

DEPARTMENT 06 YOUTH SHEEP

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Show Time: Monday - 6:00 p.m.

Stall Fee: \$5.00 per head

Dress Code: All exhibitors will wear shirts with collar and sleeves, denim pants, and hard-soled shoes or boots. No clothes with holes and/or are thread bare.

Age: Exhibitor must be 5 years old as of January 1st of the current year.

* Exhibitors 5 and 6 years old must have an experienced Shepherd or Parent assisting the youth. The exhibitor may also use a halter.

Rules:

1. See General Rules for Dairy, Livestock Divisions and Exhibitor Dress Code.
2. In addition to the conformation class, exhibitors must enter and compete in the Showmanship class.
3. An exhibitor may not show more than one animal per class, except where progeny necessitates duplication.
4. One individual from pen of two may be entered in the individual market class.
5. Exhibitors must maintain clean pens and animals throughout the Fair or exhibits will be sent home.
6. All livestock animals must be on the fairgrounds on Sunday August 9, 2026, by 2:00 p.m.
7. Fitting and Showmanship classes: Animals must be washed when arriving for check-in. Fitting and blocking may be done at Fairgrounds.
8. Entry deadline is **JULY 15th. ALL CLASS ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 15th. STALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. Absolutely NO ENTRIES will be accepted after JULY 15th, 2026!**
9. Grand & Reserve Champion market animals must be sold at auction.
10. Market animals must be weighed on arrival at Fairgrounds. Classes will be divided into lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight. Weight divisions will be determined after weighing in. Consideration will be given to class size.
11. All market lambs must be in possession and tagged according to livestock rules. Ear notches or color markings must correspond to the registration papers.
12. NO rams allowed.
13. Market lambs must meet the minimum weight requirement of 86 lbs. to be exhibited at the Wayne County Fair.
14. All livestock shows will be "**NATURAL SHOW**" which is defined as not using any products on the animal for fitting and showing. Clipping, sheering, and trimming of livestock animals will still be allowed. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in disqualification and loss of premiums.
15. All Grand and Reserve Grand lambs must go through the youth auction.
16. Animals will not be released from their stalls until August 16, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Market animals may leave with the processor after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week. Auction animals may be taken to a livestock sale barn after 11:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair week.
17. All stalls must be cleaned by the youth and inspected by the barn superintendent upon final departure.
18. All barn decorations may be removed after 11:00 p.m. on August 15, 2026.
19. All sheep information placing sheets will be turned into the barn superintendent by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday of ship-in or sheep barn superintendent will place sheep in the classes as she/he sees fit. All animals must be shown by the person who is identified on the sheet.

DIVISION – 1: Costume Class

1st -Award, Rosette 2nd-6th - Rosette

Class:

01. All ages

DIVISION - 2: Sheep Fitting & Showmanship

Rules

1. Judged on fitting, showing, and general neatness.
2. 1st and 2nd place winners of each age division will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand overall Champion Showman.

1st Award, Rosette 2nd thru 6th – Rosette

Class:

01. Beginner Class: 5 – 7 years old
02. Junior Class: 8 – 11 years old
03. Intermediate: 12 – 15 years old
04. Senior Class: 16 – 20 years old

Grand Champion Overall Showman – Award
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Showman - Award

DIVISION – 3: Breeding Stock – Other

1st – 6th – Rosette

Class:

01. Ewe Lamb
02. Ewe (Over 1 year)

Market Ewes may be shown in breed class

DIVISION - 4: Market Lambs

Rules:

This section is open to both weather and ewe lambs. To be shown in this section, lambs including crossbred, must weigh 86 pounds or over. The exhibitor must be the owner of all market livestock.

1st thru 6th - Rosette

Class:

01. Individual - lightweight
02. Individual - middleweight
03. Individual - heavyweight
04. Pen of Two - lightweight
05. Pen of Two - middleweight
06. Pen of Two - heavyweight

Champion Lightweight – Award, Rosette

Champion Middleweight – Award, Rosette

Champion Heavyweight – Award, Rosette

Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb Overall - Award, Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb Overall - Award, Rosette

Champion Pen of Two Lightweight - Award, Rosette

Champion Pen of Two Middleweight - Award, Rosette

Champion Pen of Two Heavyweight - Award, Rosette

Grand Champion Pen of Two Market Lambs Overall- Award, Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Two Market Lambs Overall - Award, Rosette