

# ***Department 5 - Sheep***

- Entries close August 1, 2026 –  
**NO MAIL-IN ENTRIES**

**Sheep Superintendent: Mark Chapman (734) 755-3158 Deb Chapman (248) 761-1489**

**Judges:**

**Youth Showmanship and Youth Breeding Sheep – TBD  
Open Commercial, Open Meat Breeds, and Open Wool Breeds – TBD  
Wool / Mohair Show - TBD**

**2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan**  
<https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/animals/exhibitions>

**ARRIVAL TIMES (Sheep and Wool):**

Beginning Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am – 9:00 pm (or check with superintendent if you need a different time)  
Ending Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 am – 6:00 pm

**All Sheep and Wool must be in place by 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> - NO LATE ARRIVALS**

**DEPARTURE TIMES:**

All sheep depart on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> after 5:00 pm

**WEIGH IN TIMES:**

Open and Youth Commercial Breeding Sheep  
Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> until 9:00 pm

## ***Sheep Judging Schedule***

10:00 am	Friday	September 4	Youth Showmanship Youth Breeding Sheep Show (following Showmanship)
10:00 am	Saturday	September 5	<b>*** Show order to be posted prior to Saturday ***</b> Border Cheviot Dorset Dorper Hampshire Katahdin North County Cheviot Oxford Shropshire Southdown Suffolk Any Other Meat Breed Commercial Breeding Sheep  Supreme Champion Meat Ram and Ewe
12:00 pm	Saturday	September 5	Wool Show - <b>Wool Area</b>
(approx. 6:00 pm)			Youth Lead Classes and Decorator Class following Supreme Champions Adult Lead Classes following Youth Lead and Decorator Classes
10:00 am	Sunday	September 6	<b>*** Show order to be posted prior to Sunday ***</b> Columbia Corriedale Lincoln Merino Natural Colored Coarse / Long Natural Colored Fine / Medium Rambouillet Romney – Natural Colored Romney – White Any Other Wool Breeds

## Supreme Champion Wool Ram and Ewe

6:30 pm	Sunday	September 6	Steve Masters Master Showman
10:00 am	Monday	September 7	Youth Judging Contest
12:00 pm	Monday	September 7	“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes (see Department 39 for rules and information)

### FEES:

Exhibitor: \$15.00 (required) admits one person. Extra passes are available for \$15.00.

Parking: \$15.00 per week (Pass allows access behind the building after Thursday, September 3.)

Per Head: \$7.50 (open classes only)

Per Fleece: \$4.00

**YOUTH pays exhibitor fee \$15.00 only.**

If a youth enters in the open classes – open fee and per head fee apply.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SHOW – OPEN & YOUTH

**\*\*\* Please check and follow General Agriculture & Livestock Rules \*\*\***

1. Exhibitor form, Animal Entry form and Current W-9 (or Canadian) must be filled out and returned. **Entries must include fees.**  
**OWNER IS THE EXHIBITOR. Exhibitors name must match the name on registration papers.** Animals owned in partnership or syndicate may be shown in the name of the partnership or syndicate only.
2. **The floor in the livestock area is polished concrete. For the safety of the animals and exhibitors, exhibitors are responsible for providing suitable floor coverings in their stalls/pens. Examples of coverings may be roofing paper, carpet, plywood, deep bedding, rubber mats or other suitable material to prevent animals from the risk of injury. Aisles will have rolled roofing or other covering on them for movement to and from the rings, etc. \*\*\*THERE WILL NOT BE CARPETING UNDER PENS THIS YEAR\*\*\***
3. All purebred sheep, including lambs, must be registered and it shall be the duty of each exhibitor to present certificates of registration at time of check-in to the superintendent. Transfers must be signed by secretaries of the registry associations and must show the date of transfer. All sheep must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor at the time of making entries. No animals can be shown unless registration papers have been checked and are in order.
4. **MICHIGAN STATE FAIR LLC REQUIRES ALL SHEEP TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL USDA INDIVIDUAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION TAG.** Do not remove tags prior to showing. It is illegal to remove official USDA tags. For further information, contact USDA at 866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824).
5. Entries must be made on proper entry forms. Youth exhibitor's must complete Youth section of entry form and submit all Youth fees. Animals must be in Youth's (the exhibitor) name. Youth exhibitors entering Open classes must complete Open section and pay all open fees.
6. Do not make entries in Champion Classes. Only first prize winner to be eligible for championship prizes, but second prize animals may compete for Reserve Championships. Competition is open to all exhibitors except where classes specify otherwise.
7. All entries must be made in accordance with general livestock terms and conditions. Please go to: [www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com](http://www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com) and enter online. **LATE ENTRIES: Entries received between August 2, 2026, and August 7, 2026, will incur a \$50.00 Late Entry Fee.**
8. **CAMPING.** Camping **MUST BE** registered for **SEPARATELY.**
9. An animal may only be shown in one Section. (i.e., a sheep may not show as a Hampshire and a Commercial) in Open and Youth.
10. An exhibitor may not receive more than one award in group classes and not more than two in any individual class. When there is just one exhibit in a class only one premium will be awarded according to the merit of the animal. No exhibitor will be permitted to enter more than fourteen (14) animals in any one breed, and not more than two (2) animals in any single class. All sheep in group classes must be shown in individual classes.
11. An exhibitor may substitute an animal within the same class as entered at no charge. The exhibitor will be charged a fee of \$5.00 to substitute an animal into a different class.
12. Youth exhibitors will be permitted to enter up to two (2) breeds in this department and a maximum of ten (10) head total in the breeding classes. Youth Division is open to Michigan Youth Only.
13. Youth Exhibitors that will be competing in the junior division of the show must show their own animal unless species chairpersons grant special permission. In the event that a substitute showperson is approved, the substitute showperson must be a registered junior exhibitor in this show. Proper identification of junior exhibitor may be required, at the discretion of the show committee.

