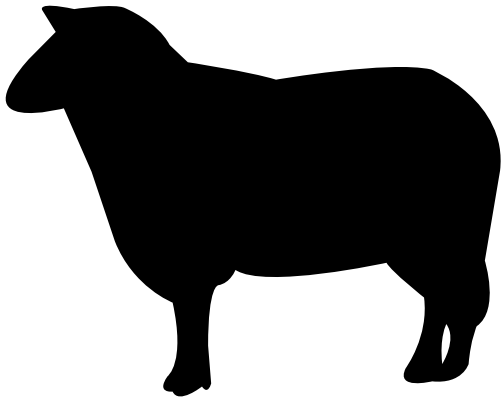

4-H SHEEP
Department 14

SUPERINTENDENT
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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
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ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2026
ENTRY FEE
None required.

JUDGING
Wednesday, Aug. 19
- 9am in Sheep Pavilion

SHOW ORDER
- Clovers, Showmanship, Breeding, Market Lambs

RULES and REGULATIONS
1. All exhibitors must comply with General Rules and Animal Health Requirements.
2. Lambs born after Jan. 1, 2026, should not have tails docked shorter than the level of the distal end of the caudal tail fold. No measurements will be taken, however any sheep or lamb that exhibits a rectal prolapse will be ineligible for show and will be sent home. A "rectal prolapse" is defined as an inversion of the rectum that protrudes 4 cm (1.6 in.) or more outside the body and remains exterior to the body while the animal is standing. Lambs with purse-string sutures are ineligible for exhibition at 4-H shows.
3. No lambs exhibited in Breeding Sheep are eligible to show in market lamb classes.
4. Each lamb may only go across the scale for official fair weight one time. **No reweighs will be permitted.**
5. Market lambs will be weighed Monday, time to be determined.
6. Market lambs will be placed in correct class after weighing. In the instance that a class is deemed excessively large, it will be left to the discretion of the show chairman to revise such class to a more reasonable size.
7. For health inspection and grading purposes, all market lambs must be slick shorn from the hock up without butt wool within 7 days before arriving at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair.
8. All market lambs must be born after January 1 of the current year and must be weighed and tagged by an official weigh committee in June at the first county weigh-in (Sheep and Swine Field Day). Castrated male sheep (wethers) and ewes are eligible for the market lamb division.
9. One entry per exhibitor in all group classes.
10. Senior ram and senior ewe lamb class: Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of the previous year.
11. Junior ram and junior ewe lamb class: Born after Jan. 1 of the current year.
12. All sheep shown in Fitting and Showing Class must be trimmed and fitted by the member.
13. Each animal in other Purebred Breeds must be individually registered in their respective breed association. No animal in other registered breeds may be shown in any other breed category.
14. All sheep must be on the grounds and checked-in with the superintendent(s) by 11am on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025.
15. All sheep must display a reasonable level of cleanliness with sufficient water, feed, and hay at all times, or they will not be eligible to show. This will be determined by the 4-H Superintendent.
16. All sheep must be fitted according to breed specifications.
17. All eligible club members will be required to register by noon, two animals for the livestock sale on the Monday of Fair weigh-in. Eligible club members with a sheep and pig project will select only two animals of any combination (2 pigs, or 2 lambs, or 1 lamb and 1 pig). This selection will be done in writing on the approved club form. In the event one or both of these animals do not meet club requirements for the livestock sale, there will be no substitution. The only case where a substitution will be accepted is in the event the grand champion or reserve champion are not one of the selected animals (since grand champion and reserve champion must sell if the owner is a club member).
18. All market lambs will be graded to ensure a consumer ready product by a qualified sheep grader. Lambs will be graded on Sunday, time TBA.
19. By entering and participating in a 4-H show you agree to abide by all rules and regulations detailed in the most current edition of the Fair catalog for each specific Department, as well as 4-H rules, 4-H Club rules and those indicated in the General Rules and Regulations.
20. To show in market classes and sell in any of the 4-H market sales, an exhibitor must be in good standing in their respective 4-H market club and have fulfilled all requirements that are indicted in the published rules for each individual 4-H market club, as determined by the 4-H Club leader (s).
21. Violations of these rules could result in consequences and/or sanctions as might be determined by 4-H and/or Fair leadership.

