# SHEEP RULES & REGULATIONS

**Superintendent: Allen Miller**

## Breeding Sheep Regulations:

**BREEDING EWE SHOW- Thursday, February 26, 2026 @ 10:00 am**

**OYE NOMINATION IS REQUIRED TO SHOW COMMERCIAL BREEDING EWES**
**Purebred Breeding Ewes do NOT require OYE Nomination.**

**1. Ownership:** Each commercial ewe must have been continuously owned and fed personally by the exhibitor since January 1, 2026. Every animal entered in the purebred show must have a pedigree issued by the respective breed association. The purebred ewes must be registered in the name of the junior exhibitor PRIOR TO JANUARY 1 OF THE CURRENT YEAR. No partnerships are allowed. All breeding sheep without a registered pedigree must be shown in the Commercial Breeding Ewe Division.

**2. Exhibition:** Exhibitors may show four (4) breeding ewes. Sheep must be penned inside the designated stalling area to be eligible to show.

a. **Purebred:** Purebred classes will be determined by age (Lambs and Yearlings).

b. **Minimum Number of Head Guidelines:** Breeds with 5 entries or less will show in one class.

c. **Commercial breeding ewes:** Commercial breeding ewes will show in one division with classes determined by weight.

**3. Show Order:** Hair, Southdown, Shropshire, Dorset, Dorset Advantage, Hampshire, Suffolk**,** Commercial breeding ewes

a. **Awards:** Sponsorships of the Ewe Show will be divided between the number of head shown and distributed through a check to exhibitors.

**4. Entries:** Check-in will begin at **7:30 am, February 26, 2026, with all ewes**. Please bring your animal and registration papers (if purebred) to the show ring for check-in. Commercial ewe weight cards must be turned in by **9:00 am, Thursday, February 26, 2026** in the show office.

**5. Registration Papers:** Official registration papers are required. Applications, faxed copies and pending documents are not acceptable forms.

**6. Weight:** The minimum weight requirement for commercial breeding ewes is 90 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit. There is no official weigh-in of commercial breeding ewes. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use in determining weight for the official entry card. Any commercial breeding ewe weighing less than 90 pounds on show day will be sifted.

**7. Weigh Back:** Upon completion of showing in each class, the show superintendents will weigh a minimum of the top three (3) animals. If an animal is more than five (5) pounds above or five (5) pounds below the official estimated weight as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the animal will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified animals will not move up to the next class.

**8. Grooming:** All breeding ewes must be slick shorn before entering the show ring. There can be no wool above the knees or hocks. Artificial coloring and paint are not permitted for use in the breeding ewe division during the show.

**9. Age:** Ewe Lambs must have all 8 temporary incisors with no visible signs of permanent incisors. Yearling ewes must have 6 temporary incisors and one pair of permanent incisors. Commercial breeding ewes who do not meet the ewe lamb tooth rule will be shown in a yearling class.

**10. Identification:** Flock tag, tattoo and/or association tag must be in the ear – NO EXCEPTIONS. A scrapie tag must be present in the ear of all ewes at the time of the show. (A scrapie tag may be obtained from a county agent, an Ag Ed teacher or the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture).

**11. Premium Sale Order:** There will be three (3) breeding ewes sold in the premium sale. The supreme, reserve supreme and bronze medallion ewes will be eligible. For the purpose of duplicated winners, alternates may be selected.

**12. General Rules:** Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the breeding sheep division.

## WETHER LAMB DIVISION after completion of Breeding Sheep Show
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**OYE NOMINATION IS REQUIRED TO SHOW**

# Market Lamb Regulations:

**1. Ownership:** Each wether must have been continuously owned and fed personally by the exhibitor since November 13, 2025.

**2. Exhibition:** Exhibitors may show four (4) market wethers. Ewe lambs are not eligible for the market lamb division (Wethers Only). The following breeds will be recognized: Hair Sheep, Southdown, Shropshire, Dorset, White Face Crossbred, Natural, Hampshire, and Black Face Crossbred**.** Sheep must be penned inside the designated stalling area to be eligible to show.

**3. Show Order:** Hair Sheep, Southdown, Shropshire, Dorset, White Face Crossbred, Hampshire, Natural, and Black Face Crossbred**.**

**4. Entries: Market lambs will be classified and identified on Thursday, February 26, 2026, beginning at 7:30 am.** The classification order and show order are the same. The official show ring card must be turned in at classification with the final weight as determined by the exhibitor.

**5. Weight:** The minimum weight requirement for market lambs is 90 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit. There is no official weigh-in of market lambs. Official scales will be available for exhibitors to use in determining weight for the official entry card. An exhibitor must show their animal in the appropriate weight class. In other words, if an exhibitor misses their weight class for any reason, the exhibitor is not allowed to move up to the next weight class. Any market lamb weighing less than 90 pounds on show day will be sifted.

**6. Weigh Back:** Upon completion of showing in each class, the show superintendents will weigh a minimum of the top three (3) animals. If an animal is more than five (5) pounds above or five (5) pounds below the official estimated as determined by the exhibitor on the official entry card, the animal will be disqualified from the show. Disqualified animals will not move up to the next class.

**7. Teeth:** There is no tooth rule.

**8. Grooming:** Artificial coloring and paint are not permitted for use in the market lamb division during the show. All market lambs must be slick shorn prior to classification. There can be no wool above the knees or hocks.

**9. Identification:** An OYE Fair tag must be present in the ear of all wethers at the time of the show.

**10. Testing:** All market lambs are subject to be tested for unauthorized compounds.

**11. Premium Sale:**

a. For market wether breeds with 10 head or more shown, champions are guaranteed a spot in the sale.

b. For market wether breeds with less than 10 head shown**,** champions are NOT guaranteed a spot in the sale. Sale order for these breeds will be selected by quality order as determined by the sheep judge.

**12. General Rules:** Review the General Rules and Regulations for all exhibitors and animals listed elsewhere in this publication. These rules and regulations will apply in the market lamb show.