

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2026 Junior Breeding Sheep

- Divisions: see individual breeds
- Department 942
- Entry Fee: \$15 per entry

Entries Close:	Monday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Begin Arrival:	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
In Place:	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
Inspection:	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
Show:	Tuesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
Jr. Showmanship:	Following Show
Begin Release:	At the completion of the show
All Out:	Wednesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## Competition Requirements

1. All entrants must have read and be familiar with the General Competition Requirements, Livestock and Small Animal Competition Requirements, Junior Livestock Participation Requirements, Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct, Animal Welfare Policy, and Livestock Health Requirements. When applicable, all association rules shall apply.
2. All entrants for livestock exhibited in Open, Breed, or Market competitions must provide a valid premises identification (PID) number at entry. To obtain a PID, contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or click on the following link:  
<https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

3. Bedding: Exhibitors are responsible for their own livestock bedding. Entry into competition at the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition (“State Fair”) does not include bedding.

Exhibitors may pre-order bedding and shavings through the official bedding vendor or bedding will be available to purchase on-grounds from said vendor upon arrival. The phone number and order portal will be posted on the Fair’s website.

Straw may only be used for dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding sheep, and open breeding cattle tie-outs. All other uses of straw are prohibited.

Outside bedding for livestock exhibitors is permitted.

4. All sheep will be inspected for general health at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026. Slick-shorn sheep MUST be shorn by the time of inspection. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases will be rejected. Animals with active ringworm or ringworm-like lesions resulting in loss of wool or multiple warts that are easily visible will not be permitted to exhibit.
5. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in this show or in any one of these classes. Premiums will be paid in accordance with the premium schedule listed in this division.
6. The Wether Sire/Dam Class will consist of non-registered and crossbred sheep. Classes for ewes and rams will be provided in Junior and Open Divisions. An ownership certificate is required on all Wether Sire/Dam animals shown. All will be shown slick shorn. For all other breed classes Junior and Open classes, “registration papers” are required. All registered animals must be registered solely in the junior exhibitor’s name. No junior animal that is owned in any type of partnership is allowed to show in the junior livestock division.
7. Sheep entered in lamb classes must have all lamb teeth in place. Those entered in yearling classes may have two or four permanent teeth.
8. Slick-shorn breeding ewe lambs must only be those that have lambs teeth (no animal over one year of age) and cannot be shown in another ewe lamb class.
9. Entry Numbers: Each entry will be assigned a number, which will be provided to all exhibitors. The exhibitor must display these numbers when the animal is in the show ring.

10. Junior Breeding sheep must have Scrapie Premise ID tags. Do not cut out any Scrapie identification tags.
11. Michelle Sterkel and Sterkel Hampshire will offer Bred and Owned classes for all junior sheep. Cash awards will be awarded to those individuals who place first and second in those classes.
12. To be eligible for the Bred and Owned classes, the Junior exhibitor must show proof of raising the lamb. Proof may be submitted in the following ways:
  - a. One picture of the exhibitor with the lamb and scrapie ear tag number at birth to two (2) weeks old, at weaning and before the show, or;
  - b. Registration papers in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers at lambing must be in the name of the exhibitor or the family farm.
13. Ribbons and Premiums will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place.

## Junior Breeding Sheep Classes: Order of Show TBA

### Meat Divisions

Division # and Breed	Meat Div #1 Southdown	Meat Div. #2 Dorset	Meat Div. #3 Hampshire	Meat Div. #4 OBP Meat	Meat Div. # 5 Wether Sire/Dam
Ram 1 Yr. & Under 2	4100	4150	4200	4250	4300
Ram Lamb	4101	4151	4201	4251	4301
Champion Ram	4102	4152	4202	4252	4302
Res. Champ. Ram	4103	4153	4203	4253	4303
Ewe, 1 Yr. & Under 2	4104	4154	4204	4254	4304
Ewe Lamb	4105	4155	4205	4255	4305
Late Spring Ewe Lamb	4106	n/a	4206	4256	4306
Slick Shorn Ewe Lamb	4107	n/a	4207	4257	4307
Champion Ewe	4108	4158	4208	4258	4308
Res. Champ. Ewe	4109	4159	4209	4259	4309
*Pen of 3 Lambs	4111	4161	4211	4261	4311

**Wool Divisions**

<b>Division #</b>	<b>Wool Div. #7 Columbia</b>	<b>Wool Div #8 OPB Wool</b>
Ram 1 Yr. & Under 2	4400	4450
Ram Lamb	4401	4451
Champion Ram	4402	4452
Res. Champ. Ram	4403	4453
Ewe, 1 Yr. & Under 2	4404	4454
Ewe Lamb	4405	4455
Late Spring Ewe Lamb	n/a	n/a
Champion Ewe	4408	4458
Res. Champ. Ewe	4409	4459
*Pen of 3 Lambs	4411	4461

