

Youth Sheep Show

Entries due August 15

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2009 Official Schedule

Arrival:	Thursday, October 1, after 8 p.m.
Must be in place -	
Market Lambs & Commercial Ewes:	Friday, October 2, 3 p.m.
Breeding Sheep:	Friday, October 2, 8 p.m.
Youth Stockman's Contest:	Friday, October 2, 12 Noon
Weigh and Classify -	
Market Lambs & Commercial Ewe Lambs:	Friday, October 2, 3 p.m.
Lambs & Wool on Parade:	Friday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.
Premier Exhibitor Sheep Quiz:	Saturday, October 3, 9:30 a.m.
Showmanship, Breeding Sheep Show, & Commercial Ewe Lamb Show:	Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.
Market Lamb Show:	Sunday, October 4, 9 a.m.
Release - all Youth Sheep:	Sunday, October 4 at conclusion of show

Youth Sheep Show Rules:

The State Fair General Rules, the Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By submitting an entry you agree to read and abide by these rules.

- 1) See General Rules and Information pertaining to health regulations (including Scrapie Identification requirements and issues pertaining to contagious and infectious diseases such as club lamb fungus). The National Show Ring Code of Ethics shall govern the Youth Sheep livestock show as found in the Livestock Rules. The State Fair of Virginia reserves the right to test any entry for violative drug residues as described in the National Show Ring Code of Ethics.
- 2) Deadline for entries is August 15. **Entries must be made on-line** at www.statefairva.org, under 'State Fair' and then 'Competitions.' There is no participation/entry fee for youth livestock shows.
- 3) 4-H and FFA members who are currently enrolled in Virginia are eligible to compete. Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30 of the current year (exception for 8 & under costume class) and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1 of current year.
- 4) Sheep which have participated in any sale or premium auction associated with another fair or livestock show after the State Fair ownership deadline are ineligible for exhibition at the State Fair of Virginia. This rule applies even if there was not a change in ownership (i.e. sheep are ineligible even if they are "bought back" or "no-saled").
- 5) Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class (or in group classes), or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA member with youth sheep entries.
- 6) All youth beef, sheep and swine entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections.
- 7) All youth sheep must remain in the designated penning area and immediate area upon arrival until released from the fair. Sheep are not allowed to be taken to trailers, cattle barns, cattle tie-out area, or other areas away from the sheep barn at any time.

- 8) Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines. Application of ice or iced water in any form is prohibited (sprays, packs, blankets, or towels).
- 9) The use of muzzles is prohibited.
- 10) Drenching of sheep is prohibited.
- 11) The use of coloring agents is prohibited.
- 12) Sheep shall be penned on natural bedding (i.e. straw, wood shavings, wood chips, or bark- no carpet).
- 13) Pen assignments will be by county. Each exhibitor will be allotted one pen for market lamb and commercial ewe entries. Breeding sheep pen assignments will be based on number of entries.
- 14) Health or other issues that arise with sheep which require treatment while at the State Fair shall be done with the knowledge and supervision of the show veterinarian and superintendent. The State Fair reserves the right to remove entries from the fairgrounds for this purpose.
- 15) Show rails (racks) will not be allowed inside the sheep tents. All show rails must be kept outdoors.
- 16) Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival at the State Fair to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece).

