

DEPARTMENT 9 - SHEEP

Superintendents: Michele Glaude, 860-315-3262
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Requirements for Entering:

- Exhibitors must read and comply with all **Fair Rules and Regulations**, located on page 3, for participation in the Woodstock Fair.
- Exhibitors must read and comply with the **Connecticut Fair and Show Requirements** located on page 4 & 5 and the **Memorandum** located on page 6, set forth by the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture which will be strictly observed.
- Registration and health papers will be verified by the sheep superintendents upon arrival. Acceptance or rejection of sheep will be at the discretion of the superintendents and/or health officials.
- Papers may be checked at any time. Will be checked in all bred and owned classes.
- Purebreds must have a registration certificate and ear tags in sheep's ear that match. Scrapie tags in ears and scrapie tag numbers on health papers are required.
- Any sheep, including wool breeds, not properly cleaned or fitted for show will be rejected at the discretion of the superintendents.
- Two entries per exhibitor in any single lot. One entry per exhibitor in group lots. No more than 4 ram lambs and 4 ewe lambs may be shown. Regional Show check Regional Classes.
- Breaking dates for lambs will be: Senior - Sept., Oct. and Nov. Intermediate - Dec., Jan. and Junior - Feb. and after. Yearling is over 1 year but under 2 as of date of show.
- Flocks will consist of a ram, 2 yearling ewes and 2 ewe lambs.
- Sheep must be penned by 11:00 AM Friday, 9:00 AM Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There is **no** early arrival on Thursday.
- Release times will be at the discretion of the sheep superintendents.
- If for any reason the exhibitor cannot attend after registering, he/she is required to notify the sheep superintendents in order to be eligible for the following year's fair.
- Straight judging in all classes.
- NESWGA Lamb Circuit must adhere to the NESWGA show rules. (<https://www.nesheep.org/market-lamb-show-circuit>)
- Showmen under 10 MUST always have a parent with them in the barn.

All entries must be registered and postmarked no later than Saturday, August 15, 2026.

Friday PEN Time: 9-11 AM - Friday Show Starts: 12 NOON
Sat-Mon PEN Time: 7-9 AM - Sat-Mon Show Starts: 9:30 AM

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| Friday, September 4, 2026: | Jacob, Cheviot, Katahdin, Dorper, Cotswold, AOB meat, NESWGA Market Lamb Show |
| Saturday, September 5, 2026: | Youth Show
Costume Class following Youth Show
6 pm Leadline |
| Sunday, September 6, 2026: | Border Leicesters, Natural Colored, AOB Wool, Dorset, Southdowns, Shetland, Finn |
| Monday, September 7, 2026: | Romney, Shropshire, Lincoln, Hampshire, Tunis |



Open Sheep Show Purebred and Registered

Friday, September 4 Sunday, September 6 Monday, September 7

**PREMIUMS: 1st 30.00 2nd 28.00 3rd 26.00 4th 24.00 5th 22.00 6th 20.00
7th 18.00 8th 16.00 9th 16.00 10th 16.00**

OPEN CLASSES

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| A) AOB MEAT | H) DORSET | N) NC. ROMNEY |
| B) AOB WOOL | I) HAMPSHIRE | O) SHETLAND |
| C) NC BORDER LEICESTER | J) JACOB | P) SHROPSHIRE |
| D) CHEVIOT | K) LINCOLN | Q) SOUTHDOWN |
| E) COTSWOLD | L) NATURAL COLORED | R) TUNIS |
| F) DORPER | M) KATAHDIN | S) W.ROMNEY |
| G) W. BORDER LEICESTER | | T) FINN |

Lot No. Description

- Yearling Ram
- Senior Ram Lamb
- Intermediate Ram Lamb
- Junior Ram Lamb
- Pair Ram Lambs
- Yearling Ewe
- Pair Yearling Ewes
- Senior Ewe Lamb
- Intermediate Ewe Lamb
- Junior Ewe Lamb
- Pair Ewe Lambs
- Exhibitor's Flock
- Breeder's Flock
- Get of Sire (4 animals, male or female)
- Pen of 3 Lambs
- Best 3 Head
- Best Pair (1 yearling & 1 lamb)
- Purebred Twin Lambs
- Best Fleece
- Best Head
- Market Lamb (wether or ewe-cannot have been shown in lot 8, 9, 10)

Lots: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18

Must be bred and owned by one Exhibitor.

CLASS U NESWGA MARKET LAMB SHOW CIRCUIT *FRIDAY ONLY*

**PREMIUMS: 1st 30.00 2nd 28.00 3rd 26.00 4th 24.00 5th 22.00 6th 20.00
7th 18.00 8th 16.00 9th 16.00 10th 16.00**

Lot No. Description

- Open
 - Youth
- Weights will be taken morning of and split between Heavy and Light

Can not be entered in breed classes

CLASS V (DEPARTMENTS 9 and 10) SHEEP PEN DISPLAY

PREMIUMS: 1st 40.00 2nd 30.00 3rd 20.00 4th 15.00

Lot No. Description

- Sheep Pen Display

*Judged on the presentation of the pen (i.e. farm name, sheep names).
One entry per farm/family unit.*

