2026

SHEEP

Exhibitor Handbook

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Thank you for being a part of the 2026 South Dakota State Fair!

We are thrilled to invite you back to Huron for the 2026 South Dakota State Fair on September 2-7! You are so important to our fair, whether you are a long-time exhibitor or a first-year competitor. We love to see the livestock shows brimming with your accomplishments and talents for fairgoers of all ages to enjoy.

What an exciting year we had in 2025 when we were able to host our inaugural Open Class Sheep Show in The SHED! And to top it off, The SHED received 1st place in the IAFE Agricultural Awards Program (International Association of Fairs and Expos) for the programming and activities that were held! We were very pleased with how the SD State Fair week went, and while we have made a few "tweaks", the schedule will remain similar to 2025.

The South Dakota State Fair exists to showcase the best of South Dakota and bring people together. The State Fair has a rich history of livestock showmanship. Your entries highlight the showmanship skills of citizens across the state of South Dakota and beyond. Fairgoers of all ages enjoy seeing your accomplishments and talents.

Please review the guidelines for entering your animals and note the deadlines for entering. We thank you in advance for sharing your livestock and talents with us. See you in August/September!

Sincerely,

The South Dakota State Fair Staff and Commission

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DEPARTMENT 400: SHEEP

Superintendent: Rufus DeZeeuw (605.690.8269)
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Assistant Superintendents: Patty DeZeeuw (605.690.5639) & Mary Held (605.690.7032)
Judges: Wool Breeds – Brooke Hendrickx, Bridgewater, SD & **Meat Breeds –** Mark Johnson, Sandwich, IL
Online Entries: https://sdsflive.fairwire.com
Competition Open to the World

SCHEDULE *(subject to change depending on entry numbers within breeds)*		
Tuesday, September 1	12 PM	Sheep may begin arriving
	12 – 6 PM	Check In – *Full week exhibitors & Session 1 exhibitors*
	7 PM	Fleece Show & Judging
Wednesday, September 2		Session 1:
	8 AM	Targhee
	10 AM	Corriedale
	1 PM	Polpay
	3 PM	Olde English Babydoll
Thursday, September 3	8 AM	Rambouillet
	10 AM	Natural Colored
	11 AM	All Other Wool Breeds
	12 PM	Session 1 Champion Drive
	4 PM	Jr. Wool Classic
	6 PM	Session 1 exhibitors released
Friday, September 4	10 AM	Program TBD – SHED Arena
	5 PM	Jr. Suffolk Show
	12-6 PM	Check In – Session 2 exhibitors
Saturday, September 5	8 AM	Deadline for Session 2 exhibitors to check in
		Session 2:
	9 AM	Dorset
	11 AM	Montadale
	1 PM	Southdown
	4 PM	Katahdin
	6 PM	Jr. Hampshire Show
Sunday, September 6	8 AM	Hampshire
	11 AM	Suffolk
	1 PM	All Other Meat Breeds
	2 PM	Session 2 Champion Drive
	4 PM	Lead Line Shows *Decorator, Jr-Jr, Junior, Senior, Adult*
	6:30 PM	Jr. Southdown Show
Monday, September 7	8 AM	Jr. Dorset Show
	11 AM	Jr. Katahdin Show
	1 – 5 PM	Open Class Sheep released by location

LIVESTOCK ENTERING/EXITING FAIRGROUNDS
If unloading south of 3rd St - enter Gate 8, then exit Gate 2.
If unloading north of 3rd St - enter Gate 4, then exit Gate 3.5, 4 or 4.5*.
**Gate 4.5 will close on Wednesday at noon. Following this time, all trailers entering Gate 4 must exit Gate 3.5 or 4. Gate 4.5 will re-open for outbound traffic only on Monday at 1 PM.*

JUNIOR SHOW COORDINATORS

Jr Suffolk:	Wesley Linke	*605.770.9626*	**Jr Southdown:**	Mark Bullington	*605.691.3216*
Jr Hampshire:	Danielle Houghtaling	*605.468.9065*	**Jr Wool Classic:**	Kristin Marshall Scott Kilber	*605.770.0132* *605.380.5262*
Jr Katahdin:	Keith Larsen	*605.350.5517*	**Jr Dorset:**	Tyler Fruechte	*605.695.9940*

ENTRY FEES – Open Class Sheep Show

$7 -	Single Entries
$10 -	Fleece Show
$10 -	Ladies Lead/Decorator
$10 -	Tack Pen *(Page 3 of the online entry site – tack pens will be assigned as paid & available)*

All fees shall be paid online by credit or debit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Each transaction will have a 5% processing fee.

