

SHEEP

08 - Open Sheep Show

Superintendent of Market Lambs: Ed Whitcomb (#217-415-2924)
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Open Class Premiums Offered: \$19,451.00

Land of Lincoln Class Premiums Offered: \$21,715.00

**Premiums will be pro-rated according to participation and pay up to six (6) places.*

INFORMATION

Entries

Required fees include \$15.00/head (entry fee) and \$5.00/head (manure). Entries in all classes shall be made through the online fair entry system at the Illinois State Fair website. Payment must be made via credit card at the time of entry. No other type of entry will be accepted. Assistance with entries is available at the Competitive Events Office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted online on or before July 15, 2025. Fees will not be refunded. Late entries will be accepted through July 31, 2025, with an additional \$50.00/exhibitor charge assessed.

Deadlines and Check-in

Pens Available	Saturday, August 9, 8:00 p.m.
Mandatory Market Lamb Exhibitor Meeting	Friday, August 8, 8:00 a.m. – North Sheep Showring

Breed:	Cannot Arrive Before:	Must be Penned by:
Market Lambs	Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 a.m.	Thursday, August 7, 8:00 p.m.
Southdown, Suffolk, & AOB Meat Slick	Sunday, August 10, 8:00 p.m.	Monday, August 11, 8:00 a.m.
Dorset, Hampshire, & Oxford	Monday, August 11, 8:00 p.m.	Tuesday, August 12, 8:00 a.m.
Montadale, Natural Color, & AOB Meat Fitted	Tuesday, August 12, 8:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 13, 8:00 a.m.
AOB Wool, Border Leicester, Cotswold, & Lincoln	Wednesday, August 13, 8:00 p.m.	Thursday, August 14, 8:00 a.m.
Tunis & Dorper	Thursday, August 14, 8:00 p.m.	Friday, August 15, 8:00 a.m.

Ring Cards Issued:

Market Lambs (Tagged)	Friday, August 8, 9:00 a.m. (Outside North Sheep Showring)
Ring Cards Issued	9:00-11:00 a.m. day before the breed show (Sheep Department Office)

Animals Released:

Breeding Sheep	Immediately following final breed championship classes on show days
Market Lambs	Sunday, August 10, immediately following Market Lamb Show. <i>Market Lamb pens must be vacated by 5:00 p.m.</i>

Show Schedule

Shows will be held in North Show Ring of the Sheep Barn. Start times may vary slightly from the published schedule. Exhibitors should watch and listen for announcements.

Sunday, August 10

- 8:00 a.m. – Open Market Lambs
 - Pee Wee Show to follow
 - Costume Show to follow
 - Leadline Show to follow
 - Junior Show Breeding Sheep Showmanship 1-hour following the conclusion of previous shows

Monday, August 11

- 8:00 a.m. – Junior Breeding Sheep

Tuesday, August 12

- 9:00 a.m. – Southdown
- 1:00 p.m. – Suffolk with AOB Meat Slicked to follow

Wednesday, August 13

- 9:00 a.m. – Dorset
- 1:00 p.m. – Hampshire with Oxford to follow

Thursday, August 14

- 9:00 a.m. – Montadale
- 1:00 p.m. – Natural Color followed by AOB Meat Fitted

Friday, August 15

- 9:00 a.m. – AOB Wool
- 1:00 p.m. – Border Leicester with Cotswold and Lincoln to follow

