

Sheep – Department 4

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Requirements:

1. Youth enrolled in a 4-H, FFA, or other youth groups in a supervised sheep project are eligible to participate in this department.
2. 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.
3. Please read the WDATCP Animal Health Rules section of the premium list pertaining to sheep.
4. Exhibit decorating rules can be found in General Rules.
5. Sheep entries will be accepted between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on Thursday. All market lambs will be weighed and ultrasounded between 9 am and 1 pm.
6. No sheep are to be unloaded from trailers on entry day until after a superintendent has checked them in.
7. Sheep may be removed from the grounds after 4:00 pm on Sunday and must be removed by 6:30 pm on Sunday.
8. For class definitions see Chapter ATCP 160.08 and 160.09 printed in the premium book.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Both wether and ewe lambs are eligible to show in the market classes.
12. A pair of lambs includes a spring or fall ram lamb and spring or fall ewe lamb owned by exhibitor.
13. A flock shall consist of 3 animals; a yearling or lamb ram, a ewe lamb and a yearling ewe owned by exhibitor.
14. A pen of market lambs consists of two market lambs.
15. 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/weighmaster immediately following weighing of the animals.
16. **Sale of Champions Eligibility Requirements and Procedures:**
 - a. Youth exhibiting in the market lamb class can qualify for the Sale of Champions by meeting the requirements outlined in this section
 - b. 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-on 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.
 - c. The following performance standards must be met for lambs to qualify for the Sale of Champions:

1) Minimum average daily gain on test	0.40 lbs
2) Minimum finished weight	90 lbs

- d. 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.
- e. 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 before the market class judging begins.
- f. 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. The County Youth Animal Project Committee has ruled that all large meat animal exhibitors must participate in MAQA training to qualify to sell. 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 Youth Development office.
- g. Exhibitors are required to enter and participate in the appropriate sheep showmanship class.
- h. 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.
- i. 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.
- j. Exhibitors may sell only one item in the Sale of Champions. An individual qualifying more than one exhibit for the sale will select the exhibit they wish to sell. The next ranked from the class not selected by the champion will then 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 Champion committee will make the decision.
- k. 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.
- l. 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, 2008 to February 15, 2008

Spring Lamb – Born February 16, 2008 to May 15, 2008

Fall Lamb – Born September 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Yearling Ram or Ewe – Born January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007

Mature Ewe – Born before January 1, 2007

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 Nos

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

CLASS E – CROSSBRED

CLASS F – COMMERCIAL

Lot Nos. -

1. Winter Ewe Lamb
2. Spring Ewe Lamb
3. Fall 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.)

<u>Premium:</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
Lot Nos				
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. May be also entered in market hog class.

(Classes will be broke by weight of animal, as the superintendent determines class size)

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

CLASS I – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP (Danish Judging)

<u>Premium:</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50

Lot Nos.

1. Beginner, Grade 3-5
2. Intermediate, Grade 6-8
3. Senior, Grade 9 & up

Showmanship order: Senior, Intermediate, and Beginner.