There will be no fee to enter group classes - but on-line entry in group classes is required.

All entries are due by August 1, 2026. Late entries submitted online Aug 2-15 will be charged a late fee of $10/head in addition to regular entry fees. NO entries will be accepted after August 15, 2026.

Feeding/Unloading Permit: A feeding/unloading permit may be purchased at the State Fair Administration Office or online upon submission of livestock entry for $20 (only 1 permit per family/address allowed). This permit allows entry on the fairgrounds before 9 AM and after 6 PM to feed animals and then exit immediately. This is NOT a parking permit and will be subject to fines if vehicle is left unattended for an extended amount of time. Permits will only be valid during the designated hours.

Refund Policy: The fair may refund entry fees paid by an exhibitor if the exhibitor requests the refund in writing by August 15 and states the reason for requesting the refund. Following that timeframe, NO refunds will be issued.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Prize money in each individual Sheep Class will be paid on the following scale:									
$18	$15	$13	$13	$11	$11	$10	$10	$8	$8
Prize money in each group Sheep Class will be paid on the following scale:									
$16	$15	$12	$9	$8					
** Only 1st place will be paid in “Wool on a Live Animal” & “Best Breed Character” classes									

ADDITIONAL PREMIUM & AWARD INFORMATION

Grand & Reserve Champion Fleece Awards: $30 and $20 premium awards for both the Purebred & Commercial Fleece Grand and Reserve Champions will be presented.

Breed Division Grand & Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe Awards: In each Breed/Division, the following premium awards will be presented; Grand Champion Ram ($40), Reserve Champion Ram ($20), Grand Champion Ewe ($40), and Reserve Champion Ewe ($20).

Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe Awards: $150 and $75 awards for the Supreme Champion Ram and Supreme Champion Ewe in each Session will be presented.

Premier Exhibitor Awards: $40 awards for Premier Exhibitor will be presented to the exhibitor on no more than eight animals owned & exhibited by the same individual in each breed in individual classes (no group class placings used). No limit on number exhibited, but award automatically figured on top eight animals.

Scoring: 1st – 8 pts, 2nd – 7 pts, 3rd – 6 pts, 4th – 5 pts, 5th – 4 pts, 6th – 3 pts, 7th – 2 pts, 8 – 1 pt.

Sheep Herdsmanship Award: This award is for the exhibitor in The SHED with the most attractive pens & aisles, and best presentation to fair visitors. The award will be chosen by the Sheep Superintendent. This award is sponsored by Bill & Jody Fuller (17557 434th Ave, Clark, South Dakota 57225) and is chosen by the Sheep Superintendent.

Montadale Special Awards: The Dakota Montadale Association will sponsor monetary awards of $25, $20, $15 and $10 for the Top Junior Ewe Division and the Top Junior Ram Division. To be eligible to show, Junior dues of $5 must have been paid by show time. Top Jr. Ewe and Top Jr. Ram will also receive a plaque.**Trophies for the “Bill Poppen Memorial Montadale Show” are sponsored by:** Dakota Montadale Association, De Smet Farm Mutual, Fritz and Bruckner Montadales, Myrta Wold, Miller Montadales, Bruckner Family Montadales, and Nancy Webb.

ADDITIONAL PREMIUM & AWARD INFORMATION CONTINUED

Rambouillet Special Awards (traveling trophies):

Premier Rambouillet Exhibitor is sponsored by South Dakota Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.
1st place winner of Wool on a Live Animal in the Rambouillet Division is in memory of Murl Patrick by his family.
Top Rambouillet Yearling Ram is in memory of Elden Tompkins, for his years of support of the Rambouillet breed.

