

SHEEP

Department 4

Sheep Superintendent: Betty Catanese 716-397-7603

Entry Deadline: July 1, 2026

Sheep Entry Fees: \$3.00 per class (including group classes)

Exhibitor Fee: \$2.00 per animal maximum \$25.00 for all Departments

Arrival: Saturday, July 18, 2026. Must be in place no later than 1:00 pm.

Show: 4:00 PM Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Release: 3:00 pm Sunday, July 26, 2026

General Sheep Rules

1. Please specify the number of 4' x 6' pens needed on the Entry Form
2. Wool breeds need not be shorn. Show blankets are acceptable for all breeds.
3. Each exhibitor shall present a health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian indicating that his/her flock is free of all contagious and infectious diseases and is not under quarantine. All sheep will be inspected and any sheep exhibiting evidence of contagious diseases, internal or external parasites, or in generally unthrifty condition will be sent home immediately.
4. An official Registration Certificate must be shown on each animal. These will be checked for identification, ownership and birth date. Entries in this department will be accepted only from bona fide owners of the sheep. All sheep must be owned by the individuals or farms exhibiting same and have been owned for 30 days before the day of the show. Where a flock is registered in the names of different members of a family, residing on one farm where the flock is a unit, all entries may be considered a single exhibitor. All owners must be listed on the entry form. Registered entries must carry the registration tag of their breed association in their ear. A minimum of 5 head to hold breed cases, or will show AOB. Commercial sheep will be identified by scrapies tag and health papers.
5. Youth exhibitors may enter any animal in the Open Class Department. However, when entering in the open class, the youth must pay ALL appropriate fees, this includes the exhibitors fee, entry fees, and late fees if applicable.
6. The management assumes no responsibility in case of damage of stock or other exhibits from any cause; and upon this condition only, are exhibits received.
7. Substitutions within classes of individual animals will be allowed if reported to the Superintendent by 6:00 PM, Sunday prior to show.
8. No changes in the barn layout unless approved by the Superintendent. **Tack space will be assigned by superintendent as first entered first served and is not guaranteed, no exceptions, space is limited. One trimming stand per family only.**
9. Late entries will be accommodated in the best way possible if there is space. The fair reserves the right to refuse any entries due to a lack of facilities.
10. The Superintendent will grant permission only for late arrival or early removal of animals being shown at a competing show which conflicts with above times. A letter from the upcoming show must be faxed to the fair office prior to receiving permission to leave early. Early removal must only be done after the show is complete. Early removal will result in forfeiture of premiums, unless Superintendent has granted permission to release animals.
11. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except where error, mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award is proven. In such cases, the decision of the Superintendent, or such referee appointed shall be final.
12. No exhibitor may have more than two entries in any class. Limit 2 market class animals per exhibitor. No exhibitor shall receive more than two premiums in any one class.
13. All trailers MUST be parked BEHIND CAMPING AREA during the week of fair and NO trailers can line up prior to 3PM on the Sunday of release. No Exceptions. There will be absolutely NO trailers on the infield.
14. Early Livestock removal must be approved by a vet and department Superintendent. Early Removal cases must be reported to the state vet prior to animal leaving the fairgrounds. Premiums will be forfeited and entry fees will not be refunded. The Superintendent will have a Form to complete with the exhibitor.

MEAT BREEDS (Breeds shown separately)

A – DORSET	B - HAMPSHIRE	C – SUFFOLK
D – TUNIS	E – MONTADALE	F- SHROPSHIRE
G – SOUTHDOWN	H - AOB	

WOOL BREEDS (Breeds shown separately)

I – CALIFORNIA RED	J – OTHER/AOB	
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Class Numbers

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| 1. Ram 2 Years and Over | 12. Spring Ewe Lamb (After 12/31) |
| 2. Ram One Year and Under Two | 13. Pair of Ewe Lambs |
| 3. Fall Ram Lamb (9/1 – 12/31) | 14. Champion Ewe |
| 4. Spring Ram Lamb (after 12/31) | 15. Reserve Champion Ewe |
| 5. Pair of Ram Lambs | 16. Pen of Four Lambs(Whethers, Rams or Ewes) |
| 6. Champion Ram | 17. Flock |
| 7. Reserve Champion Ram | 18. Get of Sire |
| 8. Ewe Two Years and Over | 19. Breeders Young Flock |
| 9. Ewe One year and Under Two | |
| 10. Pair of Yearling Ewes | |
| 11. Fall Ewe Lamb (9/1-12/31) | |