SPECIAL RULES - MARKET LAMBS

- 1) **To be eligible for exhibition, market lambs and commercial ewes must have been nominated, weighed, and identified at an official VA State Fair site.** Nominations will be taken at several sites around the state in late June. Past exhibitors and county extension offices will be notified as to the dates, times and locations nominations will be taken. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her lambs at one of the locations. At the time of nomination lambs will be weighed, and individually identified with an official ear tag and tattoo. Only lambs that have been nominated and properly weighed and identified will be eligible for competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Each exhibitor may nominate a total of twelve (12) lambs (wethers and ewes, to be shown as either market lambs or commercial ewes). Each exhibitor may nominate lambs at only one location.
- 2) Market lambs should be born on or after January 1 of the current year and exhibit lamb's teeth.
- 3) Market lambs must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of nomination and continuously thereafter.
- 4) Exhibitors are limited to 6 total entries in the market lamb and commercial ewe lamb divisions. A maximum of 4 market lambs and a maximum of 3 commercial ewes lamb per exhibitor may be shown (total not to exceed 6).
- 5) Market lambs will be shown by breed type. Breed type will be determined at the time of official weighing by a classification committee. The classification committee will apply breed standards to evaluate and place lambs in the proper class. The decisions of the classification committee will be final. Market lambs will be divided into four breed-type divisions as follows:
 - a) **Black-Face:** Generally includes lambs of Suffolk and Hampshire breeding and their crosses along with other black-faced breeds. Also includes all lambs that do not fit classification requirements for Speckle-Face, White-Face, and Southdown classes.
 - b) **Speckle-Face:** Must be a cross with evidence of a percentage white-face and percentage black-face breeding. Significant spotting must be present for at least two of the following areas: face, ears, and/or legs below knees and stifle joint.
 - c) **White-Face:** Generally includes lambs of white-face breeds and crosses of those breeds (Dorset, Cheviot, Columbia, etc.). Lambs should exhibit characteristics of these breeds. Face, ears, and legs should be white. Excessive black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body, or freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin are not acceptable
 - d) **Southdown:** Lambs must exhibit characteristics of Southdown breed. Hair color should be mouse colored, grey to brown. Nostrils may be black to purple-grey, and ears should be moderate length, covered with short hair or wool.
- 6) Within breed type, classes will be divided according to weight. **Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds (no maximum weight limit).** Re-weighs will not be allowed. Class weight breaks and Division assignments will be made at the discretion of show officials. An attempt will be made to limit classes to a maximum of 25 lambs, and Divisions assigned with a goal of having approximately the same number of lambs in each Division. Accordingly, class winners

from more than one breed type may be placed in the same Division based on the total number of lambs exhibited. Division champions and reserves will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion honors. All lambs weighing under 90 pounds will be allowed to show in feeder lamb class but will not be eligible for premiums or awards.

- 7) Division Champions and Reserves, and the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are eligible for the State Fair Scholarship Program. Please see scholarship description at end of this Competition Guide for details.
- 8) All first and second place class winners must be shown to compete for their respective Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion honors. Failure to do so will be considered a violation of the National Show Ring Code of Ethics and appropriate action taken.
- 9) The market lamb show will be terminal for the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, all Division Champions, and all Reserve Division Champion lambs. All of these lambs must participate in the carcass contest. Exhibitors of these lambs are eligible for State Fair Scholarships as outlined in this Competition Guide. Class winners qualifying for the scholarship program must also participate in the carcass contest (terminal).
- 10) Average daily gain will be calculated on all lambs using nomination weight and show weight. This information will be made available to the judge for use at their discretion.
- 11) Market lambs may be wethers or ewes. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
- 12) Lambs exhibited in the market lamb division may not be shown in the open or youth registered breeding sheep division, or in the youth commercial ewe lamb division.
- 13) Market lambs must be exhibited shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.
- 14) Final designation of entries, and designation of lambs to be offered for sale will be made at official weighing.

PREMIUMS AND SPECIAL AWARDS FOR MARKET LAMBS

Entries must participate in the carcass contest (be terminal) to receive the cash premiums listed below.

Overall Grand Champion – Market Lamb:

\$400*, Banner and Scholarship

Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Lamb:

\$300*, Banner and Scholarship

Division Champions:

\$250* and Scholarship

Reserve Division Champions:

\$200* and Scholarship

Class Winners: (Scholarship eligible)

\$200* and Scholarship

**Sale of animal + State Fair contribution = cash premium amount*

Premiums and Scholarships are not cumulative for the same entry.

State Fair Scholarship: See scholarship explanation at the end of this Competition Guide.

SPECIAL RULES - CARCASS CONTEST

- 1) Market lambs exhibited in the live show are eligible to be entered in the carcass contest. Lambs designated for sale at time of weighing will automatically be entered in the carcass show. Lambs exhibited as commercial ewe lambs will not be eligible for carcass contest premiums. No pre-entry is required, and there is no entry fee.
- 2) The Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, all Division Champion and all Reserve Division Champion market lambs must participate in the carcass contest.
- 3) Lambs entered in the carcass contest will be sold to a processor for a competitive market price. Lambs will be priced on an individual carcass basis. Discounts and/or premiums may apply for weight, yield grade, and quality grade. Exhibitors will stand the loss of condemned carcasses.
- 4) Carcasses will be together in one class. Equal premiums will be awarded for carcasses with similar characteristics. Less desirable carcass categories will be awarded lower premiums. Carcasses will be evaluated and placed into

categories using a system that rewards live gain and carcass cutability (percent boneless closely trimmed retail cuts, %BCTRC). Premium categories will be determined after carcasses have been evaluated.