Hampshire Sheep Special Awards:

Traveling trophies are awarded for Grand Champion Ram and Grand Champion Ewe ~ sponsored by the South Dakota Hampshire Sheep Association.
Leonard Fuller Memorial Award will be awarded to the 1st place Hampshire flock.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

A completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, listing individual animal official identification must accompany all animals exhibited at the South Dakota State Fair. All sheep exhibited must have an official scrapie tag. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued within 30 days of entry to the State Fairgrounds. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection written for animals originating from outside the State of South Dakota must meet all state import requirements as listed on the SD Animal Industry Board website. The consignee must be listed as: **South Dakota State Fair, 1060 3rd St. SW Huron, SD 57350**

Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) Collection Process Has Changed.

1) Exhibitor presents CVI to Livestock Superintendent, or their designee, at check-in to verify they have a CVI.
   NOTE: If exhibitor is showing multiple species, they need a separate CVI for each species.
2) Exhibitor gets stall assignment and is responsible for writing the stall number on the CVI and then puts the CVI in the CVI collection box.
3) AIB collects CVIs from the collection box several times throughout the day to inspect animals.
4) It is the exhibitor's obligation and responsibility to ensure their animal(s) are healthy and that they have obtained a CVI within 30 days of bringing the animal(s) onto the fairgrounds. **Any exhibitor found bringing an animal with obvious issues pertaining to animal health and well-being will be asked to leave immediately and will not be allowed to show at the 2027 South Dakota State Fair.**
5) Electronic CVIs will be accepted. Exhibitors may show their electronic CVI upon check in and fill out the provided form to file in the CVI collection box.

Animals must be free of signs of communicable and infectious disease at the time of entry onto the Fairgrounds. Any determination of the health status of an animal will be at the discretion of the State Veterinarian or official representative. All animals will be subject to testing for foreign substances by the State Veterinarian at the discretion of the State Fair Commission.

B. ovis testing: **Livestock from outside of South Dakota:** A ram, six months of age and older, must have a negative ELISA Test for Brucella ovis within 30 days of entry to the fairgrounds, or originate from a certified Brucella ovis free flock with a current test date. The flock certification number or test result and laboratory must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

SD livestock (new 2023): *B.ovis testing is required for a ram from a South Dakota flock ONLY if the ram will be sold, loaned or leased.* All animals will be subject to testing for foreign substances by the State Veterinarian at the discretion of the State Fair Commission.