Saturday, August 16

- 9:00 a.m. – Tunis
- 1:00 p.m. – Dorper

Department Rules

1. Each exhibitor must comply with the Illinois Exhibition Health Requirements; Animal Care, Drug, Testing and Welfare Policies; and General Rules of the Open Livestock Division as previously stated.
2. Open Show exhibitors are reminded they must adhere to the Open Show registration and ring card distribution requirements in order to exhibit in the Open Show. Junior Show registration does not fulfill Open Show requirements. Further, all registration papers must be presented for check-in and ring card distribution in the Sheep Department Office 8:00 a.m.- the 12:00 p.m. day before a given breed show.
3. Purebred animals must be recorded in their respective National Breed Book as evidenced by official registration papers or certificate of registration and bear the American ear tag of the National Association and corresponding flock tag. No copies of registration or stamped duplicate of official registration will be accepted.
4. Proof of ownership must be evidenced by ownership prior to show and be presented for inspection by State Fair personnel or Sheep Superintendent. All entries must be entered under the name of the owner on the registration paper.
5. Exhibitors cannot show more sheep than the number of animals originally entered. Market lamb exhibitors are allowed six (6) entries in addition to two (2) premiere entries for a maximum of eight (8) entries in the Market Lamb Show.
6. All group classes must be pre-entered through the online system by the published entry deadline.
7. A classifier will be used in the Open Sheep Show for purposes of breed verification. In all instances, the decision of the classifier shall be final. Official classification at the State Fair is not subject to protest.

8. The date shown on the registration papers will be taken as the effective date of ownership. However, in determining original origin or ownership, state or federal identification will take precedence over registration papers.
9. Exhibitors in the Open Breeding Sheep Show will be allowed two (2) entries per class and one (1) entry in pair and group classes.
10. No mature rams, aged nurse ewes/goats are permitted in the Sheep Show.
11. To be eligible to show in the Open Sheep Show of the Illinois State Fair:
 - a. All Breeding Animals must be properly identified by a Flock Tag & Scrapie Tag.
 - b. All market lambs must be properly identified with a Scrapie Tag.
 - c. All ear tags must be in place before arriving on the fairgrounds.
 - d. All identifying ear tags, tattoos or horn markings must be clearly visible for Superintendents and ring personnel.
12. All sheep must be penned in one of the Sheep Barns. All pens and stalls are to be assigned by the Superintendent or his/her assistants. Pens will be assigned on the basis of a minimum of three (3) head per pen, unless an exhibitor has only one (1) entry. Animals must be penned according to these assignments. Exhibitors are responsible for additional fencing if needed to separate or confine animals and all pens must be bedded with natural straw, wood chips or sawdust. Exhibitors will be allowed one (1) pen for tack. Additional pens, for any reason, will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
13. No living quarters or tarps allowed in the Sheep Barns.
14. No enclosure of pens with tarps or any other material is allowed and no appliances, misters, swamp blasters, air conditioning units or cooling systems of any kind will be allowed in the barns.
15. Wethers and market ewe lambs will be shown together in market lamb classes.
16. All market lambs must:
 - a. Have been lambed on or after January 1, 2025.
 - b. Be docked and show ready slick shorn before check-in.
 - c. Weigh at least eighty-five (85) pounds.
 - d. Still have their milk teeth.
 - e. Wethers must show no sign of testicular tissue.
 - f. Free of any active fungus and/or sore mouth.
 - g. Be physically sound at check-in and show times.

All of these requirements will be examined by the Superintendent and his/her assistants who, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.

17. Market lambs will be tagged at check-in and placed into weight classes based upon declared weights made at check-in. Practice scales will be available in the barns for use by exhibitors.
18. Market lamb exhibitors must fill out a check-in form which will be provided by the Superintendent at the mandatory Market Lamb Exhibitors' Meeting for each market lamb providing the full name and address, legibly written, of the exhibitor. The check-in form must be complete and submitted at the time of check-in and tagging. Registration papers verifying Land of Lincoln eligibility must also be provided for animals competing in the Land of Lincoln show. No phone nominations will be permitted.
19. A minimum of ten (10) market lambs of a given breed are required for a breed class. Otherwise, market lambs will show in an All Other Breeds (AOB) class.

20. All breeding animals must:

- a. Be docked and properly groomed for showing.
- b. Shropshire sheep must be slick shorn. Wool may be left below the knees and hocks and on the face and head from the poll forward; the remainder of the body is to be shorn to the skin within ten (10) days of the show date.
- c. Southdown Sheep must be slick shorn within five (5) days of the show. Wool may be left below the knees and hocks, and also below the eyes around the muzzle.
- d. Cotswold Sheep fleece should be a maximum of three (3) inches in length and no grooming oils should be used.
- e. Free of any active fungus and/or sore mouth.
- f. Be physically sound at check-in and show times.

All of these requirements will be examined by the Superintendent and his/her assistants who, along with the General Livestock Superintendent, shall have full authority regarding show eligibility.