- 5) To qualify for top premium categories, carcasses must meet the following standards:
 - a) Minimum fat thickness of .10 in.
 - b) Maximum fat thickness of .35 in.
 - c) Minimum REA for carcass weight using formula: $1.4 + (.02 \times \text{HCW})$
 - d) Minimum Quality Grade of Choice-
 - e) Minimum carcass weight of 45 lb.
- 6) As a guideline, the top carcass premium category will not have specifications more stringent than the following (subject to change):
 - a) Live gain: minimum .50 lbs./day
 - b) %BCTRC: minimum 50%

$\% \text{ Boneless Closely Trimmed Retail Cuts (\%BCTRC)} = 49.936 - (.0848 \times \text{carcass wt.}) - (4.376 \times \text{fat thickness}) - (3.530 \times \text{body wall thickness}) + (2.456 \times \text{ribeye area})$

- 7) Lambs exhibiting evidence of testicular tissue will be disqualified from the carcass contest. Carcasses must be of lamb maturity.
- 8) Commercial ewe lambs or market lambs not exhibited live may be sold, provided they were part of the exhibitor's group officially nominated. Lambs weighing less than 90 pounds will not be allowed to sell. Lambs will be priced on an individual carcass basis. These lambs will not be eligible for carcass premiums, but carcass data will be collected and furnished to the exhibitor. Additional pen space will not be provided for these extra lambs.

SPECIAL RULES - COMMERCIAL EWE LAMBS

- 1) **To be eligible for exhibition, market lambs and commercial ewes must have been nominated, weighed, and identified at an official VA State Fair site.** Nominations will be taken at several sites around the state in late June. Past exhibitors and county extension offices will be notified as to the dates, times and locations nominations will be taken. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to properly nominate his or her lambs at one of the locations. At the time of nomination lambs will be weighed, and individually identified with an official ear tag and tattoo. Only lambs that have been nominated and properly weighed and identified will be eligible for competition at the State Fair of Virginia. Each exhibitor may nominate a total of twelve (12) lambs (wethers and ewes, to be shown as either market lambs or commercial ewes). Each exhibitor may nominate lambs at only one location.
- 2) Commercial ewe lambs should be born on or after January 1 of the current year and exhibit lamb's teeth.
- 3) Commercial ewe lambs must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor on or before the date of nomination and continuously thereafter.
- 4) Exhibitors are limited to 6 total entries in the market lamb and commercial ewe lamb divisions. A maximum of 4 market lambs and a maximum of 3 commercial ewes lamb per exhibitor may be shown (total not to exceed 6).
- 5) Commercial ewe lambs will be shown by breed type. Breed type will be determined at the time of official weighing by a classification committee. The decisions of the classification committee will be final. Commercial ewes will be divided into the following 3 breed classes as follows:
 - a) Black-Face: Generally includes lambs of primarily Suffolk and Hampshire breeding, plus all lambs that do not fit Speckle-Face and/or White-Face classes.
 - b) Speckle-Face: Must be a cross with evidence of a percentage white-face and percentage black-face breeding. Significant spotting must be present for at least two of the following areas: face, ears, and/or legs below knees and stifle joint.
 - c) White-Face: Generally includes lambs of white-face breeds and crosses of those breeds (Dorset, Cheviot, Columbia, etc.). Lambs should exhibit characteristics of these breeds. Face, ears, and legs should be white. Excessive black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body, or freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin are not acceptable.
- 6) Commercial ewe lamb breed classes will be divided according to weight. **Lambs must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds to show (no maximum weight limit).** Re-weighs will not be allowed. Class weight breaks will be made at the discretion of show officials. The three breed champions and reserves will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Ewe Lamb honors.

- 7) Average daily gain will be calculated on all lambs using nomination weight and show weight. This information will be made available to the judge for use at their discretion.
- 8) Lambs exhibited in the commercial ewe lamb division may not be shown in the open or youth registered breeding sheep division, or in the youth market lamb division.
- 9) Commercial ewe lambs must be shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.