Get of Sire – 3 animals, any age, any sex from same ram

Breeders Young Flock – 1 Ram, 2 Ewe Lambs

SECTION GM- COMMERCIAL MEAT BREEDS (ALL SHOWN TOGETHER)

Class Numbers

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Ewe Two Years and Over | 7. Champion Ewe |
| 2. Ewe One Year and Under Two | 8. Reserve Champion Ewe |
| 3. Pair of yearling ewes | 9. Pen of 4 Lams (Whethers, rams or ewes) |
| 4. Fall Ewe Lamb (9/1-12/31) | 10. Flock (Consists of 1 purebred ram, 2 yearling ewes and 2 lambs) |
| 5. Spring Ewe Lamb (After 12/31) | |
| 6. Pair of Ewe Lambs | |

SECTION GW- COMMERCIAL WOOL BREEDS (ALL SHOWN TOGETHER)

Class Numbers

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Ewe Two Years and Over | 7. Champion Ewe |
| 2. Ewe One Year and Under Two | 8. Reserve Champion Ewe |
| 3. Pair of yearling ewes | 9. Pen of 4 Lams (Whethers, Rams or Ewes) |
| 4. Fall Ewe Lamb (9/1-12/31) | 10. Flock (Consists of 1 Purebred Ram, 2 Yearling Ewes and 2 Lambs) |
| 5. Spring Ewe Lamb (After 12/31) | |
| 6. Pair of Ewe Lambs | |

SECTION CBR – Chautauqua Born and Raised

- ANY age, breed, gender of sheep entered in any above class what was born and raised in Chautauqua County. Banner only class. No premium. No class fee. Enter as CBR-C-1

SECTION X- MARKET LAMB SHOW

Class Number

1. MARKET WETHER	2. MARKET EWE	3. PAIR OF MARKET LAMBS*
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Enter market lambs as 4-x-1/2/3

Market lambs will be shown by weight and will be broken down into classes according to Saturdays weight. Entries may include lambs from breed classes.

***Pair of market lambs can be either gender; lambs MUST be physically raised/located at the same farm & family owned.**

SECTION Z- Sheep Grand Champions

1. Best in Show Ram (\$15 Premium)
2. Best in Show Ewe (\$15 Premium)

SECTION Y- WOOL SHOW (FLEECE MUST BE SHORN AFTER 9/1) * New: Skirted Fleece Entries ONLY *

Class Numbers

1. Fine Wool – One Fleece
2. Medium Wool – One Fleece
3. Long Wool- One Fleece
4. Colored Fleece- One Fleece
5. Grand Champion Fleece (\$15 Premium)
6. Reserve Grand Champion Fleece (\$10 Premium)

PREMIUMS FOR ALL CLASSES ABOVE

1 st - \$13.00	2 nd - \$11.00	3 rd -\$9.00	4 th -\$8.00	5 th -\$6.00
		6 th -\$5.00		

NEW-----

The Empire Ewe Supreme Female Program will begin in 2026 and will strive to highlight the Supreme Female from each county fair across New York during the current show season. Each winning county fair Supreme Female will receive a banner and award sponsored by Pinnacle Livestock Solutions, Welker Farms Southdowns, Lucky Leaf Photography, and Erie County Ag Society. The county fair winners are then invited to the Empire Ewe Supreme Show on September 13th, 2026, at the Orleans County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Orleans County Fall Open Class Sheep Show. The open show will be held Saturday, September 12th and all Supreme Show exhibitors are welcome to join us for the open show and stay for the show Sunday. You may show off trailer or stall in one of our barns for the open show. However, for the Supreme Show you must stall in the display area. This show at the Orleans County Fairgrounds will be hosted by Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension with the help of our gracious sponsors. The Supreme Ewe will receive \$750 and Reserve, \$500. In order to be eligible to show at the Supreme Show, ewes need to have won a 2025 New York county fair, thus representing that county fair (also includes the WNY Preview Classic, in Hamburg NY). Please see the complete program rules and guidelines below.