14. Youth may not enter an animal in the same class for in-person and 4-H virtual show. (Example: if a youth enters a Dorset Junior Ewe in the in-person show, they may not enter a Dorset Junior Ewe in the 4-H Virtual Show).
15. The Michigan State Fair LLC prohibits the use of muzzles.
16. **All chores to be completed by 9 am including feeding, watering and pen cleaning. Aisles are to be clean and swept entire time fair is open to the public.**
17. Water must be available in pens at all times.
18. Humane handling practices of sheep at all times.
19. Tampering and/or misrepresentation as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception. Any premiums, trophies, and awards won by such exhibitor will be withheld. Unethical fitting shall include the following:
  - a. The addition of any wool or wool-like substance.
  - b. The cutting, tearing or gluing of the hide or underneath the hide or removal of tissue in an attempt to alter the shape of the animal.
  - c. The injection of any gas, solid or liquid under the hide to alter the normal conformation.
  - d. Any attempts to disrupt or change the normal dental development of the animal.
  - e. Any products administered internally or externally to alter the conformation of the animal (such as steroids and growth stimulants) are prohibited.
20. The American Shropshire Registry Association’s Board of Directors has approved the decision to exhibit Shropshire sheep slick shorn.

**\*\*\*Making Entries for the Michigan State Fair indicates acceptance of the Michigan State Fair Code of Conduct, which is found in the General Rules.\*\*\***

**EXPLANATION OF TERMS**

1. Flock – Open Show entries shall consist of five (5) head: one ram (any age), two yearling ewes one year old and two ewe lambs.
2. Flock – Youth Show entries shall consist of four (4) head: one ram (any age), two yearling ewes and one ewe lamb; or one ram (any age), one yearling ewe and two ewe lambs.
3. Ages for all lambs will be as follows: Senior, September 1 to December 31; January; and February; March.
4. The base date for computing age will be September 1 and lambs born after that date may be shown as lambs if they have all lamb teeth.
5. Colored sheep are those sheep that are registered with a Natural Association and have at least 70% colored wool, other than white.
6. A Premier Exhibitor shall be an exhibitor who makes the best display with at least six animals, shown in at least three of the single classes with both sexes represented. Animals must be owned and shown by the exhibitor. The point system for determining Premier Exhibitor is as follows:

<b><u>POINTS</u></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
Rams / Ewes	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	Grand Champion		30					Reserve Grand Champion		20
Champion points will break ties from above.										

## ***Sheep Breeding Classes***

### SHEEP PREMIUMS OPEN – SINGLE CLASSES

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17

### GROUP CLASSES

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

<b>Breed Champions</b>	<b>Rosette</b>
<b>Reserve Breed Champions</b>	<b>Rosette</b>
<b>Premier Exhibitor</b>	<b>Banner; no premium</b>

Use tables below for Section and Class #  
(Example – Dorset Yearling Ewe would be Section DR Class 8)

