



# Junior Sheep Shows

**Arrival:** Wednesday October 1, 2025

**Livestock Check-In:** Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2pm-4pm

ALL animals (excluding rabbits) must be in place by 2pm.

**Weigh:** Thursday October 2, 5-5:30pm

**Judging:** Friday October 3, 9am

**Release:** Friday October 3, 10pm

**Show Order Starting at 9am FRIDAY    Entry Fee 8/01-9/10    Entry Fee 9/11-9/17**

Breeding Sheep	\$15	\$30
Wether Dam Lambs	\$15	\$30
Market Lambs	\$20	\$40
Arkansas Bred Market Lambs	-----	-----
Sheep Showmanship	\$5 (Paid on Site)	
Boer Goats	\$15	\$30
Dairy Goats	\$15	\$30
Wether Dam Goats	\$15	\$30
Market Goats	\$20	\$40
Goat Showmanship	\$5 (Paid on Site)	

**RULE 1. ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in the Sheep Division is limited to members in good standing with their 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Exhibitors must be 5 years of age and cannot have reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by the opening day of the Southwest District Fair, Tuesday September 30, 2025. Exhibitors may not show in a Junior Show no later than the fall after graduating high school or receiving a GED certificate or its equivalent regardless of age.

**RULE 2. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS:** To be eligible for competition, animals must be the sole property of the exhibitor. All animals entered for competition in the breeding classes must be entered in the name of the owner by July 15<sup>th</sup> of current year. Original registration certificates of ownership must be presented at time of check in.

**RULE 3. ENTRY DEADLINE:** Early entries will be August 1<sup>st</sup>-September 10<sup>th</sup>. Late entries will be September 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. **NO** entries will be accepted after September 17<sup>th</sup>. Substitutions may be made, if possible, for \$15 with the Show Chairman's approval.

**RULE 4. ARRIVAL & RELEASE:** Arrival will be Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup> with Livestock Check-In from 2pm-4pm. All animals must be in place by 2pm. Release will be Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10pm.

**RULE 5. GATE PASSES/ ENTRANCE:** All exhibitors will receive 1 back gate pass to be used by the **EXHIBITOR ONLY**. Parents, other relatives and visitors can purchase their own discounted pass on-line or pay the regular gate fee. Two-Day discounted passes are presale **ONLY** and available on the ShoWorks entry website until September 24<sup>th</sup>. Passes will be full price on the grounds. Passes are not required for the Rabbit Show.

**RULE 6. BEDDING:** Shavings will **NOT** be provided or available for purchase on the fairgrounds. Stall area **MUST** be cleaned before release. Failure to do so could result in loss of any premium monies. All hay and manure must be disposed in designated areas. **NO SMOKING IN ANY OF THE BARNs.**

**RULE 7. CODE OF BEHAVIOR/ RULES:** All exhibitors, parents of exhibitors, county extension agents, vocational agriculture instructors and any others involved with exhibitors are expected to adhere to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. A copy is available to view under Rules and Regulations on the website.

**IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:**

1. If an exhibitor in any way, whether in person or by agent or servant, interferes with the judges during their adjudication or shows any disrespect to them or the Southwest District Fair Officials, such person and agents will be subject to penalties as detailed in rules 3 and 4 below.
2. Any act of discourtesy or disobedience to Southwest District Fair officials on the part of the exhibitor, parents or sponsors will disqualify exhibitor from the contest and the owner shall forfeit their entrance and other fees. Any exhibitor, parent or sponsor who shall attempt to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties or who shall make any false statement in regard to any animal exhibited or shall interfere with official's and/or judge's books shall be excluded from the competition and may be subject to other disciplinary actions.
3. **PENALTIES:** AN EXHIBITOR, EXHIBITORS PARENT, AGENT, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructor or other person associated with an exhibitor who violates any of the rules contained herein, or whose animal has been found to be in violation of the rules is subject to such penalties as the management shall order, including but not limited to:
  - a. Such animal being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
  - b. The exhibitor being barred from entering and/or participating at the Southwest District Fair event.
  - c. The exhibitor, the exhibitor's family, representatives or agents of the exhibitor or all of these, being barred from any further participation.
  - d. Violator's name and address being reported to the National Association of Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Rule Infraction Database. Being reported in the database may result in disqualification from any national livestock show. If you are listed in this database, you may no be allowed to participate in any event held at the Southwest District Fair or any associated event.