**Natural Colored & White Handspinning Divisions**

<b>Division #</b>	<b>Nat Colored Div. #9 Fine &amp; Medium</b>	<b>Nat Colored Div #10 Long Wool &amp; Carpet</b>	<b>White Handspin. Div #11 Fine &amp; Medium</b>	<b>White Handspin. Div #12 Long Wool &amp; Carpet</b>
Ram 1 Yr. & Under 2	4500	4550	4600	4650
Ram Lamb	4501	4551	4601	4651
Champion Ram	4502	4552	4602	4652
Res. Champ. Ram	4503	4553	4603	4653
Ewe, 1 Yr. & Under 2	4504	4554	4604	4654
Ewe Lamb	4505	4555	4605	4655
Late Spring Ewe Lamb	4506	4556	4606	4656
Champion Ewe	4508	4558	4608	4658
Res. Champ. Ewe	4510	4560	4610	4660
*Pen of 3 Lambs	4511	4561	4611	4661

## Age Classifications

### Southdown, Hampshire, Columbia, Wether Sire/Dam, Natural Colored, White Handspinning

- Ram or Ewe Lamb

Born on or after Dec. 1, 2025

- Ram or Ewe, 1 Year & Under 2

Born Sept. 2024 - Aug. 2025

## Group Classifications (No Entry Fee Required):

\*Pen of 3: Either or Both Sexes represented.

\*Slick Shorn:

Animals can only be shown in Dorset, Hampshire and OPB Meat classes. Animals cannot have more than 1/4-inch wool without patterns.

## Premium Schedule

No. of Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	\$22	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2-3	\$26	\$18	\$14	\$0	\$0	\$0
4-5	\$30	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$0	\$0
6-7	\$34	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$14	\$0
8-9	\$38	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18	\$0
10-11	\$42	\$34	\$30	\$26	\$22	\$18
12-14	\$46	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$26	\$22
15 and up	\$50	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$26

## Bred & Owned Premiums

	1st	2nd
1	\$50	\$25

## Supreme Champion

- Division 100

### 4598. Supreme Champion Ram

- Banner By Colorado State Fair Authority
- Cash Award from Colorado Wool Growers

### 4599. Supreme Champion Ewe

- Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority
- Cash award from Colorado Wool Growers Association

Selected from Champion Rams and Champion Ewes of all breeds

### 4600. Bred & Owned

- Cash award from Sterkel Hampshires
- Banner by Colorado State Fair Authority

## Awards

Champion Ram & Ewe (All Breeds)

- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority
- Gift Certificate from Cinch

Res. Champion Ram & Ewe (All Breeds)

- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority
- Gift Certificate from Cinch

## **Junior Breeding Sheep Showmanship**

- Division 25
- Department 942

Show: Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, following show

### **Competition Requirements:**

1. No Pre-Entry or Entry Fee is required.
2. One class is offered, which is limited to exhibitors with Jr. Breeding Sheep Show entries. Exhibitors must show their own animals.
3. The judge will consider the animal's appearance, the exhibitor's showmanship ability, and the exhibitor's appearance, courtesy, and knowledge.
4. Rosette ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place. No premiums.

### **Classes:**

#### **4570.Senior Division (age 14-18)**

- Champion Buckle by Need Sponsor
- Gift Certificate from Cinch
- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

#### **4573. Intermediate Division (11-13)**

- Champion Buckle by Need Sponsor
- Gift Certificate from Cinch

- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

### **4575. Junior Division (age 8-10)**

- Champion Buckle by Sidwell Show Sheep
- Gift Certificate from Cinch
- Award by Colorado State Fair Authority

## **Junior Breeding Sheep Special Awards**

**Cinch** will award gift certificates to each breed Champion and the Champion Showman of each age division.

**Clint And Casey Sidwell**, 31306 Co. Rd. 57, Gill, CO 80624, offers cash awards to the winners of the following classes: Slick Shorn Hampshire Spring ewe lamb; Slick Shorn Dorset spring ewe lamb; Slick Shorn AOB spring ewe lamb; Slick Shorn Suffolk spring ewe lamb; Southdown spring ewe lamb; Wether/dam early spring ewe lamb and Wether/dam late spring ewe lamb. These cash awards will be paid with premiums.

**Clint And Casey Sidwell**, 31306 Co. Rd. 57, Gill, CO 80624, provides the buckle awarded to the Junior Sheep Showman Champion.

**Colorado State Fair Authority** will provide banners for the Supreme Slick Shorn Ewe Lamb, Supreme Champion Ram, and Supreme Champion Ewe. Awards will be provided for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe in all breeds. Awards will also be provided for the Champion Showman in the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Divisions.

**Colorado Wool Growers Association** will award cash awards to the Supreme Champion Ram and Supreme Champion Ewe.

**The American Hampshire Sheep Assoc.**, 15603 173rd Ave, Milo, IA 50166, offers \$50 each to the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewes of the Jr. Breeding Sheep Show sired by a registered Hampshire Ram. The sire's association number and a picture of the Grand Champion must be submitted within 60 days to the AHSA office before payment will be made from this office.

**Michelle Sterkel and Sterkel Hampshires, 3752 WCR 7, Erie, CO 80516**, will offer a Bred and Owned class. Cash awards of \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to those individuals who place first and second in that class.

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