21. Birth dates, as listed on the registration papers or certificates will be used to determine the class division for all breeding animals. Take the show date and count back to the birth date to determine the age and class for the animal. September 1 will be used as the base for computing the ages of lambs in all classes. Yearlings shall be subject to veterinarian's examination whose findings shall be final.
22. A commercial ewe may be a crossbred or a straight bred not eligible for registry. Commercial ewes and ewe lambs must be ear tagged or tattooed for identification.
23. Ring Cards will be issued for all sheep and must be worn by exhibitors in the showing at all times. Failure to do so is cause for ineligibility to show.
24. Unless otherwise defined by specific dates, some breeds will have yearling ewes divided equally into two (2) classes (A&B) determined by random draw after all sheep are entered and checked in. Exhibitors are limited to three (3) yearling ewe entries and two (2) premiums.
25. Artificial coloring of sheep will not be allowed. Lambs will be white towed before entering the show ring.
26. Muzzles may be used for animal health and welfare at the discretion of the exhibitor.
27. When lambs are being judged, they must have all four (4) feet on the ground. No excessive lifting of the animals. Slapping of animals will not be tolerated and is cause for dismissal from the showing.
28. Special awards presented by Breed Associations are the responsibility of those associations and not the Department Superintendent or Illinois State Fair.
29. No loading or unloading of trailers between the North and South Sheep Barns one half (1/2) hour before the start time of any beginning of show.
30. No washing of sheep in the sheep barns.
31. All pens and aisles are to be cleaned each day before 8:00 am.
32. No roller skates, skateboarding, scooters, inline skate, bicycles, tricycles, etc. allowed in or around the sheep barns at any time during the State Fair.

Special Definitions, Recognitions, and Awards

Exhibitor definition in pair and group classes: Where a pair, group of four, or flock is registered in the names of different members of a family residing on one farm, all entries may be considered as a single exhibitor for Premiere Exhibitor and Young Flock.

Flock: Group to consist of one (1) yearling ram or ram lamb, two (2) yearling ewes and two (2) ewe lambs. All animals owned by one (1) exhibitor/farm.

Premiere Exhibitor Award: Upon decision of the Sheep Superintendent, an award will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the Premiere Exhibitor in each sheep breed. In case of a tie, the exhibitor with the highest placing flock will be declared the winner.

Grand Champion Market Lambs: The Champion Market Lamb of each breed will compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb of the Open and Land of Lincoln Shows on Sunday, August 10. A plaque will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of each of the Open and Land of Lincoln Show Grand Champion Market Lambs of the 2025 Illinois State Fair.

Champion Pairs: A plaque will be given by the Illinois State Fair to the exhibitor of the Land of Lincoln Show Champion Pair of Ewe Lambs and Champion Pair of Ram Lambs of each Land of Lincoln eligible breed division at the 2025 Illinois State Fair.

Open Show and Land of Lincoln Championship Premium Awards: The following additional monetary awards will be made to champions in identified breeds:

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
All Breeds			
	Champion Ram	\$30	\$50
	Reserve Champion Ram	\$20	\$30
	Champion Ewe	\$30	\$50
	Reserve Champion Ewe	\$20	\$30
	Grand Champion Market Lamb	\$100	\$75
	Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb	\$50	\$50

CLASSES

Division 0801 – Breeding Sheep – Border Leicester

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1, 2024, and Feb. 15, 2025	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		04	*
Ewe	1 year and under 2	05	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		06	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	07	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	08	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	09	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		10	*
Flock		11	*
Best Fleece		12	N/A

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0802 – Breeding Sheep – Cotswold

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1, 2024, and Jan. 31, 2025	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 1, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		04	*
Ewe	1 year old and under 2	05	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		06	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	07	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb 15, 2025	08	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	09	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		10	*
Flock		11	*
Best Fleece		12	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0803 – Breeding Sheep – Dorset

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Slick Shorn Ram	1 year old and under 2	02	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	03	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	04	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	05	*
Slick Shorn Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	06	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		07	*
Ewe	1 year old and under 2	08	*
Slick Shorn Ewe	1 year old and under 2	09	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		10	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	11	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	12	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	13	*
Slick Shorn Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	14	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	15	*
Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	16	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		17	*
Flock		18	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0804 – Breeding Sheep – Hampshire