QUIET TIME

For safety and security of livestock and personal property, the South Dakota State Fair has established a "Quiet Time" in all barns that starts at 2 AM until 5 AM. Large gatherings, parties or excessive socializing will be prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All entries must be made online at https://sdsflive.fairwire.com. Entries are made by Division and Class numbers and must show the name, registry number, ear tag number, date of birth and sex for all individual classes. Group class entries do not require all the specific info – you can bypass those boxes by entering an "x" in the box. Entries must include exhibitor's name, address, social security number or Federal ID number.
2. The name of the exhibitor as entered online must correspond and be the same name as on breed registration papers.
3. **Sheep must be owned by exhibitor 30 days prior to opening day of Fair.** Certificates of registry association approved transfer or a notarized bill of sale showing the exhibitor to be the owner must be presented at check-in. These certificates must be dated by the association 30 days prior to the opening day of Fair. Animals under a lease agreement are not allowed to be shown in the lessee name in the Open Class show. Leased animals cannot be shown in different names in different events at the same fair.
4. Exhibitors will be permitted two entries in each individual Class, and two awards will be allowed. Exhibitors are only permitted one entry in Group Classes and only one award will be allowed. All animals occupying pens must be entered in competition.
5. Individual classes with large numbers of entries may be split at the discretion of the superintendent.
6. GROUP and PAIR ENTRIES: Division number for group entries must be entered. Animals must be entered and shown in individual Classes. **Group classes will not have entry fees but must be entered on-line by deadline. Only the top 5 groups will be placed. PAIR classes may be composed of mixed age lambs.**
7. Breed Association Special awards do not require on-line entry.
8. Maximum number of pens assigned to any one exhibitor is ten, for any one breed. Sheep pens and tack pens will be assigned by the superintendent according to availability. Tack pens will be limited and will not be assigned unless paid for on-line.
9. The open barn south of The SHED will be available for additional sheep housing and/or feed & bedding storage.
10. Exhibitors must have their stock in place at designated times unless detained from another fair and must remain in place until their release time. Release forms must be obtained from Superintendent before leaving the grounds. Late arrivals and early releases must be approved by the Superintendent.
11. **Livestock Release:** Livestock exhibitors will be released on Labor Day only at times designated by fair officials. The Superintendent for each species will issue a Livestock Release Form to exhibitors, which will state their assigned release time. Exhibitors must present this form to gate personnel at the time designated on the Livestock Release Form to be eligible to enter the fairgrounds to remove their livestock. Attempting to remove livestock before the assigned release time may result in:
    a. Loss of premium, and/or
    b. A one-year exhibition suspension from exhibiting livestock at the South Dakota State Fair.
12. **Check in entries with Superintendent at designated times. If not checked in prior to show, entrant will not be allowed to participate. Registry certificates must be provided at check-in and must match the name of the exhibitor.**
13. Substitution of animals within Class, already entered, will be permitted at check in, provided the animal asked to be substituted was owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to the opening day of the Fair. Exhibits which have been incorrectly entered may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be transferred to their proper Division at check-in. No changes may be made once judging has begun.
14. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stalls and pens clean and alleys free from obstruction.
15. Exhibitors of livestock should inform themselves when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called. Any person failing to comply with this order will be ruled out from competing.
16. New breeds of sheep must show for two years in All Other Meat or All Other Wool breeds and then have three exhibitors and 15 exhibits to establish a Breed Show with premiums.
17. Any breed not having three or more exhibitors with at least 15 animals in this breed will be taken out of premium books next year (but may show in AOM or AOW).
18. **Sunrise Photo at the Fair:** Youth exhibitors who wish to take a photo with their animal on the Midway may do so on Monday, September 1, from 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM. During this time, select carnival rides will be lit with flashing lights to create a special photo opportunity. For safety reasons, this is the only time animals will be permitted on the Midway. Exhibitors must be respectful of the

grounds by cleaning up after their animals and avoiding areas with food vendors or heavy foot traffic. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in forfeiture of premiums.

19. No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.
20. **Drenching.** Drench guns may be used in the exhibitor's stall/pen for hydration purposes. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is strictly prohibited.
21. **Photography/Videography:** When you attend the fair, you enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By entering the fairgrounds, you consent to such recording media and their release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction.
22. **THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR HAS ADOPTED AND WILL ENFORCE THE IAFE NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS.** A copy of this code can be obtained by contacting either the State Fair Office or the building superintendent.
23. **THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR HAS ADOPTED AND WILL ENFORCE AN ANIMAL WELFARE PLAN**. A copy of this can be found at https://www.sdstatefair.com/participate/competitive-exhibits/open-class-livestock/.
24. **Livestock Trailer Parking:** Livestock trailer parking is available at Huron Continental Marketing located west of Huron at 39763 US Hwy 14 or at the Heartland 4-H Rodeo Grounds located east of Huron at 2125 US Hwy 14. Free vehicle parking is available at 7th St. and Nevada Ave.
25. On-grounds parking is prohibited without permits. Parking passes issued to campers are valid only for the campsites. They are not valid anywhere else. If the vehicle does not fit within the boundaries of the campsite, the vehicle must be parked off grounds. Any vehicle found on-grounds without the proper credential for the area in which it's parked is subject to fines. There will be zero tolerance for parking violations; we will no longer be making PA announcements or giving warnings. Violators will be fined.
26. The South Dakota State Fair has an electronic system at the gates for admission. All exhibitors must have an admission pass when entering the fairgrounds during the fair. It is recommended to purchase passes in advance to make for efficient entry into the fair. The majority of admission passes will have bar codes on them that will be scanned upon entry. Parking passes will be checked upon entry to the fairgrounds. Passes are only valid for the area and terms listed on the pass.
27. **Fire Lanes:** any vehicle blocking a fire-lane will be towed at owner's expense. There will be zero tolerance.
28. Premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors within 60 days of the State Fair. If an exhibitor's earnings total $600 or over, a W-9 must be completed by the exhibitor before their check will be issued. Premium checks for the amount of $5 and under will not be mailed out (some exceptions apply). Affected exhibitors will receive instructions on how to collect premium winnings.
29. **Woodchips:** Woodchips will be on sale at the Feed & Forage Buildings, supplied by Show Stock Bedding. All bedding pre-orders will be done through ShoWorks when entering exhibits online, on Page 3 (Items). The State Fair office will give stall assignments Show Stock Bedding to all those that have purchased bedding that is to be delivered to your stall before arrival. If you have questions on bedding, please call Dan with Show Stock Bedding at 605.695.2179.

