

Sheep

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State Fair Entry: Yes

Animal Check In: Sunday, July 6, 2025; 7:00AM-9:00AM, Sheep Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Show Day: Wednesday, July 9, 2025; 9:00AM, Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Tag-In & Show Entries:

1. All lambs will be tagged the Saturday closest to but prior to May 14, 2025.
2. All Market Lambs and Commercial Ewes must be brought to the County Tag In (unless prior arrangements have been made) on Saturday May 3, 2025 at the fairgrounds between 9:00 AM-12:00 PM or will be ineligible for show at the fair. All lambs tagged will have a \$3.50 fee per head per enrollment.
3. At tag in, one 4-H member can tag in 30 sheep total. At fair check-in, one 4-H member can bring 5 market lambs, 5 spring ewe lambs, and 5 yearling ewes. No breed restrictions.
4. All sheep received at the fair must be accompanied by 2 forms of proper identification. One form of identification must be the county 43 ear tag and 840 RFID tag as forms of tamper resistant identification.
5. Entries in pair of two ewes or market lambs must be of the same breed and owned by the same exhibitor. Ewes are defined as pair of ewe lambs or pair of yearling ewes.
6. All showmanship class winners are eligible for Master Showmanship Class for 1 (one) year. The next year they will move up in age group like normal.

Fair Check-In:

1. Any animals must be free of all coverings prior to unloading.
2. All market lambs and ewes classified as slick shorn must be shorn within 2 weeks of the fair with less than 1/4" of wool, or they will not be allowed to be unloaded.

Care & Handling During the Fair:

1. All sheep must stay within 50 feet of the sheep barn. Exceptions apply directly to and from the show arena and the Brick Wall for picture taking.
2. No muzzles allowed on fair premises.
3. Drenching of lambs due to health concerns, using approved substances administered through a device no more than 120 CC with bent metal tube not to exceed 5" in length, will be allowed at owners discretion, without veterinary approval.
4. Tubing of lambs must only be done under recommendation and supervision of a veterinarian.
5. The direct application of ice, alcohol, Freon or any other refrigerant to the hide of a lamb is strictly prohibited. This deceptive, fraudulent practice will cause the exhibitor and their animal(s) to be disqualified immediately.

Exhibition/Completion Expectation:

1. Make-up ring during the sheep show shall be limited to the 4-H'er and no more than 2 immediate family members within 2 generations as well as any sheep committee member.
2. Top 5 will be selected from champions and reserves of each breed after selection of grand champion.

Fair Clean-Up/Wrap-Up:

1. Release animals at conclusion of Supreme Showmanship Thursday night of Fair.
2. All 4-H sheep members are responsible for cleaning their pen(s) within one hour of the end of the auction.

Market Lambs:

1. The exhibitor may show a maximum of 5 market lambs.
2. All market lambs must have been born after October 1, 2024. Lambs may be either wethers or ewe lambs. If an ewe lamb, the same lamb cannot be exhibited in the breeding class. Ewes may be purebred or commercial (any lamb not eligible for registration). Market and breeding designation must be made before exiting the scales at check-in.
3. All sheep must meet their breed characteristics of their specific breed as outlined in the State Fair rules. If it does not meet breed characteristics, it will show in the crossbred class. A classification committee will determine the final breed designation and the breed must be determined before exiting the scale holding area at fair check-in. Any purebred has the option to change to a crossbred at the scales. Any problems will be resolved by a majority committee vote of the sheep committee.

4. Lambs not being tail docked and showing evidence of testicular tissue are ineligible unless breed appropriate. This will be verified in the scales at fair check-in.
5. The first weight of the lamb will be the official weight for the show and sale.
6. If you are not going to exhibit in the grand champion market lamb drive, you must let the superintendent know within 10 minutes after the selection of the last breed champion. If a breed champion declines to show in the grand champion drive, the reserve champion of that breed is eligible to show for the selection of the grand and reserve champion market lamb.
7. Breed classes will follow what is recognized by the State Fair. There must be a minimum of 2 entries per class for a new breed specialty class to be considered. The animal breed must be specified in 4-H applications by the selected due dates. If less than two entries, they will be placed in either a crossbreed or an AOB (all other breeds) class.
8. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th overall market lambs will be selected after selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champions

Breeding Classes:

1. An exhibitor can show a maximum of five ewe lambs and five yearling ewes. Yearling ewes must have not reached their 2nd year of birth by July 9, 2025. Ewe lamb and yearling ewe classes are available for both purebred and commercial ewes.
2. Registration papers and identification of all breeding animals will be checked at county fair check in. All commercial ewes will be weighed to determine if classes will need to be broken down by weight.
3. Except for commercial ewes, all breeding sheep must be registered and the registration number recorded with the breed association and the papers in the possession of the exhibitor. The breeder's tag and the breed association tag must be worn.
4. All breeding ewe lambs must have been born after September 1, 2024.
5. Specialty classes for breeds must have a minimum of 2 head per class to be considered a specialty class unless the breed is recognized by the State Fair. Breed must be specified at check-in.
6. Breeding Ewes: Pair classes will consist of two (2) ewes being of same breed and of same age. These classes will show within respective breed show.

Kosciusko County Sheep Committee Award: \$100.00 to one or more individuals.