

OPEN CLASS LIVESTOCK

Livestock Committee: DuWayne Hohnman, Tim Hoover, and Gail Donkers

ATTENTION EXHIBITOR

Rice County Fair is using Blue Ribbon Fair Management System for advance entries to help speed up the exhibit process and long lines. PLEASE PRE-ENTER by July 8th.

Livestock exhibitors mail entry form and money to area superintendents.

Public Notice to All Concerned

- While the greatest care will be executed by the Management to protect patrons of the Rice County Fair, each individual will be held responsible for his/her actions, and the Management will not be accountable or responsible for any injury.
- The Rice County Agricultural Society Management assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitors or patrons due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes.
- The Directors of the Rice County Fair Board reserve the right to refuse any offensive or obscene exhibits which in the judgment of the Fair Board would be offensive to the public.
- No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the grounds or in any building, except in the Beer Garden.
- Any person or group that conducts a protest action must limit its activity to the location designated by the Fair Board. The designated location is the Northwest corner of the fairgrounds, by Hwy 3 and Fairgrounds Drive. The space is 50' x 50' on fairgrounds property. No entrance or exits can be obstructed or limited in any way.

LIVESTOCK RULES

1. Read Livestock Rules and Health Requirements carefully.
2. Use appropriate entry form to enter livestock. Entries must be made in advance to the superintendents of the respective departments by deadline.
3. **Entry form must list the animal required ear tag/tattoo and official Scrapie ID number. Failure to submit completed entry and payment will result in forfeiture of your premium check.**
4. Open to residents of Minnesota and out-of-state as space permits.
5. All entries must be owned by the exhibitor.
6. No entry will be assigned a space until the entry check-in is complete.
7. Complaints should be filed with the Livestock Committee.
8. All animals entered must be shown in the ring to receive premium.
9. Failure to abide by any rules or regulations will be reason to withhold premiums.
10. In case there is no competition in any class, the prize money awarded will be left to the discretion of the judge.
11. Any person in Rice County, and others as indicated, can exhibit in this department. Open Class Livestock includes: beef, horse, goat and sheep.
12. Premium checks will be available no later than two weeks after the conclusion of the fair.
13. Premiums will be awarded only on articles that are considered worthy of prize by the judge.
14. No more than two premiums per individual lot, or one premium in group lot, will be awarded to one exhibitor.
15. Management reserves the right to pro-rate prizes if necessary.
16. No unauthorized gambling will be allowed on grounds.
17. **No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed in barns.**
18. Parking - each vehicle entering the fairgrounds **daily \$10 (per visit)**
19. **Animal registration papers or proof of being eligible for registration must be presented at the time of fair entry. If no registration papers are presented your entry will be eligible for grade only classes.**
20. FFA and Rice County 4-H members are eligible to show in open class competition if registration form is submitted and entry fee is paid by the entry deadline.
21. **All animals must have adequate bedding and water. NO bedding/feed will be provided by the Fairboard. No muzzles allowed.**
22. All fans must meet electrical inspection. Fan position and safety can be regulated by the Livestock Committee and/or Fair Vet. No Butt Fans.
23. Wheel barrels for waste should be emptied frequently. Do not over fill. Do not leave in the aisles. Clean-up your spills. Keep the walkways **inside** and **outside** clean.
24. **Absolutely** no livestock on the North side of the barns.
25. Trailers, campers, trucks or other vehicles used for living purposes during the fair must be parked in designated camping areas only. Owner of the vehicle must secure a camping pass from the Fair Secretary's office prior to parking the vehicle.
26. No political signs.

The management will not be responsible for loss or damage of any exhibit but will endeavor to take proper care of all exhibits.

NO PARKING BEHIND THE BARN!