    Available products:

    - Inside Bulk Bedding (1 head [1 stall] – ½ cubic yard): $20 *(Pre-order only)*
    - Outside Tie-Out Bulk Bedding (1 head [1 stall] – ½ cubic yard): $20 *(Pre-order only)*
    - Cedar Fiber Bedding (3 Cubic feet per Bag): $10/bag
    - Showflake Pine Shavings (Large Flake, Triple Screened, minimal dust. 12 Cubic ft/Bag): $13/bag
    - Standard Pine Shavings (standard): $10/bag

North Barn hours of operation:

Saturday, Aug 29: 8 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, Aug 30: 8 AM – 5 PM
Monday, Aug 31: 7AM – 10AM, 4pm – 7pm
Tuesday, Sept 1: 7 AM – 7 PM
Wednesday, Sept 2: 7AM – 10AM, 4pm – 7pm
Thursday, Sept 3: 7AM – 10AM, 4pm – 7pm
Friday, Sept 4: 7AM – 10AM, 4pm – 7pm
Saturday, Sept 5: 7AM – 10AM, 4pm – 7pm
Sunday, Sept 6: 7AM – 12PM

South Barn hours of operation:

Saturday, Aug 29: Closed
Sunday, Aug 30: Closed
Monday, Aug 31: Closed
Tuesday, Sept 1: 7 AM – 7 PM
Wednesday, Sept 2: 7AM – 10AM, 4pm – 6pm
Thursday, Sept 3: 7AM – 9AM, 4PM – 6PM
Friday, Sept 4: 7AM – 9AM, 4PM – 6PM
Saturday, Sept 5: 7AM – 9AM, 4PM – 6PM
Sunday, Sept 6: 7AM – 10AM

SHEEP DIVISIONS

DIVISION 1 -- TARGHEE

DIVISION 2 -- RAMBOUILLET

DIVISION 3 -- CORRIEDALE

DIVISION 4 -- NATURAL COLORED BREEDS

DIVISION 5 -- ALL OTHER WOOL BREEDS

DIVISION 6 -- MONTADALE

DIVISION 7 -- SOUTHDOWN

DIVISION 8 -- SUFFOLK

DIVISION 9 -- DORSET

DIVISION 10 -- HAMPSHIRE

DIVISION 11 -- ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS

DIVISION 12 -- OLDE ENGLISH BABYDOLL

DIVISION 13 – POLYPAY

DIVISION 14 – KATAHDIN

Wool Breeds – Corriedale, Natural Colored, Olde English Babydolls, Polypay, Rambouillet, Targhee
Meat Breeds – Dorset, Hampshire, Katahdin, Montadale, Suffolk, Southdown