- e. Awards and premiums being withheld. In the event any awards or premiums have been given by the Southwest District Fair to animal or exhibitor in violation of these rules, the exhibitor will, upon demand by the Southwest District Fair, immediately return all awards and premiums given to such animal or exhibitor.
  - f. Exhibitor being liable to the Southwest District Fair shall indemnify and hold the Southwest District Fair harmless from all damages, including but not limited to all expenses and costs for blood, tissue, urine, hide and/or carcass sampling and testing, Southwest District Fair management labor and expenses, consultant legal and court costs incurred as a result of violations of Southwest District Fair rules and regulations.
4. Penalties for violations in junior shows – See above penalties in rule #3. In addition, the following penalties apply:
- a. If an exhibitor, the parent(s) or other family of a junior exhibitor, County Extension Agent, Vocational Agriculture Instructors or any other agent associated with said exhibitor is charged with behavior that is not in accordance with the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, the result will be that the individual will be banned from future shows conducted by the Southwest District Fair for at least, but not restricted to one year.
  - b. In the event that the individual who is found to be in violation of the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics or any rule stated in any part of the Southwest District Fair rules, is a county Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor, that person will not be allowed to sign entry forms, nominations forms or any other official paperwork submitted to the Southwest District Fair office and they too will be banned from Southwest District Fair Grounds during competitive events held at this facility for at least, but no limited to one year.
  - c. If action must be taken toward a County Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Instructor documentation of this action will be reported to his/her supervisor at the discretion of the Southwest District Fair Management.
  - d. The Southwest District Fair reserves to its management the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and amend or add to these rules as its judgement may determine.
  - e. Any exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and will be subject to such penalty as the management may order.
  - f. The decisions of the Southwest District Fair management are final and not subject to protest.

**RULE 8. CARE OF ANIMALS:** All owners of livestock or others having same in charge, shall care for, guard, protect and preserve the same, as the Southwest District Fair does not undertake to do so, and it shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to said property or the others thereof. Each livestock exhibitor must furnish his own bucket for watering and his own feed troughs. All livestock shall be in the charge of competent, courteous and neatly dressed attendants, who shall impart to visitors such information as shall be desired. Animals must be kept in condition for inspection by the public from 8am Thursday until released. All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9am each day and refuse disposed of as the superintendent may direct. Failure to abide by any rule, regulation or decision may result in removal of animal from the grounds and all entries will be forfeited.

**RULE 9. HEALTH REGULATIONS:** The Southwest District Fair reserves the right to have a blood and urine laboratory analysis made for any market animals at the fair. Any exhibitor administering a drug to an animal which would render the carcass unfit for human consumption or any exhibitor of any animal producing an analysis indicating presence of an unapproved drug that can result in a quantitative or qualitative change in the characteristics of an animal will be required to return all premium money and could be banned from further competition in the Southwest District Fair. Their name and lab analysis will be submitted to the USDA and FDA for further investigation and possible prosecution. All livestock for exhibition or any other purpose shall conform to the following rules and regulations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commissions.

**RULE 10. LIABILITY OF EXHIBITORS:** No animals (pets) will be allowed on the Midway. No unauthorized vehicles of any kind will be allowed on the Midway after 3pm Monday through 11am Sunday. All property of every character entered for competitive play, or for any other purpose, or brought into the fairgrounds by any person shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Directors. In no case shall the Southwest District Fair or any of its officers/directors, be held responsible for any loss, damage, injury or death by disease, theft or from any other cause of any character, to any property while staying in the fairgrounds, or any other time or place. The management hereby assumes no responsibility, either as bailee or otherwise, for any property being brought and kept upon said grounds. If the property owners or others interested in the property, desire protection against loss, damage, injury from fire or other cause, they must make their own arrangements and pay for such insurance. Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees, stalls, space or exhibitor's tickets/passes.

**RULE 11. JUDGING/ AWARDS:** Only animals that are credible from the standpoint of type, quality and finish shall be eligible for judging. The judge may, at his/her discretion, award placing according to the animal's quality; therefore, a single entry is not automatically awarded first place. No exhibitor shall be permitted to win more than 2 prizes in any one class. All protests shall be made to the Livestock Chairman in writing immediately following the conclusion of judging. Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint and be accompanied by a \$250 deposit. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Decisions of the Livestock Show Chairman are final, pending a complete investigation.

**RULE 12. EXHIBIT SALE:** In the interest of furthering the livestock business of the area and in the interest of producing and providing food, all animals exhibited in the Southwest District Fair may be sold privately on the fairgrounds.

**RULE 13. CONTROL OF ANIMALS:** All open and junior exhibitors must have complete control of their animals in the show ring and on the fairgrounds at all times.

**RULE 14. NO FIT:** Grooming products will be allowed with the exception of any adhesive or paint product. Exhibitors not following this rule will be disqualified.