**Livestock entries should enter the fairgrounds
by the North Gate only!
Unload and load only on the south side of the barns.
This means everything! – animals, equipment, feed, hay, straw**

MN LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION RULES

General Requirements:

Animals must be examined by the official veterinarian on the day they are admitted to the exhibition and at least once daily during the exhibition. All out-of-state animals must meet MN importation requirements. No animal may enter or be at an exhibition that shows clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

- Always check with exhibition management for additional requirements.
- For the Official ID requirements go to: www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id
- For Minnesota State Fair exhibition requirements, call (651) 288-4417 or visit www.mnstatefair.org.

Sheep and Goats

Sheep and goats must be officially identified. No sheep or goat that is within 30 days of giving birth (either before or after) may be exhibited without prior approval from the Board.

Horses

Horses, except suckling foals accompanying a negative dam, must be negative to an official equine infectious anemia (Coggins) test conducted within 12 months prior to the opening date of an exhibition.

Parking \$10 (Per Visit)

DEPARTMENT C

SHEEP

Superintendent – Gail Donkers, 507-202-2042
8384 230th St E, Faribault, MN 55021
Entry Fee: \$2 per head
Judging: Saturday ♦ July 25 ♦ 8:30 a.m.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Read Health Requirements and Livestock Rules carefully.
2. **Entry form must list the required sheep ear tag and official Scrapie ID number. Failure to submit complete entry and payment will result in forfeiture of your premium check.**
3. Entries will be limited according to space in the barn. Superintendent will return entries based on history.
4. Open Class Sheep entry and release: **NO EARLY RELEASE ALLOWED!** **Sheep in between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday, July 24, released at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 26.**
5. Flock will consist of one ram and three ewes.
6. Pair of lambs is an ewe and ram, junior or senior. No mixing of ages.
7. Registration papers are required on demand from the superintendent.
8. All sheep must be penned by 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 24.
9. Double entry fee if animal is not pre-registered.
10. Hampshire, Dorset, Southdowns & all other breeds are released at 4 p.m., Sunday, July 26
11. **You must be a member of the MN Suffolk Association to register for classes in Departments CA & CB.**
12. No trimming in the aisle.
13. **Sheep trimmings must be cleaned up and placed in manure pits.**
14. Tack pens will be in designated areas, all tack pens will be communal. Due to the demand for pen space, please refrain from using pens designated for sheep for your personal tack area or for lawn chairs.

OPEN CLASS SHEEP SHOW SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, July 24

- 4:00 pm – All Sheep due in the barn
- 5:00 pm – All Sheep checked in with Superintendent
- 6:00 pm – MSSA Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 25

- 8:30 am – Open Class Sheep Show
- 12:00 pm – Market Lamb Show, followed by Open Class Sheep
- 2:00 pm – Minnesota State Suffolk Show
- 15 Minutes after conclusion of Minnesota State Suffolk Show:
Supreme Champion – all breeds
- 15 Minutes after conclusion of Supreme Show:
Rice County Sheep Exhibitors BBQ Social

Sunday, July 26

- 8:00 am – MN State Suffolk Junior Show Lamb Lead Interviews
Followed by Show
- 8:30 am – Babydoll Show
- 11:00 am – MN State Suffolk Junior Show
- 3:00 pm – All Suffolks/Junior Show released
- 4:00 pm – All remaining Open Class Sheep released

PREMIUMS:

- 3 or less animals - \$10, \$9, \$8
- 4-7 animals - \$11, \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5
- 8-11 animals - \$13, \$12, \$11, \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3
- 12 or more - \$17, \$16, \$15, \$14, \$13, \$12, \$11, \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5
- 2 or less groups - \$7, \$6
- 3-5 groups - \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5
- 6 or more groups - \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5, \$4

BASE DATES FOR ALL BREEDS:

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| Fall: | September 1 – December 31 |
| January: | January 1 – January 31 |
| February: | February 1 – February 28 |
| March: | March 1 and After |

CLASSES:

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| Class 1 | Hampshire |
| Class 2 | Dorset |
| Class 3 | Southdown |
| Class 4 | MN Suffolk State Show (members only) |
| Class 5 | All Other Breeds (AOB) |
| Class 9 | Babydoll |

