

Ontario Flock Fusion & Jr. Sheep Expo 2024

June 29th & 30th, 2024

Erin Fair Grounds, Erin, Ontario



EVENT SUMMARY:

Saturday Started off with a presentation by Megan Jamison, DVM, about giving injections, and what injections which sheep may require, as well as a hands on demo. Each of the participants were given an orange, needle/syringe, along with some blue water, so they could practice given different types of injections.

We then had a quick game of "Sheep Breed ID", where the participants were broken up into groups, and had to ID sheep breeds by a picture, it was a timed relay game!

Other seminars Saturday morning included Basic Sheep Nutrition, as well as Livestock Photography and Ram Selection.

Saturday afternoon was hands on the remainder of the day, including a Judging Competition, which included 3 classes (rams, ewes & market lambs), as well as Fitting & Slick Shearing demo's and hands on clinics. Saturday afternoon also included a Showmanship Demo & Clinic, where all the participants were given a chance to have experience show people give them some tips & tricks for their showmanship skills.

We ended off Saturday with a Quiz, which included questions from each of the seminars throughout the day, as well as Judging of the Marketing Competition entries that the participants brought with them. The Marketing Competition was broken into 3 categories, and participants had to create either 1. Full size ad to promote a breed of sheep or their farm (Sr & Int.), a logo design for the event (Jr's), T-Shirt design to represent Ontario Sheep (Novice).

Saturday evening we all enjoyed dinner prepared by the Erin Agricultural Society, as well as some time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

Sunday was show day! It included showmanship classes, along with ewe lamb, yearling ewe and pair of ewe classes, as well as market lamb & market lamb pair classes. The participants were able to show in as many classes as they wished to earn points for the overall points competition for the weekend.

Overall points were calculated using the points earned in the judging competition, marketing competition, quiz (on Saturday), as well as all showing on Sunday.

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We had a total of 60 Junior participants on Saturday, and 48 returned to show on Sunday, along with many parents, family & friends!

We ended off Sunday, by handing out awards for the top 10 in the various events over the 2 days, along with the top ten in our overall points competition.

This event was made possible by the funds provided to the PSBO through the CSBA provincial levy, along with the following Sponsors who generously donated to our event:

- Grober Nutrition
- Jim & Wendy Driscoll Polled Dorsets
- Green Valley Event Rentals
- Floradale Feed Mill
- Parkinson's Plumbing
- Lush Acres
- VanGro Farms
- Comfort Sheep
- Ontario Southdown Club
- McBrien Livestock
- Finlay Lincolns
- Cowan Acres

The PSBO is already planning for our 3rd annual event which is to take place June 28th & 29th, 2025, at the Rockton Fairgrounds in Rockton, ON.