BREED	Open Section #	BREED	Open Section #
Any Other Meat Breed	AOB	Natural Colored Course/Long	NAC
Any Other Wool Breed	AWB	Natural Colored Fine/Medium	NAF
Border Cheviot	BC	North Country Cheviot	NCC
Columbia	CO	Oxford	OX
Corriedale	CR	Rambouillet	RB
Dorper	DP	Romney – Natural Colored	RN
Dorset	DR	Romney – White	RO
Hampshire	HM	Shropshire	SH
Katahdin	KH	Southdown	SD
Lincoln	LC	Suffolk	SU
Merino	MR		

BREED SECTION	A	A	B	C	C	D	D	H	K	L	M	N	N	N	O	R	R	R	S	S	S
	O	W										A	A	A							
	B	B	C	O	R	P	R	M	H	C	E	C	F	C	X	B	N	O	H	D	U
Yearling Ram	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Senior Ram Lamb	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
January Ram Lamb	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
February Ram Lamb	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
March Ram Lamb	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Pair of Ram Lambs	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Champion & Reserve Ram	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Yearling Ewe	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Pair of Yearling Ewes	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Senior Ewe Lamb	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
January Ewe Lamb	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
February Ewe Lamb	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
March Ewe Lamb	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Pair of Ewe Lambs	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Champion & Reserve Ewe	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Flock	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Premier Exhibitor	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17

## ***Supreme Champions – Section 1***

Class	Description	
1	Supreme Champion Ewe – Meat Breed	Banner / \$50.00
2	Supreme Champion Ram – Meat Breed	Banner / \$50.00
3	Supreme Champion Ewe – Wool Breed	Banner / \$50.00
4	Supreme Champion Ram – Wool Breed	Banner / \$50.00

5	Overall Supreme Champion Sheep	\$100.00
6	Best White Fleece Sheep	\$25.00
7	Best Natural Colored Fleece Sheep	\$25.00

### ***Commercial Breeding Sheep Show- Section CM***

**PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17

**GROUP CLASSES**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

**Champion & Reserve Champion Ewe Rosette**

- **This show previously was called Wether-Type.**
- This show is open to all exhibitors.
- Exhibitors can show up to two (2) head per individual weight class and one (1) pair per pair class; up to six (6) ewe lambs total.
- All sheep must be slick shorn within 5 days.
- Commercial breeding sheep lambs will be shown by weight, with a class minimum of five (5) head.
- Lambs will be weighed in before they show.

Use table below for Section and Class #.  
 (Example –Yearling Ewe would be Section CM Class 1)

**Class**

- 1 Yearling Ewe
- 2 Pair of Yearling Ewes
- 3 Lamb Ewe (enter class 25 – Lambs will be placed in proper class after being weighed)
- 4 Weight Class
- 5 Weight Class
- 6 Weight Class
- 7 Weight Class
- 8 Weight Class
- 9 Pair of Ewe Lambs
- 10 **Champion and Reserve Ewe**

### ***Wool / Mohair Show – Section 2***

Willis Plank

**UPON ARRIVAL:**

The Exhibitor must accompany the wool when it is checked in with the Superintendent.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Wool Fleeces must be entered in clear plastic bag, untied.
2. **Fleeces must have been shorn in 2026.**

Exhibitor may enter two (2) fleeces per class. Entry fee for each fleece is \$4.00.

Fleeces can be picked up on Monday, September 7 after 12:00 pm.

Any fleece not picked up by 5:00 pm Monday, September 7 will be disposed of at superintendent’s discretion.

**FLEECE PREMIUMS OPEN**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$15	\$13	\$11	\$9	\$7

Use tables below for Section and Class #  
 (Example – Wool Natural Colored Long would be Section 2 Class 7)

<b>WHITE WOOL</b>	<b>Open Class #</b>	<b>NATURAL COLORED WOOL</b>	<b>Open Class #</b>
Braid	1	Braid	7
Low 1/4	2	Low 1/4	8
1/4	3	1/4	9
3/8	4	3/8	10
1/2	5	1/2	11
Fine	6	Fine	12

  

<b>MOHAIR</b>	<b>Open Class #</b>	<b>NATURAL COLORED MOHAIR</b>	<b>Open Class #</b>
White Kid	13	Natural Colored Kid	16
White Yearling	14	Natural Colored Yearling	17
White Aged	15	Natural Colored Aged	18

- 1 **Supreme Champion White – Banner**
- 2 **Reserve Champion White – Rosette**
- 3 **Supreme Champion Natural Colored – Banner**
- 4 **Reserve Champion Natural Colored – Rosette**

### ***Adult Lead Class Show – Section 3***

**ADULT LEAD CLASSES**

**PREMIUMS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Gift Card	Gift Card	Gift Card

<u>Class #</u>	
1	Adult Lead Class

- The objective of this class is to highlight the fiber producing aspect of sheep by presenting the wool products with the animal.
- Sheep must be Ewe Lambs or Yearling Ewes, conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter.
- Entrants in these classes must be sponsored by an exhibitor of sheep at the 2026 Michigan State Fair LLC. The entrant will be judged on the mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive, made of wool or wool blend material and lend elegance to the class. Judging to be done by a three member panel consisting of representatives from the fashion, publicity or sheep industry.