LOTS:

- 01 Yearling Ram
- 02 Fall Ram Lamb
- 03 Pair Fall Ram Lambs
- 04 January Ram Lamb
- 05 February Ram Lamb
- 06 March Ram Lamb
- 07 Pair Spring Ram Lamb
- 08 Champion Ram - ribbon only
- 09 Yearling Ewe
- 10 Pair Yearling Ewes
- 11 Fall Ewe Lamb
- 12 Pair Fall Ewe Lambs
- 13 January Ewe Lamb
- 14 February Ewe Lamb
- 15 March Ewe Lamb
- 16 Pair of Spring Ewe Lamb
- 17 Champion Ewe - ribbon only
- 18 Flock
- 19 Pair of Lambs
- 20 Market Lambs –

MARKET LAMB SHOW:

Two Lambs per breed or crossbreeds.
Lambs may be wethers or ewes.

AWARDS:

Premiums will be based on open breeding sheep individuals.



Champion Lamb - Gift Certificate from Lonsdale Feed Mill & \$20 from Fair

Reserve Champion Lamb - Rosette & \$10 from Fair

DEPARTMENT CA & CB

MINNESOTA STATE SUFFOLK & JUNIOR SHOW

Superintendent – Gail Donkers, 507-202-2042
8384 230th St E, Faribault, MN 55021
Suffolk Contact: Jeremy Geske, New Prague 612-756-1200
Entry Fee: \$2 per head
Judging: Saturday ♦ July 25 ♦ 2:00 p.m.

MN State Suffolk Show Co-Sponsored by: MN State Suffolk Association

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Read Health Requirements and Livestock Rules carefully.
2. **Entry form must list the required sheep ear tag and official Scrapie ID number. Failure to submit completed entry and payment will result in forfeiture of your premium check!**
3. Exhibitors must be a paid MSSA member.
4. **Pre-registration DEADLINE is July 8th!** Send entries to Gail Donkers, 8384 230th St E, Faribault, MN 55021.
5. Entry fee must accompany pre-registration, check made out to the Rice County Fair. Failure to enclose fee will result in double fees at check-in.
6. Double entry fee if animal is not pre-registered.
7. No Suffolk will be penned until 10 am Friday, July 24th.
8. **MN Suffolk Show and Junior Show sheep must be in pens by the 4 p.m. DEADLINE on Friday, July 24. No exceptions.** (Check with Larry Baumgardt for penning at show.)
9. Sheep must be owned by exhibitor or Junior exhibitors family.

10. An exhibitor may show two animals in each individual lot. Junior Show – junior exhibitors can have only one entry per lot.
11. Juniors may enter sheep in both the junior and open show if they pay a double entry fee. Also, the sheep must be shown in the Junior exhibitor's name and cannot be part of the family/parent's flock and groups.
12. Premiums will be paid according to the sliding scale listed below, however, every sheep exhibited and placed in the ring will receive a minimum \$2.00 premium.
13. Registration papers must be presented at check-in for sheep to be shown.
14. Classes with 12 or more sheep entered will be split evenly into two classes. The MSSA will split the classes and post in the sheep barn by 10:00 p.m. on Friday. (This applies to both Senior and Junior Shows.)
15. **Sheep trimmings must be cleaned up and placed in manure pits.**
16. No trimming in the aisle.
17. Tack pens will be in designated areas; all tack pens will be communal. Due to the demand for pen space, please refrain from using pens designated for sheep for your personal tack area or for lawn chairs.

ADDITIONAL JUNIOR SHOW REQUIREMENTS:

18. Junior Show – no adult showing or assisting in show ring.
19. All market lambs must be Suffolk.
20. All market lambs will be inspected by show committee prior to show.

