

2026

OPEN CLASS SHEEP

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1. Open Class Registration Deadline – **July 15**. Register online at fair.manitowocountywi.gov.
2. Entry Day – **Tuesday, August 25**, between **4pm and 6pm on the Westside of the Lesters Building**. Exhibitors may bring in animals during the Junior Fair time of 10am-11:30am on the Southside of the Lesters Building.
3. Judging Day – **Wednesday, August 26**, **starting immediately after Junior Fair Sheep or by 2pm in the Multi-Purpose Building**.
4. Release Day – **Sunday, August 30**, market sheep will be released at 4:30pm with the contract hauler only. **Starting no earlier than 5:30pm, all others will be released and decorations can be taken down. Exhibitors must clean pen(s) prior to leaving the fairgrounds. NO GARBAGE IN THE MANURE!**
5. **All exhibitors in this department must call the Superintendent by no later than August 1 with the number of animals they will be bringing. If exhibitor is over/under of the called in amount by more than one (1) animal, there will be a penalty of not exhibiting at the next County Fair. Rams will be assigned their own pen, all other lambs will be assigned two lambs per pen. Should an exhibitor need to separate their lambs, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to split the pen or forego tack (if available).**
6. Pens will be assigned by the Open Class Sheep Superintendent. All exhibitors must show with the youth organization whose leader approved the entry.
7. Each exhibitor must care for and feed the animal or make arrangements to have the animal fed or cared for and cleaned. **All animals must be kept clean, fed, watered and in place until checkout time on Sunday. An inspection will be done daily after 8am by the Superintendent. If an animal is determined to be neglected in any way by the Superintendent and/or Expo board member, the Exhibitor will be notified. Failure to keep pen clean and animal fed could result in forfeiture of premiums and possibly excluded from participation the following fair year.**
8. Champion ribbons will not be awarded when there is no competition.
9. **Each ram must be accompanied by one (1) designated handler when outside their assigned pen in the Lesters Building.**
10. No more than two (2) animals may be shown in each lot number by one (1) exhibitor or one (1) Registered Farm name.
11. Two (2) premiums can be awarded to one (1) exhibitor in individual entries, but one (1) premium in group entries.
12. Registered Columbias, Rambouillets, and Targhees shall be shown with two (2) inches of wool or less. All other breeds shall have been completely shorn not more than two (2) months or less than two (2) weeks to show date.
13. **HEALTH REGULATIONS:** See WI County, District, & State Fairs **2026** Animal Health Rules and Regulations located on the website. Any required health certificates/copies must remain in the Expo office during the fair.

Classifications

Fall Lamb Born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025

Winter Lamb Born between January 1, 2026 and February 15, 2026

Spring Lamb Born February 16, 2026 or after

CLASS A: HAMPSHIRE

CLASS B: SOUTHDOWN

CLASS C: SUFFOLK

CLASS D: COLUMBIA

CLASS E: MERINO

CLASS F: CORRIEDALES

CLASS G: CHEVIOTS

CLASS H: DORSET

CLASS I: POLYPAY

CLASS J: SHETLANDS

CLASS K: ANY OTHER WOOL BREED

CLASS L: ANY OTHER MEAT BREED

CLASS M: ANY OTHER CROSSBRED

Premiums for Classes A through M are as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$6.00

Red Ribbon - \$5.00

White Ribbon - \$4.00

Pink Ribbon - \$3.00

Lot Numbers:

100. Yearling Ram

101. Fall Ram Lamb

102. Winter Ram Lamb

103. Spring Ram Lamb

104. Mature Ewe

105. Yearling Ewe

106. Fall Ewe Lamb

107. Winter Ewe Lamb

108. Spring Ewe Lamb

109. Pair of Lambs

110. Flock

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CLASS N: WOOL/SHEEP SHOW

1. Open Class Registration Deadline – **July 15.**
2. Entry Day – **Tuesday, August 25, no later than 6pm.**
3. Judging Day – **Wednesday, August 26**, following Market Animal Sheep judging which begins after Junior Fair Sheep.
4. All fleeces must be from sheep owned by the exhibitor and shorn within the last twelve (12) months. Fleeces must be tied with paper twine.
5. all fleeces, except Champion and Reserve Champions, must be removed at the conclusion of judging. Champion and Reserve Champion Fleeces, white and natural colored, will be on display in the Exhibition Building until release time for sheep.
6. Judge may use own discretion in placing the fleece in the proper fleece category before show judging.
7. Junior Fair Exhibitors may show in the Open Class Wool Division.

Premiums for Class N is as Follows:

Blue Ribbon - \$6.00 Red Ribbon - \$5.00 White Ribbon - \$4.00 Pink Ribbon - \$3.00

Ribbon Award Only:

Champion White Fleece	Champion Natural Colored Fleece
Reserve Champion White Fleece	Reserve Champion Natural Colored Fleece

Lot Numbers:

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| 117. White Fleece – Fine | 120. Natural Colored Fleece – Fine |
| 118. White Fleece – Medium | 121. Natural Colored Fleece – Medium |
| 119. White Fleece – Coarse | 122. Natural Colored Fleece – Coarse |