

Sheep and Goat Department 2025 Programs, Shows, and Premiums

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General: Admission is at the discretion of the superintendent and is curated to facilitate educational opportunities, varieties of experience, and stability and continuity in the department.

Sheep and goat exhibitors should plan to participate in the sheep or goat show as applicable and the Cavalcade. Additionally, eligible animals may participate in the Rare Breed Show and interested exhibitors may participate in the Costume Show. Educational programs are available throughout the fair, and individual exhibitors may be asked to participate.

All entrants must be in compliance with admission, behavior, and health standards as outlined in the individual Sheep and Goat sections.

Please read all rules and regulations regarding entries, stock, premiums, and health regulations.

Sheep and Goat Show classes may be combined at discretion of judge or superintendent.

Animals are admitted to the show at the discretion of the superintendent and judge. To ensure safety and biosecurity, animals that do not behave or are insufficiently controlled will be rejected.

Except for the Rare Breeds Show, Cavalcade, and Goat and Horse Agility Face-off, all events are in the small livestock arena at the end of the sheep barn.

Educational Awards: A rosette, premium, and sponsored prize will be awarded to an exhibitor or group for indelible educational contributions to the fair. Consideration will be given to exhibitor and animal interactions with the public and may include participation in other educational programs. At this writing, one award for a sheep exhibitor and one award for a goat exhibitor are sponsored.

A rosette and premium will recognize the winner of the Stall Prize for educational displays on stalls. Please confine displays to your own pen area and ensure any decorations are out of nibbling reach!

A sponsored prize will recognize youth exhibitors who participate in Question and Answer programs, contingent on funding. These are available to youth exhibitors and are intended to encourage agricultural education, public speaking, and civic involvement.

Fiber Crafting:

Fiber crafting demonstrations will be continuous during the day on Thursday and Friday and may be available at other times. Learn about spinning, carding, felting, weaving, macrame, and anything and everything related to wool and mohair. Exhibitors are encouraged to participate!



Ruby

Nigerian dwarf
milking doe
from Five
Rooster Farm

Featured at the
Nigerian Dwarf
Goat Program

Ruby has cosponsored the Educational Award for the past four years.

Program Schedule

Additional programs may be added closer to the fair.

Thursday

9:00-5:00: Fiber Crafting Demonstrations (Sheep and goat barns)

10:00-1:00: Meet the Critters: Question and Answer Programs
every thirty minutes

1:00: Sheep Shearing

3:30: Goat and Horse Agility Face-off (Horse arena at south gate)

Friday

9:00-11:00: Sheep Show

11:00: Sheep Shearing

11:00-5:00: Fiber Crafting Demonstrations (Sheep and goat barns)

12:00-4:00: Sheep and Goat Scavenger Hunt: Glorious Prizes at
3:30 (Sheep and goat barns)

6:00: Milking demonstration

Saturday

9:00-11:00: Goat Show

2:00: Sheep Shearing

3:00: Nigerian Dwarf Goat Program

6:00: Milking demonstration

Sunday

11:00: Costume Show

1:00: Sheep Shearing

2:00: On-farm Meat Production and Right to Farm Regulations



Thaddius

Dorset ram
from Brook
Monster
Farm

Greeting a
first-time
fair-goer

Meet the Critters Question and Answer Programs: Thursday, 10:00-1:00

Meet sheep and goats and have all your questions answered. In these interactive programs, you can see individual sheep and goats of different breeds, ask questions about them and their care, and perhaps meet them as time allows. Programs every thirty minutes.

Sheep Shearing: Thursday, 1:00

See a sheep shearing demonstration from Mary Lake, a professional shearer in Tunbridge. Learn about considerations for different grades of wool and different breeds of sheep.

Goat and Horse Agility Face-off: Thursday, 3:30

Watch as horses and goats face off in an agility and gymkhana challenge at the horse arena by the south gate.



Bilbo

Cotswold ram from Fiction Farm

You may see Bilbo at a school program on Thursday or a Sheep Shearing Demonstration even if he can't see you!

Sheep Show: Friday, 9:00

Fitting and Showing Classes (Juniors only): judged on appearance of the animal (condition, grooming, etc.), appearance of the exhibitor (neatness, style of dress, presentation of animal), and showing in the ring (leading, poise, knowledge of breed and individual animal).

Adult showing: judged as with juniors and open to all sheep and goat exhibitors.

| Showing classes | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Novice (ages 8 and under) | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Junior (9-13) | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Senior (14-17) | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Showing Reserve Champion: Rosette and prizes as available | | | |
| Showing Champion: Rosette and prizes as available | | | |
| Adult Showing: Rosette and prizes as available | | | |

| Open sheep classes | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ram lamb | 10 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Yearling ram | 10 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Mature ram | 12 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Ewe lamb | 10 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Yearling ewe | 10 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Mature ewe | 12 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Best of breed | 12 | 8 | | |
| Champion meat ewe: Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Champion fiber ewe Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Champion meat ram Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Champion fiber ram Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Reserve Champion: Rosette and prizes as available | | | | |
| Best in Show: Rosette and prizes as available | | | | |

Lamb classes are for animals from birth through eleven months as of the first day of the fair. Yearling classes are for animals from eleven months and one day through two years as of the first day of the fair.