SPECIAL AWARDS
1. **Mr. and Mrs. John Feuillet and Family** offer an award to the First Year 4-H or FFA Fitting and Showing Participants.
2. **Nick Gazunis** offers an award to the Grand Champion Individual Market Lamb.
3. **Lois Fisher Memorial Award** is offered to the Junior Fitting and Showing Champion.
4. **Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gazunis** offer an award to the Intermediate Fitting and Showing Champion.
5. **Nick Gazunis** offers an award to the Senior Fitting and Showing Champion.
6. **Maryland Sheep Breeders** offers an award to the Best Bred and Owned Breeding Animal.
7. **The Chiperfield Family** offers an award for the Champion Pair of Market Lambs.
8. **Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gazunis** offer an award to the Champion Weight Gain Market Lamb.
9. **Warren Fisher Memorial Award** offers an award to the Champion Fleece.
10. **Alicia Feuillet** offer an award to the Champion Breeding Ewe.
11. **The Null Family** offers an award to the Challenge of Champions Fitting and Showing winning exhibitor.
12. **Chris Gazunis** offers an award for Best Shepherd (congeniality and helpfulness).
13. **The Chiperfield Family** offers an award for the best pen display (creativity and education about sheep to the public).
14. **The Prasado-Rao Family** offers an award to the First Year Fitting & Showing Champion.
15. **Connie Myers Memorial Award** is offered to the Champion Breeding Ram.
16. **Lizzy Miller** offers an award for the Best Bred and Owned Market Lamb.
17. **The Miller Family** offers an award to the Best Fleeced animal in the 4-H Breeding Show.

18. **Trouble Enough Indeed Farm** offers an award to the Showmanship Division Champions.

BREEDING SECTIONS

1 = Border Leicester
2 = Romney
3 = Dorset
4 = Hampshire
5 = Blue Faced Leicester
6 = Natural Colored (must be registered)
7 = Other Meat Breeds
8 = Shropshire
9 = Southdown
10 = Tunis
11 = White Wool Breeds

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
$17	16	14	13	12	11	10

1. Yearling Ram.
2. Senior Ram Lamb.
3. Pair of Senior Ram Lambs.
4. Junior Ram Lamb.
5. Pair of Junior Ram Lamb.
6. Champion Ram—Banner.
7. Reserve Champion Ram—Rosette.
8. Champion Bred and Owned Ram—Rosette.
9. Ewe, two years and over.
10. Yearling Ewe.
11. Pair of Yearling Ewes.
12. Pair of Yearlings (both sexes must be represented).
13. Senior Ewe Lamb.
14. Pair of Senior Ewe Lambs.
15. Junior Ewe Lambs.
16. Pair of Junior Ewe Lambs.
17. Champion Ewe—Rosette.
18. Champion Bred and Owned Ewe—Banner
19. Reserve Champion Ewe—Rosette.
20. Twin Lambs, (either sex, same ewe, twins to each other)
21. 4-H Flock (two Ewe lambs, one Ram lamb).
22. Supreme Champion Ewe—Banner.

DIVISION 12: FITTING AND SHOWING

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6–15th
$20	19	18	17	16	15

RULES

1. All intermediate, senior and Challenge of Champions participates must complete without the use of a halter.
2. The exhibitor must own the lamb used for showmanship.
3. In the event of an age division being excessively large, the Superintendent may revise the class to a more reasonable size.

CLASSES

1. Senior Fitting and Showing—Award and Ribbons.
2. Intermediate Fitting and Showing—Award and Ribbons.
3. Junior Fitting and Showing—Award and Ribbons.
4. First Year Fitting and Showing—Award and Ribbons.
5. Champion Fitting and Showing—Award.
6. Challenge of Champions—All champions from previous years are only eligible for this class plus the current year's champion.