Empire Ewe Supreme Female Program

One Day Ewe Show at the Orleans County Fair New York State Supreme Champion and Reserve Ewe

This program is open to all county fairs in New York State. Each county fair Supreme Female will receive a banner courtesy of our banner sponsors. **County Fair Sheep Superintendents must email empiresupremeewe@gmail.com to confirm your intent to participate.**

The Supreme Female of each county fair will be invited to join other county Supreme Champions to compete at the

“Empire Ewe Supreme FEMALE SHOW” at the Orleans County Fairgrounds on the Sunday of the Orleans County Open Show weekend.

Supreme Champion Ewe will receive \$750. Reserve Champion Ewe will receive \$500.

Champion and reserve champion winners will also be awarded a banner and will receive a rotating trophy.

OFFICIAL RULES:

- Competition is open to all breeds females, Purebred or Commercial.
- County Fair Supreme Champions are invited for competition at the Orleans County Fairgrounds on September 13th, 2026. *Preference will go to Open Shows first. If none are held, priority will shift to 4-H shows.*
- This Special Event is a ONE DAY Show. All ewes need to be checked in and on display in the Supreme Show Area of the barn by 10:00 AM. The Supreme Show is scheduled to begin at 2:00 PM in the Show Ring.
- You must participate in the Parade of Champions on Supreme Show Day, or you will be disqualified.
- During the Empire Ewe Supreme Show, once animals get off the trailer, they cannot get back on the trailer until the conclusion of the show.
- IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics will apply.
- The rules at participating county fairs will apply when determining their Supreme Champion Ewe. Ewes under 24 months are eligible to participate in the Supreme Show.
- The judges' decision will be the final decision. It is suggested that the county fair pick a Reserve Champion Supreme Female. In any case a Supreme can't make the Supreme Show the reserve to the said county fair can represent the county.
- An individual ewe entry can only represent one (1) county fair (can only win one County Supreme award). In the event the same ewe wins again at another county fair, the judge must pick a Reserve Champion of the show, who will receive the awards and honors to compete at State Fair, representing that county fair in the Empire Ewe Supreme Show.
- An exhibitor can have numerous candidates in the State Supreme Show.

*****Notice to Supreme Winners*****

All supreme winners must submit the Supreme Champion information- Name and contact information of the exhibitor and information on the Supreme Female, including name, DOB, breed, ID numbers, Scrapie number, and a picture to: empiresupremeewe@gmail.com. An email will be sent prior to show with more information.

Clerk _____ Paid \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ Check # _____

Department 4- Sheep

All entries must be postmarked or hand delivered by July 1st.

The Chautauqua County Fair reserves the right to refuse any entries due to lack of facilities. Preference will be given to residents and/or members of Chautauqua County Clubs.

Exhibitor Name _____

Street Address _____

Zip Code _____ City _____ State _____

Phone Number _____

D.O.B. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Farm Name _____

Cell # _____

QTY	Total Entry Fees Fees must accompany this form	Price	Total
	Exhibitor Fee, Per Animal (Max \$25.00)	\$2.00	
	Entry Fee (Per Class)	\$3.00	
	Late Entry Fee Per Animal	\$15.00	
	Total Fees		

Important Notice and Required Signature:

I hereby certify that the animals listed are entered for exhibition in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Fair contained within the Chautauqua County Fair Exhibitor's Guide and the IAFE CODE OF ETHICS. I agree to abide by all the Rules and Regulations of the Chautauqua County Fair. Each exhibitor is responsible for damage or personal injury caused by his/her animal.

4-H _____

Open Only _____

Exhibitor Signature

Guardian Signature (if exhibitor is under 18)

Total # of pens needed: _____

Pen/Tie with: _____

Total of species entered: _____

Section	Class	Breed	Name	RFID/Scrapies	DOB	Sex	Dam	Sire