SPECIAL RULES - REGISTERED BREEDING SHEEP

- 1) Sheep must be owned, separated, and cared for by the exhibitor before July 1 of the current year and continuously thereafter.
- 2) Registered sheep of any breed are eligible. Sheep must be recorded with, and have registration papers issued from, a national breed association. Junior show guidelines established by individual breeds will be followed regarding registration requirements for exhibition. All sheep must be registered in the flock books of their respective breed and carry their corresponding flock tag and/or tattoo.
- 3) Breeds must have a minimum of 10 sheep from at least of 3 exhibitors to qualify for a breed show. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be exhibited in the All Other Breeds division. The AOB division may be split into two divisions, wool breeds and meat breeds, as entry numbers warrant.
- 4) All sheep must be the property of, registered, and certificates issued in the name of the exhibitor prior to July 1 of the current year. Registration papers must be available for inspection at the fair. Ownership of registered sheep may be joint with an immediate family member, provided exhibitor's name is found on certificate. For sheep with joint ownership, entries may be made in the name of only one exhibitor (this also applies to pair/group classes).
- 5) The date of birth must be verified for all entries by their registration papers.
- 6) Sheep in this section are eligible to compete in appropriate open classes, but must be entered as such and meet entry requirements for that department.
- 7) Sheep exhibited in the youth registered breeding sheep division may not be shown in the youth market lamb division or commercial ewe lamb division.
- 8) Sheep are to be exhibited in fleece appropriate for respective breed. Sheep may be slick sheared, and if fitted it is recommended they not have more than one inch of wool on any part of their body. Wool breeds should be shown with fleece presentation and length appropriate for respective breed.
- 9) All exhibitors must check their entries and registration papers with show officials by 10 a.m. Saturday.
- 10) Classes with more than twenty head may be split at the discretion of show officials. First and second place senior and junior ram lambs will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Ram Lamb. First and second place yearling ewes, senior ewe lambs, intermediate and junior ewe lambs will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe.
- 11) Exhibitors are limited to a total of two (2) premiums per class in individual classes, and one (1) premium in pair and group classes.

SPECIAL RULES - COUNTY GROUPS

- 1) County Groups will consist of 5 sheep from a minimum of three exhibitors from the same county.
- 2) The group may consist of any combination of sheep exhibited in the youth sheep show (market lambs, commercial ewes, registered breeding sheep or a combination thereof).
- 3) Each county may exhibit a maximum of two groups. An exhibitor may have sheep in only one group.
- 4) Banners will be provided for the Champion and Reserve Champion groups.

SPECIAL RULES - SHOWMANSHIP

1. Exhibitors must enter the proper showmanship class when they make the rest of their entries on-line.
2. Participation in Showmanship is required to be eligible to receive State Fair scholarships through the Youth Sheep Premier Exhibitor Program.
3. Only exhibitors entered in the Youth Sheep Division are eligible to compete in showmanship classes.
4. Showmanship competition for market lamb, commercial ewe and registered breeding sheep exhibitors will be combined. There will not be separate showmanship divisions for market lamb/commercial ewe exhibitors and registered breeding sheep exhibitors.
5. Showmanship classes will be divided by age as follows:
 - A. Novice Division- for exhibitors showing for the first time at the State Fair, and who are 12 years of age or younger on September 30 of current year
 - B. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
 - C. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
 - D. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year
6. Classes with a large number of participants may be divided into smaller preliminary classes.
7. Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. The animal must be entered in the youth sheep show. Exhibitor's lambs that are eliminated from the show due to weight requirements may be used in showmanship.

SPECIAL RULES - PREMIER EXHIBITOR PROGRAM

1. The Premier Exhibitor Program is designed to recognize youth sheep exhibitors which demonstrate comprehensive skills related to the sheep project and industry; including knowledge of production/management practices, genetics, carcass and end product traits, animal health, and nutrition, along with animal evaluation, showmanship, and live animal show ring performance.
2. Premier Exhibitors will be divided into the following age categories for recognition and awards:
 - A. Junior Division- exhibitors 12 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year
 - B. Intermediate Division- exhibitors 13 to 15 years of age on September 30 of current year
 - C. Senior Division- exhibitors 16 years of age and older on September 30 of current year
3. Ranking of exhibitors within each age category will be based on the following:
 - A. 25% Stockman's Contest – Exhibitors must participate in Stockman's Contest held on Friday. Relevant portions of stockman's contest scores will be used for Premier Sheep Exhibitor score (equipment ID, breed ID, feed ID, meat ID, meat judging, hay judging).
 - B. 25% Sheep Quiz – Separate quiz from Stockman's Contest. **Quiz to be given at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning (All exhibitors must be present at this time to take the quiz).**
 - C. 25% Sheep Judging and Questions – Scores taken from sheep judging/questions class in Stockman's Contest held on Friday.
 - D. 15% Showmanship – Exhibitors must participate in showmanship.
 - E. 10% Sheep Placing – Highest placing on any sheep exhibited (market lamb, commercial ewe, or registered breeding sheep).
 - F. Ties in total score within an age category will be broken sequentially on quiz score, stockman's score, judging score, and showmanship score.
4. Exhibitors must participate in all areas of Premier Exhibitor program to be eligible for recognition and awards. Exhibitors participating in all categories will automatically be considered for awards including the State Fair Youth Sheep Scholarship Program (see following pages for details).
5. Exhibitors will be required to properly enter the Stockman's Contest. Exhibitors may participate as member of their county/chapter team, or as an individual. Exhibitors who wish to enter as an individual only may do so with Youth Sheep Entry Form. For county/chapter teams, refer to Stockman's Contest section of competition guide.