All Other Wool or Meat Breeds – must be purebred breeds with registry papers

CLASSES

1. Yearling Ram
2. Fall Ram Lamb - born 9/1-12/31, of previous year (must show lamb teeth)
3. January Ram Lamb – born 1/1-1/31, of current year
4. February Ram Lamb – born 2/1-2/28, of current year
5. March Ram Lamb – born after 3/1, of current year
6. SUFFOLKS &HAMPSHIRE ONLY - Slick sheared spring ram lamb class. (not eligible for class 3, 4, 5)
7. Pair of Ram Lambs – mixed age pairs allowed
8. Champion Ram
9. Reserve Champion Ram
10. Yearling Ewe
11. DORSETS ONLY - Slick Sheared Yearling Ewe - no butt wool
12. Pair of Yearling Ewes
13. Fall Ewe Lamb - born 9/1-12/31, of previous year (must show lamb teeth)
14. January Ewe Lamb – born 1/1-1/31, of current year
15. February Ewe Lamb – born 2/1-2/28, of current year
16. March Ewe Lamb – born after 3/1, of current year
17. SUFFOLKS & HAMPSHIRE ONLY - Slick sheared spring ewe lamb class. (not eligible for class 14, 15, 16)
18. DORSETS ONLY - Slick Sheared fall or spring ewe lamb. (not eligible for class 13, 14, 15, 16) No butt wool
19. Pair of Ewe Lambs – mixed age pairs allowed
20. Champion Ewe
21. Reserve Champion Ewe
22. Pair of Lambs – mixed age pairs allowed – one ewe lamb & one ram lamb.
23. Young Flock - Three head - one ram lamb and two ewe lambs.
24. Exhibitors Flock - One ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs.
25. WOOL BREEDS ONLY - Wool on a live animal: One award to animal previously shown displaying the best fleece.
26. Southdowns, Montadales, Katahdin, and All other meat breeds. - Best Breed Character: One award to animal previously shown displaying the best breed character: Dorsets, Hampshires & Suffolks are excluded from this class.

DIVISON 15: LEAD LINE

The objective of the lead line classes is to showcase exhibitors, sheep, and wool together to give spectators an opportunity to view a show highlighting the beauty and versatility of wool fabric. Sheep must be registered yearling ewes or ewe lambs, conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All rules for exhibiting sheep at the South Dakota State Fair pertain. Exhibitors participating in this division must have a sheep background or sheep interest. The exhibitor will be judged on the garment presented which must be attractive and lend elegance to the division. The garment, (purchased or constructed), must be 100% Wool or at least 60% Wool Blend. Entrants must furnish their own costume/garment(s), the animal's blanket/coordinating costume and resume describing their entry and giving general information about the entrant.

All entries must be made on-line at http://sdsflive.fairwire.com by August 1. If entering more than one contestant in Lead Line, either enter each contestant individually or please enter contestant name in "Name of Animal" to help the superintendent. Resumes must also be submitted by August 1 – send via email to sdopenclasssheep@gmail.com.

FIVE CLASSES

1) **Decorator**: 10 and Under, Boys or Girls
2) **Junior – Junior**: 8 and Under
3) **Junior**: 9-12 Years
4) **Senior**: 13-17 Years
5) **Adult**: 18 Years and Older

PREMIUMS

1st - $25 & Rosette 2nd - $23 3rd - $20 4th - $17 5th - $15 6th – 10th - $10

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Scoring:

DECORATOR DIVISION

POSSIBLE SCORE:	
Originality	25
Presentation	15
Use of wool in costume	10
TOTAL POSSIBLE	**50**

LEAD LINE DIVISION

POSSIBLE EXHIBITOR SCORE:	
General Appearance, Neatness & Grooming	10
Poise, Posture, Grace & Charm	10
Handling of Animal	10
TOTAL POSSIBLE	**30**
POSSIBLE OUTFIT SCORE: *Priority will be given to exhibitors who construct their own garment*	
Outfit: Fit and Color (Is it becoming?)	15
Style: Is it appropriate; is it a good use of wool	15
Constructed by exhibitor	10
TOTAL POSSIBLE	**40**
POSSIBLE SHEEP SCORE: *Priority will be given to animals that handle easily with halter*	
General Appearance (*fitting and presentation*)	10
Outfit Accessories (*coordinates with exhibitor outfit)*	10
Handles Easily *(steps right out, appears to have been worked with)*	10
TOTAL POSSIBLE	**30**
OVERALL TOTAL SCORE POSSIBLE	**100**

DIVISION 16: PUREBRED BREEDERS FLEECE EXHIBIT

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Only purebred breeders' fleeces are eligible to enter. Exhibitors may only enter two fleece per class.