**RULE 15. PROHIBITED ACTS:** The act of artificially filling animals internally, stomach pumping, is prohibited. Silicone injection or other injection for cosmetic purposes shall be prohibited. Anabolic

steroid use shall likewise be prohibited and any animal testing positive for anabolic steroid or diuretic use shall be presumed to be altered or modified. Drenching is allowed.

**RULE 16. SHOWING ANIMALS:** All animals entered are to be shown by the owner, unless unavoidable circumstances forbid the owner's presence, in which case the animal may be shown by another youth who is also a junior exhibitor. Prior approval by Livestock Chairman is necessary for this substitution.

**RULE 17. SHOWMANSHIP:** Showmanship classes will be judged between the sheep and goat shows. Classes: Pee-Wee Ages 5-8, Junior Ages 9-12, Intermediate Ages 13-15, Senior Ages 16 & up. Exhibitors use their actual date of birth on the opening day of the fair, Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> to determine which class to enter ***There is NO on-line registration.*** A \$5 entry fee must be paid upon entering ring the day of show. Money will be placed in jackpot; winner take all. Each exhibitor entering Showmanship must show his/her own animal.

**RULE 18.** Any violation of these rules and show order will cost a forfeiture of all premiums earned by the exhibitor. In the interest of improving the Junior Show, the Southwest District Fair requests that the County Agents, and Ag. teachers certify as to the eligibility of both the exhibitor and the animal.

## MARKET LAMBS

1. There are two divisions for the Market Lambs show; Slick Shorn and Hair. These divisions will be combined for choosing Grand and Reserve Market Lamb.
2. Lambs must be entered by scrapie tag and have tags in one ear.
3. Weigh-in is Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-5:30pm. Minimum weight is 70 pounds. The show chairman will determine the classes by weight.
4. Ewes shown in the market show are not eligible to show in Breeding Sheep or Wether Dam Lamb Shows. NO refunds.
5. Lambs must be owned by July 15<sup>th</sup> of current year.
6. All market lambs in the slick shorn show must not have wool longer than ¼ inch.
7. No ram lamb will be shown in this show.
8. Limit three entries per exhibitor.
9. 1st -6<sup>th</sup> place awarded for each class.
10. \$5.00 of each entry fee will be placed in Jackpot and will be paid as follows:

60% Grand Champion 40% Reserve Champion

### CLASSES:

CLASS 01 – Hair

CLASS 02 – Slick Shorn

# ARKANSAS BRED MARKET LAMB SHOW

All Arkansas Bred Lambs (ABL) (Wethers & Ewes) that have been entered with the Arkansas Junior Sheep Council (AJSC) and are tagged with an ABL tag for the current year, are eligible for the ABL Market Show. Placement of the Top 5 ABL market lambs is required.

## BREEDING SHEEP

1. All animals entered in the breeding classes must be registered in the exhibitor's name by July 15<sup>th</sup> of current year.
2. Registration certificates must be available for inspection at the show and the animals must be wearing the association ear tag.
3. Individuals in lamb classes must have lamb teeth and be born after September the previous year. Yearlings may have four permanent teeth.
4. No exhibitor may enter more than two entries per class.
5. No combination of junior exhibitors in filling group classes will be allowed.
6. Exhibitors are limited to three entries.
7. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place awarded for each class.
8. Ewes shown in the Breeding Show are not eligible to show in Market Show or Wether Dam Lamb Shows. NO refunds.

### BREEDS:

Columbia, Corriedale	Rambouillet
Commercial Hair	Shropshire
Commercial Wool	Southdown
Dorper	Suffolk
Dorset	AOB
Hampshire	

### CLASSES:

- Class 01 – Yearling ewe born after September 1, 2023  
Class 02 – Aged ewe (any ewe too old for classes 9-13, cannot be considered for champion)  
Class 03 – Pair of yearling ewes born after September 1, 2023  
Class 04 – Fall ewe lamb, born September 1 to December 31, 2024  
Class 05 – Early Spring ewe lamb, born January 1 to February 15, 2025  
Class 06 – Mid Spring ewe lamb, born February 16 to March 31, 2025  
Class 07 – Late Spring ewe lamb, born on or after April 1, 2025

## Wether Dam Lamb Show

1. Wether Dam Lambs are defined as any crossbreed or purebred animal.
2. Ewes shown in the Wether Dam Show are not eligible to show in Breeding Show or Market Show. NO refunds.
3. Weigh-in is Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00-5:30. There is no minimum or maximum weight.
4. Lambs must be slick shorn (shorn above knees and hocks).
5. All lambs must have lamb teeth, no permanent teeth showing.
6. No exhibitor may enter more than two entries per class, only three entries total.
7. 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place awarded for each class.