

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2026 Open Breeding Sheep

- Division (See Specific Breed)
- Department 940
- Entry Fee \$15 Per Entry

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| Entries Close               | Monday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>                                     |
| Begin Arrival:              | Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.                        |
| In Place:                   | Tuesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.                     |
| Wool Fleece Show:           | Tuesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon                    |
| Meat Breeds Show:           | Wednesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.                   |
| Wool Breeds Show:           | Wednesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup> following Meat Breed Show      |
| Natural Colored Breeds Show | Wednesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup> following Wool Breed Show      |
| White Handspinning Show     | Wednesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup> following Natural Colored Show |
| Begin Release:              | At completion of 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, 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 premises identification (PID) number at entry. To obtain a PID, contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or <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. Original registration papers or ownership certificates must be available for inspection at the show.
5. To be eligible to show, all sheep (except in the wether sire/dam breed classes) must be registered in their respective breed associations and bear the proper breed association ear tags where applicable. Wethers may not be shown.
6. The wether sire/dam class will consist of non-registered and crossbred sheep. Classes for ewes and rams, Junior and Open Divisions. All will be shown slick-shorn. An ownership certificate is required on all wether sire/dam animals shown.
7. All sheep will be inspected for general health. Any animal showing evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases will be rejected. Animals with active ringworm or ringworm-like lesions with resulting loss of wool or multiple warts easily visible will not be permitted to exhibit. They must be immediately removed from the fairgrounds. At 8:00 a.m. on the day of the show, all sheep in the slick-shorn classes must be slick-shorn and will be checked for ringworm.
8. **ENTRY NUMBERS:** Each entry will be assigned a number. Entry numbers will be provided to all exhibitors. The exhibitor must display these numbers when the animal is in the show ring.

9. There is no limit to the number of animals an exhibitor may enter in this show or in any one class. Premiums will be paid per the premium schedule listed in this division.
10. Sheep entered in lamb classes must have all lamb teeth in place. Those entered in yearling classes may have two or four permanent teeth.
11. All Breeding Sheep must have Scrapie PID tags. Do not cut out any Scrapie identification tags.
12. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in all individual classes.
13. A breed division can be established if more than 10 animals in one breed are exhibited.

### Meat Divisions

| <b>Divisions</b>           | <b>Meat Div. #1 Dorper</b> | <b>Meat Div. #2 Southdown</b> | <b>Meat Div. #3 Dorset</b> | <b>Meat Div #4 Hampshire</b> | <b>Meat Div. #5 OPB</b> | <b>Meat Div. #6 Wether Sire/Dam</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ram, 1 yr. & under 2       | 3401                       | 3451                          | 3501                       | 3551                         | 3601                    | 3651                                |
| Fall Ram Lamb              | 3402                       | 3452                          | 3502                       | 3552                         | 3602                    | 3652                                |
| Winter Ram Lamb            | 3403                       | 3453                          | 3503                       | 3553                         | 3603                    | 3653                                |
| Spring Ram Lamb            | 3404                       | 3454                          | 3504                       | 3554                         | 3604                    | 3654                                |
| Pair Ram Lambs             | 3405                       | 3455                          | 3505                       | 3555                         | 3605                    | 3655                                |
| Pair Rams, 1 yr. & under 2 | 3406                       | 3456                          | 3506                       | 3556                         | 3606                    | 3656                                |
| Champion Ram               | 3407                       | 3457                          | 3507                       | 3557                         | 3607                    | 3657                                |
| Res. Champion Ram          | 3408                       | 3458                          | 3508                       | 3558                         | 3608                    | 3658                                |
| Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2       | 3409                       | 3459                          | 3509                       | 3559                         | 3609                    | 3659                                |
| Fall Ewe Lamb              | 3410                       | 3460                          | 3510                       | 3560                         | 3610                    | 3660                                |
| Winter Ewe Lamb            | 3411                       | 3461                          | 3511                       | 3561                         | 3611                    | 3661                                |
| Spring Ewe Lamb            | 3412                       | 3462                          | 3512                       | 3562                         | 3612                    | 3662                                |
| Pair Ewe Lambs             | 3413                       | 3463                          | 3513                       | 3563                         | 3613                    | 3663                                |

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pair Ewes, 1 yr. & under 2 | 3414                       | 3464                          | 3514                       | 3564                         | 3614                    | 3664                                |
| Champion Ewe               | 3415                       | 3465                          | 3515                       | 3565                         | 3615                    | 3665                                |
| Res. Champion Ewe          | 3416                       | 3466                          | 3516                       | 3566                         | 3616                    | 3666                                |
| Pen of 3 Lambs             | 3417                       | 3467                          | 3517                       | 3567                         | 3617                    | 3667                                |
| Best Four Head             | 3418                       | 3468                          | 3518                       | 3568                         | 3618                    | 3668                                |
| Flock                      | 3419                       | 3469                          | 3519                       | 3569                         | 3619                    | 3669                                |
| Premier Exhibitor          | 3420                       | 3470                          | 3520                       | 3570                         | 3620                    | 3670                                |

