

SHEEP DEPARTMENT

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES

1. All General Rules and Regulations and Animal Exhibitor Code of Conduct for the CMR Farm Show apply to the Sheep Department. Drenching of sheep - reference rule #7 and #8 of the Exhibitor Code of Conduct. Farm Show General Rule #16 fully applies to this department.
2. Only 4-H/FFA Members actively enrolled in a sheep project in Culpeper, Madison, or Rappahannock counties are eligible to exhibit in the Sheep Department.
3. Entry fee is **\$8.00** per head for non-sale animals and **\$25.00** per head for sale animals. **Fees are non-refundable. All entries must be submitted by June 6, 2026. All entry information will be on our web site www.cmrfarmshow.com** The Secretary will be available at the Culpeper Agriculture Enterprises on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for assistance with entries.
4. To be a Bred & Owned project, the exhibitor must be the Breeder and the First and Continuous owner of the animal entered. "Breeder" is defined as the owner and caretaker of the dam at the time of service. "First Owner" is defined as the owner and caretaker of the dam and offspring at the time the offspring is born. "Continuous Owner" is defined as the owner and caretaker of the animal without history of transfer.
5. Limit of two entries per exhibitor per class except for market lambs where three market lambs may be entered. A maximum of 10 sheep per exhibitor may be entered including breeding and no more than three market lambs.
6. **Upon arrival at Farm Show all sheep must be examined by the department chairman or a representative of their choosing prior to unloading. All lambs must be free of disease including but not limited to; foot rot, sore mouth, ringworm, CL, etc. Animals deemed unfit or unhealthy will not be allowed to unload and must be removed from the grounds immediately. If a sheep has a prolapse at the time of arrival, the sheep will not be allowed to unload. If a prolapse occurs during the Farm Show a vet will be called in to determine if the sheep is able to be corrected or if the sheep must leave Farm Show grounds. If any other health condition occurs during the Farm Show, a vet will be called to determine if that sheep is fit to stay or must leave. Decision of the sheep department chairman is final.**
7. All Market lambs must be slick shorn prior to arrival. Wool breeds must have more than one inch of wool. All other breeding sheep must have less than one inch of wool.
8. All sheep pens will be set up with t-posts. Gates must be secured with a chain and snap. Each exhibitor will supply the snap and chain. The sheep department provides the pen panels and t-post.
9. Premiums for classes: 1st - \$6, 2nd - \$5, 3rd - \$4, 4th - \$3, 5th - \$2, and 6th - \$1
10. Premiums for Showmanship Classes: 1st - \$12, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$8, 4th - \$6, 5th - \$4 and 6th - \$2.

MARKET LAMBS

11. The exhibitor must establish ownership and the animal must be under the care of the exhibitor by **May 6, 2026**. All market lambs to be shown in CMR Farm Show must be officially weighed in on **May 6, 2026 from 6-6:30pm at the Culpeper Agricultural Enterprise**.
12. Maximum weight at the May weigh-in is 100 pounds. All market lambs must be identified by an official scrapie ear tag at the May weigh-in or they will not be weighed. All market lambs must not have lost their baby teeth. All market lambs must be castrated by the May weigh-in. No testicular tissue can be present at time of Farm Show.
13. Exhibitors must complete one weigh-in form per exhibitor. All exhibitors and their parent/guardian are required to sign the reverse side agreeing to follow all sheep department rules.
14. Only two market lambs per exhibitor may be sold. A total of three market or feeder lambs may be shown. Only ewe and wether lambs can be shown and sold. Market classes will be divided by weight.
15. If a market lamb should die or have a severe health problem within 30 days of the May weigh-in, the exhibitor, with the approval of the Sheep Department Chairman and committee will be allowed to replace this lamb. Replacement lambs are ineligible to compete in the performance competition.
16. Only market lambs grading **Prime and Choice** and weighing 95-145 pounds are eligible for championships and to sell. Lambs weighing less than 95 pounds will show in the feeder lamb class. Lambs weighing 150 pounds and up will show in a heavy weight class and are ineligible to compete for Champion and Reserve Champion and will not sell. **There will be no re-weighs of lambs.**
17. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market lambs must be sold at the CMR auction.
18. Exhibitors must declare their market lambs as sale or non-sale animals prior to the start of the sheep show.

BREEDING SHEEP

19. All purebred sheep must be registered in the flock books of their respective breeds. Pending registration is acceptable for lambs. Registration papers will be checked.
20. Breeding sheep must be the property of the exhibitor by March 1, 2026 for yearlings and aged sheep, and by May 1, 2026 for breeding lambs.
21. All breeding sheep must be identified by an official scrapie ear tag.
22. All commercial breeding sheep will be weighed-in during the designated time for sheep weigh-in during the CMR Farm Show.

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Senior Showmanship (16-19 years old by September 30, 2026)

Intermediate Showmanship (13-15 years old by September 30, 2026)

Junior Showmanship (9-12 years old by September 30, 2026)

Novice Showmanship (First time showing a sheep project)

Young Shepherd- Open to any siblings ages 5-8 (as of September 30, 2026) of a current exhibitor in the sheep department. The sibling showing must be accompanied in the ring by a current exhibitor in the sheep department. All exhibitors will receive a prize in lieu of premiums and placing ribbons. Entry form and entry fee required.

BREEDING SHEEP

There must be four sheep entered within a breed to justify selecting a Champion or Reserve Champion. If less than four sheep are entered within a breed all ewes will show in one class and all rams will show in one class. Commercial (C) - Wool Breed (W) - Other (O)

Purebred Breeding Sheep Classes: Aged Ram (W-O), Yearling Ram (W-O), Ram Lamb (W-O), Aged Ewe (W-O), Yearling Ewe (W-O), Ewe Lamb (W-O), Flock (W-O), Progeny (W-O).

Commercial Breeding Sheep Classes (C): classes will be broken down by weight.

Flock: Will consist of a ram (any age), a yearling ewe OR aged ewe and 2 lambs under 1 year of age.

Progeny: Consists of either a ram or ewe with 1 lamb from that breeding. Ownership date is March 1, 2026.

Market Lamb Classes

Market Lamb: All market lambs will show in this class. Classes will be broken down by weight

Bred & Owned Market Lamb

Market Lamb pen of two: All market lambs are eligible. Will show in one class, a Champion and Reserve pair will be selected. Entry fee of **\$10** per exhibitor to be paid on Thursday after weigh-in. Premiums for this class will come from the entry fees collected for this class.

Miscellaneous Classes

Costume

Senior Scrapbook

Intermediate Scrapbook

Junior Scrapbook

Barn Display

Shepherd's Award: Sponsored by Lou Kite Price in memory of Donald & Margaret Kite. Judged on barn cleanliness, general appearance, conduct, and attitude. (Award given at the discretion of the show chairman.)

Lamb Performance Contest: Performance Contest sponsored by Farm Credit. Only market lambs shown at CMR Farm Show are eligible for the Performance Contest.

Sheep Show Thursday July 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM Showmanship & Breeding Sheep	Market Lamb Show Thursday July 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM Followed by the Costume Class
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