

Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

2026 Open Breeding Sheep

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

Entries Close	Monday, August 10 th
Begin Arrival:	Monday, August 31 st at 8:00 a.m.
In Place:	Tuesday, September 1 st at 5:00 p.m.
Wool Fleece Show:	Tuesday, September 1 st at 12:00 noon
Meat Breeds Show:	Wednesday, September 2 nd at 9:00 a.m.
Wool Breeds Show:	Wednesday, September 2 nd following Meat Breed Show
Natural Colored Breeds Show	Wednesday, September 2 nd following Wool Breed Show
White Handspinning Show	Wednesday, September 2 nd following Natural Colored Show
Begin Release:	At completion of show
All Out:	Wednesday, September 2 nd 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 1st through 6th place in all individual classes.
13. A breed division can be established if more than 10 animals in one breed are exhibited.

Meat Divisions

Divisions	Meat Div. #1 Dorper	Meat Div. #2 Southdown	Meat Div. #3 Dorset	Meat Div #4 Hampshire	Meat Div. #5 OPB	Meat Div. #6 Wether Sire/Dam
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

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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
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

Divisions	Wool Div. #7 Columbia	Wool Div. #8 Heritage	Wool Div. #9 OPB
Ram, 1 yr. & under 2	3701	2401	3401
Fall Ram Lamb	3702	3752	3402

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Winter Ram Lamb	3703	3753	3403
Spring Ram Lamb	3704	3754	3404
Pair Ram Lambs	3705	3755	3405
Pair Rams, 1 yr. & under 2	3706	3756	3406
Champion Ram	3707	3757	3407
Res. Champion Ram	3708	3758	3408
Ewe, 1 yr. & under 2	3709	3759	3409
Fall Ewe Lamb	3710	3760	3410
Winter Ewe Lamb	3711	3761	3411
Spring Ewe Lamb	3712	3762	3412
Pair Ewe Lambs	3713	3763	3413
Pair Ewes, 1 yr. & under 2	3714	3764	3414
Champion Ewe	3715	3765	3415
Res. Champion Ewe	3716	3766	3416
Pen of 3 Lambs	3717	3767	3417
Best Four Head	3718	3768	3418
Flock	3719	3769	3419
Premier Exhibitor	3720	3770	3420

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
- Trophy by Worlds View Dorpers

3881. Supreme Champion Ewe Meat Breeds

- Awards by Colorado State Fair Authority
- Cash Award by Colorado Wool Growers
- 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, sponsors a cash award 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:

- 1st place 5 points
- 2nd place 4 points
- 3rd place 3 points
- 4th place 2 points
- 5th 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, sponsors 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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