## Wool Divisions

| <b>Divisions</b>           | <b>Wool Div. #7 Columbia</b> | <b>Wool Div. #8 Heritage</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ram, 1 yr. & under 2       | 3701                         | 2401                         |
| Fall Ram Lamb              | 3702                         | 3752                         |
| Winter Ram Lamb            | 3703                         | 3753                         |
| Spring Ram Lamb            | 3704                         | 3754                         |
| Pair Ram Lambs             | 3705                         | 3755                         |
| Pair Rams, 1 yr. & under 2 | 3706                         | 3756                         |
| Champion Ram               | 3707                         | 3757                         |
| Res. Champion Ram          | 3708                         | 3758                         |
| Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2       | 3709                         | 3759                         |
| Fall Ewe Lamb              | 3710                         | 3760                         |
| Winter Ewe Lamb            | 3711                         | 3761                         |
| Spring Ewe Lamb            | 3712                         | 3762                         |
| Pair Ewe Lambs             | 3713                         | 3763                         |
| Pair Ewes, 1 yr. & under 2 | 3714                         | 3764                         |
| Champion Ewe               | 3715                         | 3765                         |
| Res. Champion Ewe          | 3716                         | 3766                         |
| Pen of 3 Lambs             | 3717                         | 3767                         |
| Best Four Head             | 3718                         | 3768                         |
| Flock                      | 3719                         | 3769                         |
| Premier Exhibitor          | 3720                         | 3770                         |

## Age Classifications

Dorper, Southdown, Dorset, Hampshire, Wether Sire/Dam, Columbia,

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Spring Ram or Ewe Lamb       | Born on or after Feb. |
| Winter Ram or Ewe Lamb       | Born Dec. - Jan.      |
| Fall Ram or Ewe Lamb         | Born Sept. - Nov.     |
| Ram or Ewe, 1 Year & Under 2 | Born Sept. - Aug.     |

## Group Classifications (No Entry Fee Required)

- Pen of 3: Both sexes represented (2 Rams, 1 Ewe or 2 Ewes, 1 Ram)
- Best Four Head: 4 animals of any age, both sexes represented. All must have shown in individual classes
- Flock: 1 Ram any age, 2 Yearling Ewes, and 2 Ewe Lambs. All must have shown in individual classes.

## 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 |

## Supreme Champion Selection

- Division 100

### 3880. Supreme Champion Ram Meat Breeds

- Awards by Colorado State Fair Authority
- Cash Award by Colorado Wool Growers Association
- Trophy by Worlds View Dorpers

### 3881. Supreme Champion Ewe Meat Breeds

- Awards by Colorado State Fair Authority
- Cash Award by Colorado Wool Growers Association
- Trophy by Worlds View Dorpers

### 3882. Supreme Champion Ram Wool Breeds

- Awards By Colorado State Fair Authority
- Cash Award sponsored by Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority
- Trophy by Worlds View Dorpers

### 3883. Supreme Champion Ewe Wool Breeds

- Awards by Colorado State Fair Authority
- Cash Award sponsored by Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority
- Trophy by Worlds View Dorpers

(Supremes are selected from Champion Rams and Champion Ewes of all breeds)

**3884. Paul Swisher Premier Exhibitor**

- See Award Specials

**3886. Rookie of the Year**

- Cash Award by Sterkel Hampshires

## **Open Breeding Sheep Special Awards**

**CINCH** will award gift certificates to all Breed Champions and Reserve Champions.

**Colorado Sheep & Wool Authority**, P. O. Box 292, Delta, CO 81416, provides cash awards for the Supreme Champion Ram and the Supreme Champion Ewe Wool Breeds and Meat Breeds of the Open Breeding Sheep Show.

**Colorado State Fair Authority** will award the PAUL SWISHER PREMIER EXHIBITOR traveling trophy to the sheep exhibitor winning the most money in the Open Sheep Show. This award will be made in memory of Paul Swisher, a former sheep rancher, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture and Secretary of the Colorado Wool Growers Association.

**Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of America**, P. O. Box 722, Lakefield, MN 56510, offers a cash award for the Champion and Reserve Champion Ram and the Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe of the Columbia show.

Premier Exhibitor: An award will be given in each breed of the Open Breeding Sheep section to the exhibitor accumulating the most points on six animals or less, owned and exhibited by him/herself in individual classes. Group classes are not considered. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the exhibitor: (1) Earning points in the greatest number of classes; (2) Winning the most first places; (3) Winning the most second places, etc.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place 4 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> place 2 points

- 5<sup>th</sup> place 1 point
- Champion 8 points
- Res Champion 6 points

**Rookie of the Year, Sterkel Hampshires**, Greeley, CO, will award an Open Class Exhibitor a \$100.00 cash award in their first two (2) years of exhibiting who receives the most points through the Premier Exhibitor.

**Worlds View Dorpers**, Vernon Pottas, Padroni, CO, provides the trophies awarded to the Supreme Champion Meat Breeds Ram, Supreme Champion Meat Breeds Ewe, Supreme Champion Wool Breeds Ram and the Supreme Champion Wool Breeds Ewe.

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