6. Previous winners of the Stockman's Contest (and therefore not eligible for Stockman's Contest competition/awards) will be allowed to participate in the Stockman's Contest for the purpose of the Premier Sheep Exhibitor program.
7. Appropriate recognition and awards will be provided for each age division.

SPECIAL RULES - LEAD LINE & COSTUME CLASSES

1. The objectives of these classes are to give exhibitors an opportunity to showcase wool outfits and present themselves and their sheep in the most attractive manner.
2. Exhibitors will write a narrative to be read during competition. Narrative forms will be sent after entry forms are received. Narratives are due in the sheep office by 4 p.m. Friday.
3. A panel of judges will use the following standards when judging the classes:
 - 1) Exhibitor's garment (suitable and practical for exhibitor's maturity, etc.). Garment may be made by exhibitor or purchased. Garment must be at least 60% wool (lead line classes only). Score = 40%
 - 2) Poise and appearance (accessories, presentation, appropriate for exhibitor's maturity and style of garment, etc.). Score = 35%
 - 3) Control and presentation of sheep. Score = 25%
4. Lead line classes will be broken by age into the following classes:
 - A. Junior Division- exhibitors 13 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year.
 - B. Senior Division- exhibitors 14 years of age and older on September 30 of current year.
5. Junior and Senior Lead Line Divisions will be further divided into class for Purchased garments and class for Made By Exhibitor garments. Participants in the Made By Exhibitor class must indicate in their narrative which garments they made. Purchased or Made By Exhibitor classes will be determined upon completion of narrative.
6. Costume classes will be broken by age into the following classes:
 - A. 8 & Under Division- for contestants not yet old enough for competition in the Youth Sheep Division (less than 9 on September 30 of current year)
 - B. Junior Division- exhibitors 13 years of age and younger on September 30 of current year.
 - C. Senior Division- exhibitors 14 years of age and older on September 30 of current year.

ENTRIES

1. Deadline for entries is August 15. **Entries must be made on-line** at www.statefairva.org, under 'State Fair' and then 'Competitions.' There is no participation/entry fee for youth livestock shows.
2. Include exhibitor birth date on entry form for use in showmanship, lead line, and costume class determination. Include exhibitor social security number for proper premium payment.
3. Market lamb and commercial ewe entries: Indicate number of lambs to be exhibited. Exhibitors are limited to 6 total entries in the market lamb and commercial ewe lamb divisions. A maximum of 4 market lambs and a maximum of 3 commercial ewes lamb per exhibitor may be shown (total not to exceed 6). VSF tag numbers do not need to be listed on entry form.
4. Breeding sheep entries: Enter class number from following table. Include animal tag/tattoo, registration number, and animal birth date on entry form. If breed is not listed, enter All Other Breeds (AOB) Division and indicate breed on entry. Maximum of 2 entries per exhibitor for individual classes, and 1 entry per exhibitor for pair and group classes.
5. Lead Line and Costume classes: Exhibitors must enter the correct classes when they make the rest of their entries on-line. Lead Line "Purchased" and "Made By Exhibitor" Divisions will be determined by narrative form to be completed at the fair.