Premiums

1st - $22.50 2nd - $18 3rd - $15 4th - $12 5th - $7.50

Classes

1. Cheviot
2. Columbia
3. Corriedale
4. Dorset
5. Hampshire
6. Montadale
7. Natural Colored
8. Olde English Babydoll
9. Polypay
10. Rambouillet
11. Southdown
12. Suffolk
13. Targhee

DIVISION 17: COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS FLEECE EXHIBIT

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This division is for exhibition of fleeces from Cross-bred and Commercial sheep producers, and is not intended for Purebred breeds. Exhibitors may only enter two fleece per class.

Premiums

1st - $22.50 2nd - $18 3rd - $15 4th - $12 5th - $7.50

Classes

1. South Dakota Fleece, fine (22 micron or lower)
2. South Dakota Fleece, 1/2 blood (22 - 25 microns)
3. South Dakota Fleece, 3/8 blood (25 - 27.8 microns)
4. South Dakota Fleece, 1/4 blood (27.8 - 34.4 microns)

Division 16 & Division 17 – Special Rules:

- All fleeces should be exhibited in clear plastic bags.
- Fleeces must have been shorn in fall of 2025 or in 2026. No fleeces with more than 15 months growth.
- No "purchased" fleeces allowed – fleeces exhibited must be from animals owned by the exhibitor.

Fleece judging will take place on Tuesday, September 1st for all fleece classes. The 1st place fleece in each class and Champion and Reserve Champion fleeces will remain after being judged and will be displayed during the fair. All other fleece show entries will be released to the exhibitor following judging.

New 2026 – Exhibitors who would like to offer their fleece(s) for sale may do so this year. Contact one of the superintendents at check-in for details.

SD State Fair "The SHED" Rules

1. **Compliance with Rules**
   Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable rules and regulations outlined in the Open Class Sheep Handbook. Violations may result in forfeiture of privileges, premiums, awards, proceeds, and other penalties determined by the governing organization of the respective show in collaboration with the State Fair Administration when necessary or applicable. Disqualified exhibitors, their families, representatives, and/or agents may face additional actions, including prohibiting future participation in livestock shows or access to SD State Fair facilities.
2. **No Smoking**
   Smoking is strictly prohibited in the barn.
3. **Livestock Feeding and Unloading Pass**
   A Livestock Feeding and Unloading Pass is required for a vehicle to enter the fairgrounds during morning & evening feeding hours. The pass may be purchased at the SD State Fair office (only one pass allowed per family). No parking is allowed around The SHED without permission.
4. **Electrical Power**
   All extension cords must be heavy-duty and installed neatly. Each electrical outlet provides 20 amps, with a maximum load of 80%. For reference:
   a. A fan uses 3 amps-7 amps
   b. A shearmaster uses 3 amps
   c. A Circuiteer/Air Express blower uses 17 amps & a double blower uses 30 amps
   d. Ensure your total load does not exceed the limit – be sure to consider both sheep equipment and other items such as crock pots, small refrigerators, etc..
5. **Blown Breakers**
   If a breaker is blown, contact the Superintendent
6. **Generators**
   Generators are not allowed in The SHED.
7. **Fire Lanes & Exit doors**
   Fire lanes around and within the buildings must remain clear at all times. For fire lane locations, refer to the provided map. Exit doors must remain clear and accessible for emergency use.
8. **Wheelbarrows, rakes & shovels**
   Wheelbarrows, etc. are provided to exhibitors on a good-faith basis. Exhibitors are responsible for emptying manure into the designated bunker south of the barn and returning tools used.
9. **Cleanliness and Equipment**
   Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their penning area with bedding kept in the pens and not encroaching into the aisles. All equipment is to remain within the exhibitor's tack and stalling area and not encroach on end caps, aisles or fire lanes.
10. **Stall and Pen Assignments**
    Department superintendents will assign stall and pen spaces for livestock and reserve the right to relocate exhibitors as needed. Tack pens will be assigned as space allows and per online entry. Refer to Sheep Office bulletin board for pen assignments. The south open barn may be used for additional sheep housing and for feed & bedding storage.
11. **Leave your pets at home or in your camping area**
    Pets are welcome in the campground, but are not allowed anywhere else on the fairgrounds except as part of an exhibit or as a service animal. Pets must be leashed and have all current vaccinations.

All decisions made by show management are final.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

   If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

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5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.

10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.

11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.