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Slick Shorn Ram	1 year old and under 2	02	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	03	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	04	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	05	*
Slick Shorn Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	06	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		07	*
Ewe	1 year old and under 2	08	*
Slick Shorn Ewe	1 year old and under 2	09	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		10	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	11	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	12	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	13	*
Slick Shorn Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	14	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	15	*
Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	16	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		17	*
Flock		18	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0805 – Breeding Sheep – Lincoln

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		04	*
Ewe	1 year old and under 2	05	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		06	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	07	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	08	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	09	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		10	*
Flock		11	*
Best Fleece		12	N/A

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0806 – Breeding Sheep – Montadale

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	02	*
January Ram Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and 31, 2025	03	*
February & after Ram Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 1, 2025	04	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		05	*
Yearling Ewe	1 year and under 2	06	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	07	*
January Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Jan. 31, 2025	08	*
February Ewe Lamb	Born between Feb. 1 and the last day of Feb., 2025	09	*
Late Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Mar. 1, 2025	10	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		11	*
Flock		12	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0807 – Breeding Sheep – Oxford

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Slick Shorn Ram	1 year old and under 2	02	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	03	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	04	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	05	*
Slick Shorn Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	06	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		07	*
Ewe	1 year old and under 2	08	*
Slick Shorn Ewe	1 year old and under 2	09	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		10	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	11	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	12	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	13	*
Slick Shorn Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	14	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	15	*
Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	16	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		17	*
Flock		18	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0808 – Breeding Sheep – Natural Color

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		05	*
Ewe	1 year and under 2	06	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		07	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	08	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	09	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	10	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		11	*
Flock		12	*
Best Fleece		13	N/A

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0809 – Breeding Sheep – Southdown

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	01	*
Intermediate Ram Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		04	*
Ewe	1 year and under 2	05	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		06	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	07	*
January Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and 31, 2025	08	*
February Ewe Lamb	Born Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. 2025	09	*
Late Ewe Lamb	Born on or after March 1, 2025	10	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		11	*
Flock		12	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0810 – Breeding Sheep – Suffolk

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Slick Shorn Ram	1 year old and under 2	02	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	03	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ram Lam	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	04	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	05	*

Slick Shorn Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	06	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		07	*
Ewe	1 year old and under 2	08	*
Slick Shorn Ewe	1 year old and under 2	09	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		10	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	11	*
Slick Shorn Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	12	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	13	*
Slick Shorn Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	14	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	15	*
Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on after Feb. 16, 2025	16	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		17	*
Flock		18	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0811 – Breeding Sheep – Tunis

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	01	
January Ram Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and 31, 2025	02	*
February and after Ram Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 1, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		04	*
Ewe	1 year and under 2	05	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		06	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	07	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	08	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	09	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		10	*
Flock		11	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0812 – Breeding Sheep – AOB Meat - Fitted

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		05	*
Ewe	1 year and under 2	06	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		07	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	08	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	09	*

Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	10	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		11	*
Flock		12	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0813 – Breeding Sheep – AOB Meat – Slick Shorn

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		05	*
Ewe	1 year and under 2	06	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		07	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	08	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	09	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	10	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		11	*
Flock		12	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0814 – Breeding Sheep – AOB Wool

Class	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Offered*
Ram	1 year old and under 2	01	*
Senior Ram Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	02	*
Junior Ram Lamb	Born on or after Jan. 1, 2025	03	*
Pair of Ram Lambs		05	*
Ewe	1 year and under 2	06	*
Pair of Yearling Ewes		07	*
Senior Ewe Lamb	Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2024	08	*
Intermediate Ewe Lamb	Born between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15, 2025	09	*
Junior Ewe Lamb	Born on or after Feb. 16, 2025	10	*
Pair of Ewe Lambs		11	*
Flock		12	*
Best Fleece		13	N/A

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Ram & Ewe, and Premiere Exhibitor.