Registered Breeding Sheep Classes

	Dorset	Hampshire	Suffolk	Cheviot	Southdown	All Other Breeds
Senior Ram Lamb Born 9/1 to 12/31/08	Class 101	Class 201	Class 301	Class 401	Class 501	Class 601
Junior Ram Lamb Born 1/1/09 or later	Class 102	Class 202	Class 302	Class 402	Class 502	Class 602
Pair of Ram Lambs	Class 103	Class 203	Class 303	Class 403	Class 503	Class 603
Yearling Ewe Born 9/1/07 to 8/31/08	Class 104	Class 204	Class 304	Class 404	Class 504	Class 604
Pair of Yearling Ewes	Class 105	Class 205	Class 305	Class 405	Class 505	Class 605
Senior Ewe Lamb Born 9/1 to 12/31/08	Class 106	Class 206	Class 306	Class 406	Class 506	Class 606
Intermediate Ewe Lamb Born 1/1 to 2/15/09	Class 107	Class 207	Class 307	Class 407	Class 507	Class 607
Junior Ewe Lamb Born 2/16/09 or later	Class 108	Class 208	Class 308	Class 408	Class 508	Class 608
Pair of Ewe Lambs	Class 109	Class 209	Class 309	Class 409	Class 509	Class 609
Best 4 Head- 4 lambs bred and owned by exhibitor, both sexes represented	Class 110	Class 210	Class 310	Class 410	Class 510	Class 610
Flock- 1 ram, 2 yearling ewes, 2 ewe lambs (need not be bred and owned)	Class 111	Class 211	Class 311	Class 411	Class 511	Class 611

Youth Sheep Premium Schedule

	Placing									
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes & Breeding Sheep	\$30	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8
Lead Line & Costume	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$9	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$4
Showmanship	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$23	\$20	\$17	\$14	\$12	\$10

Special Premiums

Additional awards and premiums will be offered throughout the youth sheep shows and competitions from donations provided by a large group of program supporters.

Youth Sheep Promotion & Herdsman Award

1st Place: \$100 and Rosette
2nd Place: \$ 80 and Rosette
3rd Place: \$ 40 and Rosette

Awarded to the Youth Sheep exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness and visitor appeal, and promotes the sheep industry. Educational content of the exhibit, as well as cleanliness and appearance of the entire pen area and display, will be judged. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about their exhibit and sheep in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and Fair guests.

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State Fair of Virginia Scholarship Program – Sheep

The Scholarship Program is open to all Virginia 4-H and FFA exhibitors in their related livestock project area.

38 total scholarships will be offered in the Youth Sheep program.

Market Lambs – 29 Scholarships:

All market lamb entries/animals qualifying and designated for the Scholarship Program must be sold and slaughtered. If the animal is condemned for any reason, neither payment nor scholarship will be awarded and the competitor must accept the consequences without recourse against the State Fair of Virginia.

Upon qualifying for and agreeing to participate in the Scholarship Program, the entry will become the property of the Scholarship Program and the exhibitor will be compensated for his/her entry as set forth in the Scholarship Program.

Overall Grand Champion – Market Lamb	\$1,000.00 Scholarship	(1)
Overall Reserve Grand Champion – Market Lamb	\$ 900.00 Scholarship	(1)
Division Champions – Market Lamb	\$ 600.00 Scholarship each	(4-5)
Reserve Division Champions – Market Lamb	\$ 500.00 Scholarship each	(5-6)
<i>Class Winners – Market Lamb</i>	<i>\$ 200.00 Scholarship each</i>	<i>(Max of 17)</i>

Qualifying entries for the market lamb scholarships must participate in the carcass contest (terminal). Scholarships are not cumulative for the same animal. Exhibitors will be entitled to receive multiple market lamb scholarships if they are above the class winner level. Exhibitors may receive a maximum of one class winner scholarship. Exhibitors awarded overall or Division scholarships are not eligible for class winner scholarships.

“Premier Exhibitor” Scholarships - 9 Scholarships (by age group):

All exhibitors in the Youth Sheep Show are eligible to receive a “Premier Exhibitor” scholarship.

Junior	1 st	\$300.00	2 nd	\$200.00	3 rd	\$100.00
Intermediate	1 st	\$350.00	2 nd	\$250.00	3 rd	\$150.00
Senior	1 st	\$400.00	2 nd	\$300.00	3 rd	\$200.00

Each category will be split into three age groups:
 Juniors: 12 and younger as of Sept 30th of the current year
 Intermediates: 13-15 as of Sept. 30th of the current year
 Seniors: 16-19 as of Sept. 30th of the current year

Ranking of exhibitors will be based on the following (see Premier Exhibitor Program rules for details):

- 25% - Stockman’s Contest**
- 25% - Sheep Quiz**
- 25% - Sheep Judging & Questions**
- 15% - Showmanship**
- 10% - Highest placing in a live class (in an individual class with one animal)**

**Exhibitors must participate in ALL of the above criteria to be eligible for a scholarship.*