DIVISION 13: MARKET LAMBS

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
$17	16	14	13	12	12	11	10	8	7	6

CLASSES

1. Individual Market Lambs (grouped by weight in classes after weigh-in) Classes 1A–1J are created pending the number of entries. 90–150 lbs. minimum, 0.35 lbs. rate of gain.
   a. Market Animals that do not make minimum Rate of Gain and market animals that do not attain minimum weight requirements or those that exceed maximum allowable weights will be eligible to exhibit in Market Exhibition classes. Market Exhibition classes will be conducted at the start of the Market Lamb Show. Classes will be broken on the discretion of the Superintendent.
   b. Animals must have been entered as a market animal in the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair process and meet all other established qualifications (i.e. valid 4-H/FFA membership by exhibitor, ownership, tagging, date of birth, health requirements, etc).
   c. Animals cannot be entered directly into Market Exhibition classes. They will be placed in these by the superintendent prior to the show.
   d. Animals (that do not meet minimum Rate of Gain, or are under or over weight) which are shown in the Market Exhibition classes are not eligible for Champion Market Awards or participation in the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Livestock Sale.
2. Bred and Owned Market Lambs (only 2 entries per exhibitor).
3. Pair of Market Lambs (1 entry per exhibitor).
4. Champion Lightweight Market Lamb—Rosette.
5. Champion Medium-weight Market Lamb—Rosette.
6. Champion Heavy-weight Market Lamb—Rosette.
7. Grand Champion Market Lamb—Rosette.
8. Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb—Rosette.

DIVISION 14: 4-H SHEPHERD'S LEAD

Coordinator, Donna Feuillet

JUDGING

Thursday, Aug. 20

- 9:30am in the Sheep Pavilion

ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2026

- Please use online entry system or paper form provided at the Fair Office.

PREMIUMS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Classes 1–3:	$60	48	36	24	12	12

RULES

1. Open to any Montgomery County 4-H or FFA member who wish to participate. Participants do not need to own their sheep; one may be borrowed.
2. The entrant will be judged on the mode of dress selected which must be attractive and lend elegance to the class. The garment must be made of a least 60 percent wool. Entrants must furnish their own garments. Additional points will be given to those who construct their own garments.
3. Scripts are due to the Superintendent by 9am, Sunday, Aug. 13. The script should include information describing the exhibitor, his/her outfit, and his/her sheep. The script should be a maximum of 250-300 words and should include educational information on the qualities of wool and its uses.

CLASSES

1. Junior: Ages 8–10.
2. Intermediate: Ages 11–13.
3. Senior: Ages 14–18.
4. Grand Champion—Rosette.
5. Reserve Champion—Rosette.

DIVISION 15: LAMB PRODUCTION TEST

Registration is automatic with registration in Market Lamb Division. (Pre-registration not required).

RULES

1. All exhibits must comply with General Rules and Regulations.
2. All lambs must be the bona fide property of the 4-H exhibitor and must have been owned on or before May 31 of the current year and so designated with the County Extension Educator.
3. Official weigh committee must weigh lambs at the Sheep and Swine Field Day (June of current year) and at the County Fair on Monday, Aug. 17, at 8:30am.
4. To be eligible for premiums all lambs must be shown at the County Fair in the market lamb class and selected for the Sheep and Swine Sale.

PREMIUMS (Danish System)

Blue (0.75 lb+)	Red (0.60 to 0.74 lb)	White (0.50 to 0.59lb)
$7	$6	$5

DIVISION 16: SHEEP AND SWINE PROMOTIONS

- Coordinators: Marianne Mullinix
- Co-Coordinator: Gracie Ray

JUDGING

Tuesday, Aug. 18

- 6pm in the Swine Pavilion
- Immediately following Sheep & Swine Promotions: 4-H Meat Goat Promotions

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6–15th
$12	11	10	8	7	6

RULES

1. Entries are pre-entered and due to the Fair Office by July 20 with written scripts due to the Superintendents by noon on Tuesday, Aug. 18. The script should be written in two parts AND MUST BE A MAXIMUM OF 200 WORDS. Part one should describe the exhibitor, and part two should describe the class entry. Emphasis will be put on the crowd response and entertainment/educational value. The script may be written as a commercial radio or TV spot. Further clarification of the rules and score sheet will be available at Sheep and Swine 4-H Club meeting, or by calling the Superintendent.
2. Participants do not need to own their own lamb or pig. You may borrow from another 4-H member.
3. See General Rules and Regulations for Promotion Classes.