**POTLUCK FUN- Friday, Sunday, Monday
Saturday night- Youth Show Pizza Party**

**CLASS W
LEADLINE CLASS**

Ages as of September 1, 2026

PREMIUMS: 1st 125.00 2nd 100.00 3rd 75.00 4th 65.00 All Others 50.00

Lot No. Description

- 25. Adult - 19 years and over
- 26. Senior - 15 through 18 years
- 27. Intermediate - 10 through 14 years
- 28. Junior - 5 through 9 years

Leadline Class Scoring

Poise and appearance of contestant	20 points
Garment	20 points
Control and Presentation of Sheep	25 points
Appearance of Sheep	30 points
Bonus Points for Handmade Garment	5 points

Leadline Class will be held on Saturday Evening 6:00 PM sharp

Exhibitors must have shown an interest in sheep and must have 50% of their garment made of 100% wool. Garments should be appropriate, attractive and lend elegance to the class. If possible, the sheep attire should match the person leading it. The sheep must be over 6 months of age, conditioned, fitted and trained to show in halter. No coloring of animals. Sheep should be presented in the most attractive manner possible. The exhibitor and sheep should enhance each other.

OVERALL LEADLINE CHAMPION

This class will consist of the first place winner of the Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult classes. These four contestants will compete for the title of:

2026 Overall Leadline Champion



This class is dedicated in memory of *Marie Sherman*, our former Sheep Superintendent, fellow exhibitor and friend. Also, an accomplished craftsman, spinner and weaver, her beautiful creations were a work of art. The Leadline Contest was special to Marie, as she helped with it and with many of the exhibitors and their projects over the years. Her talent and dedication to the sheep department has been an inspiration to all.

Using the Leadline Narration Form located at www.woodstockfair.com, submit a typed summary, in short story form to be read at the show. The summary should include the exhibitor's name, address, age, school attending, hobbies and a brief biography of interest. Include a detailed description of the garment and sheep being led.

Email or mail Leadline entries and summaries to:

entries@woodstockfair.com

Supervisor of Entries

P.O. Box 1,

South Woodstock, CT 06267

**CLASS X
SHEEP COSTUME CLASS
(DEPARTMENTS 9 and 10)**

Ages as of September 1, 2026

1 Hour after Breed Classes

PREMIUMS: 1st 40.00 2nd 30.00 3rd 25.00 4th 20.00 5th 15.00

Lot No. Description

- 50. Pee-Wee (age 4-6)
- 51. Junior (age 7-9)
- 52. Intermediate (age 10-13)
- 53. Senior (age 14-18)
- 54. Adult (age 19 and older)

**DEPARTMENT 10
YOUTH SHEEP**

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Requirements for Entering:

1. Exhibitors must read and comply with all "Requirements for Entering" in Department 9 - Sheep.
2. Youth exhibitors:
 - a) Youth show is open to any exhibitor between the ages of 2 years and 19 years. Ages as of September 1, 2025.
 - b) Sheep must be owned a minimum of 30 days prior to the show.
 - c) Mandatory dress code: shirts will be provided for youth participants. Jeans in good repair only; no shorts. Closed toed shoes
 - d) Youth exhibitors must be at the head of sheep in the ring. If the youth exhibitor has more than one sheep, another youth may help him/her show.
 - e) Papers for flock classes must be presented in the ring.
 - f) All sheep must be penned by 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30. Entrance at the North Gate only.
 - g) Judging will start at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 30. Release times will be at the discretion of the superintendents on Saturday evening.
 - h) Judging will be by the Danish System.
 - i) If exhibitor is under 10, he/she must have a parent with them in barn. No exceptions.

**CLASS A
YOUTH FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**

PREMIUMS: 1st 18.00 2nd 15.00

Lot No. Description

- 29. Seniors (ages 16 years - 21 years)
- 30. Intermediate (ages 11 years - 15 years)
- 31. Juniors (ages 5 years - 10 years)
- 32. Pee-Wee (Under 5 years and can handle sheep themselves)
- 33. First Year (any age)

YOUTH SHOW CLASSES

B) BORDER LEICESTER	H) HAMPSHIRE	N) SHROPSHIRE
C) CHEVIOT	J) FINN	O) SOUTH DOWNS
D) CROSSBREED	J) LINCOLN	P) SUFFOLK
E) DORPER	K) NATURAL COLOR	Q) TUNIS
F) DORSET	L) SHETLAND	R) AOB MEAT
G) ROMNEY	M) KATAHDIN	S) AOB WOOL

PREMIUMS: 1st 18.00 2nd 15.00

Lot No. Description

34. Yearling Ram	35. Ram Lamb
36. Pair Ram Lamb	37. Yearling Ewe
38. Pair Yearling Ewe	39. Ewe Lamb
40. Pair Ewe Lamb	
41. Flock (1 ram & 2 ewes, Exhibitor Flock)	
42. Flock (1 ram & 2 ewes, Breeder Flock)	
43. Best Fleece	44. Best Head
Champion Ram	Champion Ewe
Reserve Champion Ram	Reserve Champion Ewe
Supreme Champion Ram	Supreme Champion Ewe

**CLASS T
MARKET LAMBS**

Wether or Ewe

Non-registered shown by weight.

Weight will be at designated times and split heavy/light.

Lot No. Description

- 45. Market Lamb

**CLASS U
SHEEP EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY**

PREMIUMS: 1st 40.00 2nd 30.00 3rd 20.00 4th 15.00

Lot No. Description

- 46. Educational Display *Judged on promotion of the sheep industry. One entry per farm/family unit*