



## 4-H/FFA SHEEP SHOW TIME

Thursday, July 23 – 10:00 A.M.

Superintendent - Nichole Harrell



## PROJECT EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Breeding and Market Sheep Projects to enter the Breeding and Market Sheep Shows.
2. Exhibitors must have continuously owned and personally cared for their animals since: May 1, 2026, Breeding and Market Sheep
3. All sheep exhibits must arrive between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and be in place by 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2026. Late exhibit arrivals are subject to a \$25 late fee at the discretion of the superintendent.
4. All Sheep must remain at the Fairgrounds until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at which time all livestock will be released.
5. Lambs must be slick shorn upon arrival for inspection, with the exception of leg hair and wool breeds.
6. Water containers for sheep must be attached to the pen to minimize spilling.
7. Exhibitors may use mesh or plastic muzzles that allow the lamb to drink.
8. Show order for classes will be posted in the stall areas, show ring and the 4-H Fair office.
9. Only wool breeds may be bedded on straw.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding.
11. In all sheep classes, the front feet of the lamb must remain on the show ring floor while showing. Animals should not be lifted for an extended period of time.
12. If an exhibitor fails to keep all four legs on the ground, it may result in immediate disqualification from their showmanship class.



## FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRY:

1. All entries made in this department are subject to the Arapahoe County Fair General Rules and Livestock Rules. Please carefully read all rules.
2. Fair Exhibit Entry is required for all 4-H/FFA animal exhibitors by the entry deadline, Monday, June 15, 2026.
3. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:  
 Arapahoe County Extension Office  
 Attn: Fair Entry  
 6934 S Lima St, Suite B  
 Centennial, CO 80112
4. After Monday, June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
5. Entry will be done online at [Arapahoecounty.Fairentry.com](https://www.arapahoecountyfair.com/entry)



## SHEEP HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

1. All animals must:
  - Originate from herds, not under quarantine.
  - Be free of contagious diseases, parasites, and other illnesses. This includes but is not limited to sore mouth, epididymitis, scabies, active fungus, or other infections or contagious diseases.
2. Animals deemed by the Superintendent to be to unhealthy to show and/or sell at auction or pose health or safety risks to other livestock and/or the public will be disqualified and sent home from the Fair.
3. The USDA's Scrapie Eradication Program will be enforced at the Arapahoe County Fair. This regulation requires sheep and goats to have a Scrapie ear tag that lists their flock of origin. If your animals fall into any of the categories listed, they will be required to have Scrapie ear tags to be admitted on the grounds and shown at the Fair. Animals requiring Scrapie tags are:
  - Sheep: All breeding sheep regardless of age, and all ewes shown as market lambs.
4. The exhibitor must strictly comply with Meat, Milk, and Egg Quality Assurance Standards and withdrawal periods for any medications given to livestock.



## DIVISION – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP (Required)

CLASS 585: Senior

CLASS 586: Intermediate

CLASS 587: Junior



1. Sheep Showmanship is required for all 4-H/FFA members showing sheep at the Arapahoe County Fair.
2. Market or breeding animals may be used for sheep showmanship classes.
3. Exhibitors must enter and show their own animal.
4. The sheep showmanship time schedule will be at the discretion of the sheep superintendent.
5. The judge will evaluate showmanship based on the following:
  - Appearance of animal
  - Showing of animal
  - Appearance, courtesy, and knowledge of exhibitor
6. The sheep showmanship contest will be divided into three age divisions:
  - Junior division, Ages 8-10 as of Dec. 31, 2025
  - Intermediate division, Ages 11-13 as of Dec. 31, 2025
  - Senior division, Ages 14-18 as of Dec. 31, 2025



## DIVISION – MARKET SHEEP

CLASS 588: Market Class

(Final classes/lots assigned at weigh-in)



1. Market classes are open to purebred, grade, or crossbred wether or ewe lambs born after January 1, 2026.
2. Market lambs will be weighed immediately after goat weigh-in on Tuesday, July 21. See 4-H Livestock and Small Animal Rules for specific weigh-in rules and Auction rules.
3. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs. for market classes and Auction.
4. Market lambs may not be shown in breeding classes.
5. Male animals having one or both testicles contained in the body cavity are not eligible to show in market classes.
6. A feeder lamb class may be established for lambs under the required market weight.
7. An exhibitor selling a lamb through the livestock auction that is found to have the break joint of a yearling or older upon processing will receive mutton market price only, and any premiums won will be deducted from the Auction proceeds.
8. Market lambs will show by weight class rather than by breed. The superintendent will make the classes as even as possible according to weight distribution. An exhibitor having more than one market lamb with uniform weights may end up with two or more animals in the same class.
9. If an exhibitor in a market class ends up with two animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class, or they may ask a fellow 4-H/FFA member in good standing to show for them.



## **DIVISION – BREEDING SHEEP**

*If there are 3 of the same breed then final classes will be assigned at the fair.*

Rams and Ewes compete in the Grand Drive.