PREMIUMS:

INDIVIDUALS

- 3 or less animals - \$10, \$9, \$8
 4-7 animals - \$11, \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5
 8-11 animals - \$13, \$12, \$11, \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3
 12 or more - \$17, \$16, \$15, \$14, \$13, \$12, \$11, \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5 (and \$2 to last)

GROUPS

- 2 or less groups - \$7, \$6
 3-5 groups - \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5
 6 or more groups - \$10, \$9, \$8, \$7, \$6, \$5, \$4

DEPARTMENT CA:

Class 4 MN Suffolk State Show

LOTS:

- 01 Yearling Ram
- 02 Pair Yearling Rams
- 03 Fall Shorn Ram, 9-1 to 12-31
- 04 Fall Ram Lamb, 9-1 to 12-31
- 05 Pair of Fall Ram Lambs
- 06 Shorn Ram Lamb, Jan. 1 and later
- 07 January Ram Lamb
- 08 Pair of January Rams
- 09 February Ram Lamb
- 10 Pair of February Rams
- 11 March Ram Lamb
- 12 Pair of March Ram
- 13 Shorn Yearling Ewe
- 14 Fitted Yearling Ewe
- 15 Pair of Yearling Ewes, may have fitted/shorn or both
- 16 Fall Shorn Ewe, 9-1 to 12-31
- 17 Fall Ewe Lamb, 9-1 to 12-31
- 18 Pair of Fall Ewe Lambs
- 19 Shorn Ewe Lamb, Jan. 1 or Later
- 20 January Ewe Lamb
- 21 Pair of January Ewe Lambs
- 22 February Ewe Lamb
- 23 Pair of February Ewe Lambs
- 24 March Ewe Lamb
- 25 Pair of March Ewes
- 26 Flock, 1 ram, 2 yearling ewes & 2 ewe lambs, bred & owned
- 27 Best Pair of Lambs, 1 ewe lamb & 1 ram lamb, Fall/Winter/Spring, bred & owned
- 28 Premier Exhibitor

DEPARTMENT CB:

Class 4A MN Suffolk State Junior Show

LOTS:

- 17 Fall Shorn Ram, 9-1 to 12-31
- 18 Fall Ram Lamb, 9-1 to 12-31
- 19 January Ram Lamb
- 20 February Ram Lamb
- 21 March Ram Lamb
- 22 Shorn Ram Lamb, January 1 and later
- 23 Yearling Ewe
- 24 Shorn Yearling Ewe
- 25 Wether Dam Yearling Ewe
- 26 Fall Shorn Ewe 9-1 to 12-31
- 27 Fall Ewe Lamb, 9-1 to 12-31
- 28 January Ewe Lamb
- 29 February Ewe Lamb
- 30 March Ewe Lamb
- 31 Shorn Ewe Lamb, January 1 and later
- 32 Wether Dam Ewe Lamb, January 1 and later
- 33 Market Lamb
- 34 Senior Showmanship, 16-21 years
- 35 Intermediate Showmanship, 11-15 years
- 36 Junior Showmanship, 10 years and under
- 37 Senior Lamb Lead, 16-21 years
- 38 Intermediate Lamb Lead, 11-15 Years
- 39 Junior Lamb Lead, 10 years and under

Rice County Fair, July 22-26, 2026

Entry Form for all Sheep Shows- One Exhibitor Per Person

Dept C - Open Class Sheep Show
 Dept CA - Minnesota Suffolk Show
 Dept CB - Minnesota Suffolk Junior Show

Send entries by July 8th to: Gail Donkers, 8384 230th St E, Faribault, MN 55021

Entry form must list the required sheep ear tag and official Scrapie ID number.

Failure to submit complete entry and payment will result in forfeiture of your premium check!

*Make
additional
copies if
needed.*

Depart	Class	Lot	Birth Date	Animal Tag/Tattoo # & Scrapie ID	Describe Entry	Fee
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Total Fees						

Exhibitor Name (One Exhibitor Per Form) _____

Phone _____ (Cell) _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____