**Score Card**

Entrant’s outfit , poise and appearance	50%
Control and presentation of the animal	30%
Standard judging procedure of animals	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

### ***Special Contests – See Department 39***

Educational Contest

“Bill Bowman” Supreme of Supremes



## ***Youth Commercial Breeding Sheep Show- Section YCM***

### PREMIUMS – SINGLE CLASSES

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$20	\$17	\$14	\$11	\$8

### GROUP CLASSES

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6

### Champion & Reserve Champion Ewe Banner

- **this show previously was called Wether-Type.**
- This show is open to all Michigan youth exhibitors.
- Exhibitors can show up to two (2) head per individual class and one (1) pair per pair class; and six (6) ewe lambs total.
  - All sheep must be slick shorn within 5 days.
- Commercial breeding sheep lambs will be shown by weight, with a class minimum of five (5) head.
- Lambs will be weighed in before they show.

Use table below for Section and Class #.  
 (Example –Yearling Ewe would be Section YCM Class 1)

#### Class

1	Yearling Ewe
2	Pair of Yearling Ewes
3	Lamb Ewe (enter class 24 – Lambs will be placed in proper class after being weighed)
4	Weight Class
5	Weight Class
6	Weight Class
7	Weight Class
8	Weight Class
9	Pair of Ewe Lambs
10	<b>Champion and Reserve Ewe</b>

## ***Supreme Champions – Section Y1***

<u>Class #</u>	<u>Description</u>	
1	Supreme Champion Ewe	Banner / \$50.00
2	Supreme Champion Ram	Banner / \$50.00

## ***Youth Sheep Showmanship – Section Y2***

Entries in this section will be accepted up to show time.

### PREMIUM SCALE

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5

### Champion – Rosette Reserve Champion – Rosette

### CLASSES

<u>Class #</u>	
1	7 through 11 years of age
2	12 through 15 years of age
3	16 through 20 years of age
4	<b>Champion and Reserve Champion Showman</b>

### RULES

1. Exhibitors who own and show an animal in a youth breeding class are eligible for the showmanship class using one of their own animals.
2. The animal used by an exhibitor must be one used in a regular breeding class.
3. The class winners in each species will compete for champion showman in that species. The dates for computing the age of showmen will be as of January 1 of the current year.
4. All junior exhibitors at the Michigan State Fair LLC are eligible for the Showmanship Contest. Post entries will be accepted up to show time in all species classes.

## ***Youth Special Classes – Section Y3***

### **LADS AND LASSES LEAD CLASSES**

#### **PREMIUMS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
\$25	\$23	\$21	\$19	\$17	\$15

#### **Class #**

1	7 through 11
2	12 through 15
3	16 through 20

4. The objective of this class is to highlight the fiber producing aspect of sheep by presenting the wool products with the animal.
5. Sheep must be Ewe Lambs or Yearling Ewes, conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter.
6. Entrants in these classes must be sponsored by an exhibitor of sheep at the 2026 Michigan State Fair LLC. The entrant will be judged on the mode of dress selected, which must be appropriate, attractive, made of wool or wool blend material and lend elegance to the class. Judging to be done by a three member panel consisting of representatives from the fashion, publicity or sheep industry.

#### **Score Card**

Entrant's outfit, poise and appearance	50%
Control and presentation of the animal	30%
Standard judging procedure of animals	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **YOUTH DECORATOR CLASS**

Special Awards will be given in this class.

#### **Class**

5	7 and under
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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Youth Decorator Class is to promote the lamb and wool industry.

#### **Rules:**

1. Contestants shall be judged on the decoration of the entrant, as well as the sheep, as to the artistry, attractiveness and originality of the decoration.
2. The entrant is free to choose his or her own patterns, designs, colors and materials.
3. Entrants in this class may be any Michigan resident, boy or girl seven (7) years of age and under, who is sponsored by a Michigan sheep breeder. Any age sheep may be used. **\*\*\*Please see Superintendent if child needs a sponsor\*\*\***

## ***Special Contests – See Department 39***

Educational Contest

Youth Scholarship

Youth Livestock Judging Contest

Steve Masters Master Showman