Sheep Shearing: Friday, 11:00

See a sheep shearing demonstration from Mary Lake, a professional shearer in Tunbridge. Learn about considerations for different grades of wool and different breeds of sheep.

Sheep and Goat Scavenger Hunt: Friday, 12:00-4:00

Visit animals and learn about the variety of sheep and goats living in Vermont. Victors are eligible for Glorious Prizes.

Milking Demonstration: Friday, 6:00

See a milking demonstration with Nigerian dwarf goats from The Tucker Farm, a small-scale goat dairy in Tunbridge.

Goat Show: Saturday, 9:00

Fitting and Showing Classes (Juniors only): judged on appearance of the animal (condition, grooming, etc.), appearance of the exhibitor (neatness, style of dress, presentation of animal), and showing in the ring (leading, poise, knowledge of breed and individual animal).

| Showing classes | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Novice (ages 8 and under) | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Junior (9-13) | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Senior (14-17) | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Showing Reserve Champion: Rosette and prizes as available | | | |
| Showing Champion: Rosette and prizes as available | | | |

| Open goat classes | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Wether | 10 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Junior doe | 10 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Yearling doe | 10 | 8 | 6 | 3 |
| Mature dry doe | 12 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Mature milking doe | 12 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Best of breed | 12 | 8 | | |
| Champion meat goat: Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Champion fiber goat: Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Champion dairy goat: Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Champion homestead goat: Rosette and prizes as available | 20 | | | |
| Reserve Champion: Rosette and prizes as available | | | | |
| Best in Show: Rosette and prizes as available | | | | |

Junior classes are for animals from birth through eleven months as of the first day of the fair. Yearling classes are for animals from eleven months and one day through two years as of the first day of the fair. Any animal who has bred will be judged as a mature doe.

Participation in run-off categories including Champion Meat Goat, Champion Fiber Goat, Champion Dairy Goat, Champion Homestead Goat, and Best in Show are by judge's invitation and may involve multiple animals from a breed or class. An individual animal may be eligible for multiple run-off categories.



Feta
Alpine goat from Hummingbug Hillfarm
Feta has been pillaging and picking pockets in the Sheep and Goat Department for many years. Secure your consumables!

Cavalcade: Saturday, 12:00

See livestock of all breeds and species as they parade past the grandstand.

Sheep Shearing: Saturday, 2:00

See a sheep shearing demonstration from Mary Lake, a professional shearer in Tunbridge. Learn about considerations for different grades of wool and different breeds of sheep.

Nigerian Dwarf Goats: Saturday, 3:00

Meet Nigerian dwarf goats and learn about the care and maintenance of homestead goats with Aine Devine of Five Rooster Farm in Northfield, Vermont. Aine has been milking, training, and working with goats since she was four years old and conducts educational programs around the state. Her goats are prized by lovers of horned goats around the Northeast.

Rare Breed Show: Saturday, 4:00

Rare breed sheep and goats may participate in the Rare Breed Show. The Rare Breed Show is in the Frazier Arena. Please consult Rare Breed Department for details.

Milking Demonstration: Saturday, 6:00

See a milking demonstration with Nigerian dwarf goats from The Tucker Farm, a small-scale goat dairy in Tunbridge.

Sheep and Goat Department Costume Show: Sunday, 11:00

Interested exhibitors may participate in the Sheep and Goat Department Costume Show. Premiums are offered for first, second, and third place (\$10/6/3) in the People's Choice and Judge's Choice categories, with additional sponsored prizes as available.

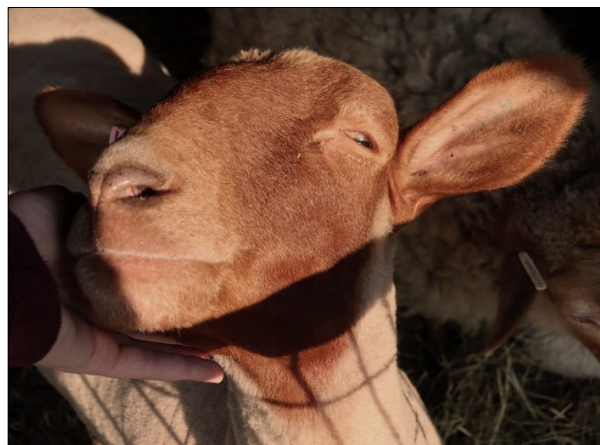
Sheep Shearing: Sunday, 1:00

See a sheep shearing demonstration from Mary Lake, a professional shearer in Tunbridge. Learn about considerations for different grades of wool and different breeds of sheep.

On-farm Meat Production and Right to Farm Regulations:

Sunday, 2:00

Learn about considerations in on-farm meat production, state slaughter requirements, and right to farm legislation and regulations with responsible meat producers from around Vermont.



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Tunis ewe
Macora Farm