLASS E – CROSSBRED

CLASS F – COMMERCIAL

Lot Numbers:

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| 1. Winter Ewe Lamb | 3. Fall Ewe Lamb |
| 2. Spring Ewe Lamb | 4. Yearling Ewe |
| | 5. Mature Ewe |

CLASS G – ULTRASOUND CARCASS CONTEST (Danish Judging)

Maximum number of entries is one (1) animal per exhibitor.

Premium	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Lot Numbers				
1. Market Lamb	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

CLASS H – SHEEP MARKET CLASS (Regular Judging)

Maximum number of entries is two (2) animals per exhibitor. (Classes will be broke by weight of animal, as the superintendent determines class size)

Premium	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Lot Numbers				
1. Market lamb	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00
2. Pen of market lambs.	Ribbon only			

CLASS I – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP (Danish Judging)

Premium	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Lot Numbers				
1. Beginner, Grade 3-5	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50
2. Intermediate, Grade 6-8				
3. Senior, Grade 9 & up				

Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, and Beginner.

CLASS J—BRED AND OWNED

Sheep owned and bred by exhibitor. Must show registration papers as you enter the show ring.

Lot Numbers		
1. Bred and owned	Ribbon Only	