### **DIVISION – MEAT BREEDS**

- CLASS 601: Jr. Ewe Lamb: Jan. 1 – June 22
- CLASS 602: Sr. Ewe Lamb: Aug.1 – Dec 31
- CLASS 603: Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2 yr.
- CLASS 604: Ewe, 2 yr. & under 4 yr.
- CLASS 605: Jr. Ram Lamb: Jan 1 – June 22
- CLASS 606: Sr. Ram Lamb: Aug 1 – Dec. 31
- CLASS 607: Ram, 1 yr. & under 2 Yr.
- CLASS 608: Aged Ram, 2 yr. old or older



### **DIVISION – WOOL BREEDS**

- CLASS 609: Jr. Ewe Lamb: Jan. 1 - June 22
- CLASS 610: Sr. Ewe Lamb: Aug.1 – Dec 31
- CLASS 611: Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2 yr.
- CLASS 612: Ewe, 2 yr. & under 4 yr.
- CLASS 613: Jr. Ram Lamb: Jan 1 – June 22
- CLASS 614: Sr. Ram Lamb: Aug 1 – Dec. 31
- CLASS 615: Ram, 1 yr. & under 2 Yr.
- CLASS 616: Aged Ram, 2 yr. old or older



### **DIVISION – COMMERCIAL/ CROSSES**

- CLASS 617: Jr. Ewe Lamb: Jan. 1 - June 22
- CLASS 618: Sr. Ewe Lamb: Aug.1 – Dec 31
- CLASS 619: Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2 yr.
- CLASS 620: Ewe, 2 yr. & under 4 yr.
- CLASS 621: Jr. Ram Lamb: Jan 1 – June 22
- CLASS 622: Sr. Ram Lamb: Aug 1 – Dec. 31
- CLASS 623: Ram, 1 yr. & under 2 Yr.
- CLASS 624: Aged Ram, 2 yr. old or older





### DIVISION – COLORED WOOL BREEDS

- CLASS 625: Jr. Ewe Lamb: Jan. 1 - June 22  
 CLASS 626: Sr. Ewe Lamb: Aug.1 – Dec 31  
 CLASS 627: Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2 yr.  
 CLASS 628: Ewe, 2 yr. & under 4 yr.  
 CLASS 629: Jr. Ram Lamb: Jan 1 – June 22  
 CLASS 630: Sr. Ram Lamb: Aug 1 – Dec. 31  
 CLASS 631: Ram, 1 yr. & under 2 Yr.  
 CLASS 632: Aged Ram, 2 yr. old or older



### DIVISION – OTHER BREEDS

- CLASS 633: Jr. Ewe Lamb: Jan. 1 - June 22  
 CLASS 634: Sr. Ewe Lamb: Aug.1 – Dec 31  
 CLASS 635: Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2 yr.  
 CLASS 636: Ewe, 2 yr. & under 4 yr.  
 CLASS 637: Jr. Ram Lamb: Jan 1 – June 22  
 CLASS 638: Sr. Ram Lamb: Aug 1 – Dec. 31  
 CLASS 639: Ram, 1 yr. & under 2 Yr.  
 CLASS 640: Aged Ram, 2 yr. old or older



1. All sheep must be in compliance with current scrapie regulations.
2. Sheep entered in lamb classes must have all lamb teeth in place. Those entered in yearling classes may have two or four permanent teeth.
3. Commercial/crossbred breeding sheep are to be exhibited slick shorn, whereas purebreds should be shown as appropriate for their breed.
4. Separate breed classes will be established if there are three or more animals of the same breed or sire cross. A minimum of three breeders is the norm to constitute a breed show. Any breed with less than three breeders represented will be combined with other breeds in the same class under the appropriate Division, i.e., Wool Breeds, Meat Breeds, Crossbreds, etc. Any breed that does not fit in one of the Divisions described in this Fair Book, where there are at least three breeders, will then constitute a special breed and show separately from other breeds under the “Other Breeds” Division.
5. If there are three breeders or more of the same breed, Breed classes will be held and shown by breed: Suffolk, Southdown, Dorset, Hampshire, Columbia, Rambouillet etc.
6. Breed Definitions:
  - Meat Breeds: Defined as Dorset, Hampshire, Suffolk, Southdown, and Shropshire etc.
  - Wool Breeds: Defined as Columbia, Rambouillet, Corriedale, Merino, and crosses of these breeds.
  - Colored Wool Breeds: Wool length on all yearling and older sheep is expected to be 2 inches or longer. Animals must be at least 35% colored and will be judged 60% on wool and 40% on conformation.
7. Age classifications for breeding sheep are Base Date August 1:
  - Sr. Ram or ewe lamb-born between August 1 and Dec. 31 of the previous year.
  - Jr. Ram or ewe lamb born between Jan 1 and June 22 of the current year.
  - Ram or ewe, one year and under two – born between August 1, two years prior – June 22nd of the previous year.
  - Aged Ram or ewe, two years old or older – born before August 1, two years prior.



## DIVISION – BRED & FED BREEDING

CLASS 641: Bred & Fed Breeding Sheep



1. Open to ewe lambs born after January 1, 2026.
2. Breeding sheep rules will be followed as written in the Fair Book.
3. Bred & Fed breeding animals may be shown in other breeding classes but may not be shown in market classes.



## DIVISION – PRODUCERS MARKET

CLASS 642: Bred & Fed Market Lamb



1. Animals must be weighed in and tagged at the designated weigh-in.
2. Market lamb rules will be followed as written in the Fair Book.
3. Market lambs may be shown in other market classes but may not be shown in a breeding class.
4. The Bred & Fed market class will not show by weight divisions.



## DIVISION – LIVESTOCK COSTUME CONTEST

CLASS 540:



1. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules



## DIVISION – PREMIER EXHIBITOR

CLASS 643: Premier Sheep Exhibitor



1. See 4-H Livestock And Small Animal Rules for Contest Rules