CLASSES

1. Sheep Species and/or Breed Promotion.
2. 4-H Promotions (Sheep).
3. Group Promotions (Sheep).
4. Champion Class 1, 2 & 3—Rosette & Award.
5. Reserve Champion Class 1, 2 & 3—Rosette & Award.
6. Swine Species and/or Breed Promotion.
7. 4-H Promotion (Swine).
8. Group Promotions (Swine).
9. Champion Class 6, 7 & 8—Rosette.
10. Reserve Champion Class 6, 7 & 8—Rosette & Award.
11. Grand Champion winner of Class 4 & 9—Rosette.

SPECIAL AWARDS

1. **The Velisek Family** offers an award for the Champion of Section SP Classes 1 and 2.
2. **John and Mary O'Malley** offer an award for the Reserve Champion of Section SP Classes 1 and 2.
3. **The Willard Family** offers an awards for the Champion of Section SP Classes 5 and 6.
4. **Mayne's Boer Goats - Ed and Tonjia Mayne and Family** offer an award for the Reserve Champion of Section SP Classes 5 and 6.

DIVISION 17: WOOL FLEECE

- Coordinators, Ashley Hobbs, 240-600-7665

Fleece Entry: July 20, 2026

Use Fleece Entry Form at mcagfair.com

Check in fleeces between 10am - 12pm Sunday, August 16 Bldg. 32

- Fleece Show: Sunday, Aug. 16, after Wool Breeds Show Bldg. 32
- Fleeces will be released Saturday, Aug. 22, after sheep meeting.

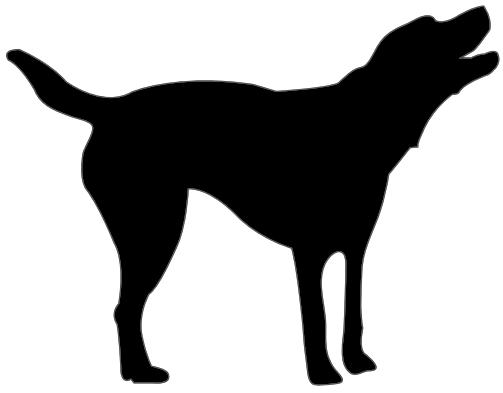
1. Fleeces should be at least 3" in length and not be more than 12 months growth except for yearlings, where 16 months growth is allowed.
2. All fleeces must be from sheep owned by the exhibitor at time of shearing.
3. No more than 2 fleeces from one exhibitor in each class.
4. Fleeces should be well skirted with tags and bellies removed.
5. Fleeces will be submitted in clear plastic bags and rolled so that the flesh side is showing.
6. You must include with your fleece an index card with:
   - Breed of Sheep
   - Age
   - Sex
   - Months of growth
   - Fleece weight
   - Farm name (optional)
   - Exhibitor Name, Phone Number & Email
7. Fleeces not in compliance with usual wool show standards may be disqualified by the superintendent or the judge.
8. Fleeces may be moved to a different class if the judge deems this necessary.
9. Judging will take into account the following points: 1) fleece characteristics as outlined by breed associations; 2) fleeces will be examined for strength, length, handle and cleanliness (yield) as well as overall uniformity of fleece.

PREMIUMS

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
$16	14	13	12	11	10	8	7	6	5

CLASSES

1. White Wool, fine count.
2. White Wool, medium count.
3. White Wool, long count.
4. Natural Wool, fine count.
5. Natural Wool, medium count.
6. Natural Wool, long count.
7. Champion Fleece, White Wool—Ribbon.
8. Reserve Champion Fleece, White Wool—Ribbon.
9. Champion Fleece, Natural Colored—Ribbon.
10. Reserve Champion Fleece, Natural Colored—Ribbon.
11. Grand Champion Fleece—Rosette.



4-H DOG SHOW
Department 15

SUPERINTENDENTS

- Superintendent: Beth Davis, 301-370-0369(c)
- 4-H Leader: Molly Morelli, 240-687-9704
- Show Secretary: Michael Heeg, 240-645-6754

ENTRY DEADLINE: July 20, 2026

ENTRY FEE

None required.

All entries must be submitted to the show secretary by July 13, 2026. The show secretary will submit all verified entries to the Fair office by July 20, 2026.

JUDGING

- Agility
- Obedience
- Rally
- Fitting and Showmanship
- Promotion