Division 0815 – Market Lambs

Breed	Class Description	Open Class	Land of Lincoln Class
Cheviot		01	*
Dorper		02	*
Dorset		03	*
Hampshire		04	*
Montadale		05	*
Natural Color		06	N/A
Oxford		07	*
Shropshire		08	*
Southdown		09	*
Suffolk		10	*
Tunis		11	*
All Other Meat Breeds		12	*
All Other Wool Breeds		13	*
Black-Faced Crossbred		14	N/A
White-Faced Crossbred		15	N/A
Premiere Market Lamb		16	*

The following awards will be given in this Division: Champion & Reserve Market Lamb.

Division 0816 – Carcass

	Open Class
Carcass Lamb	01

** Special Note: See Carcass Premium Book Section for complete rules.*

Pee-Wee Lamb Show

Sunday, August 10, 4:00 p.m.
North Open Sheep Showing

Rules

1. The Pee-Wee Show is for children unable to show in the Junior Show of the Illinois State Fair due to age limitations. Exhibitors should be under eight (8) years of age as of September 1, 2024.
2. Participation is subject to parents' discretion and parents must be Illinois residents.
3. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee per exhibitor to cover the cost of awards.
4. Exhibitors must register participation and pay the entry fee at the Sheep Department Office 3:00-4:00 p.m. on the day of the Pee-Wee Show.
5. All animals exhibited must comply with the General Health Regulations of the Illinois State Fair. Exhibitors will be required to present a certified health paper for the animal exhibited.
6. The Superintendent will divide the exhibitors into appropriate exhibitor age classes. Sheep of all breeds and ages will be shown together in the determined exhibitor age classes.

Costume Show

Sunday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.
North Open Sheep Showing

Rules

1. The purpose of the Costume Show is to get children involved with sheep and to promote lamb and wool.
2. The Costume Show is open to all exhibitors under twelve (12) years of age as of August 7, 2025. Exhibitors do not need to be actively engaged in the production or showing of sheep.
3. Each exhibitor is required to pre-enter the Costume Show online by the published Open Department deadline.
4. Exhibitor class ages shall be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent.
5. The exhibit will be judged on attractiveness and originality of the costume, theme and its promotion of lamb and wool. A live sheep must be a part of the exhibit.
6. Questions should be directed to Rhonda Baer at 309-275-8451.

Division 0817 – Costume Show

Premiums for will be paid as follows:

Class	Class Description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
01	Junior Costume Class	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9
02	Senior Costume Class	\$12	\$11	\$10	\$9

Leadline Show

Sunday, August 10, 6:30 p.m.
North Open Sheep Showing

Rules

1. The purpose of the Leadline Show is to present a class of well-groomed sheep, at halter, led by a participant clad in fashionable and becoming wool clothing. The underlying objective is to present an attractive and coordinated package entry which will promote the use of wool to both participants and the viewing public.
2. The Leadline Show is open to all exhibitors, male or female, at least nine (9) years of age and not yet twenty-two (22) years of age as of January 1, 2025. Exhibitors do not need to be actively engaged in the production or showing of sheep.
3. Exhibitor is required to pre-enter Leadline Show online by the published Open Department deadline.
4. Exhibitor class ages shall be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent.
5. The exhibit will be judged on the attractiveness and originality of the costume, theme and the manner in which it is presented. A live sheep must be a part of the exhibit.
6. The exhibited animal must be a registered ewe, properly conditioned, groomed and fitted, and shown at halter in accordance with Illinois State Fair Sheep Show rules.
7. The type of outfit worn, whether it be dress, suit, slacks, skirt and sweater, etc., is optional. Of greater importance is if the garment is appropriate for the age and lifestyle of the participant?
8. There is no correct way to lead the ewe. A well-trained animal will respond with little assistance and with the lead strap in either hand of the participant.
9. The use of a blanket on the ewe is optional. If used, it should not cover more than two-thirds (2/3) of the animal. Excessive ornaments or baubles should not be used.
10. The use of gloves, boots, headwear, jewelry and other accessories by the exhibitor is also optional, whatever contributes to the overall neatness and attractiveness of the package is acceptable.
11. Questions should be directed to Rhonda Baer at 309-275-8451.

Division 0818 – Leadline Show

Premiums for will be paid as follows:

Class	Class Description	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
01	Junior Leadline Class	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10
02	Senior Leadline Class	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10