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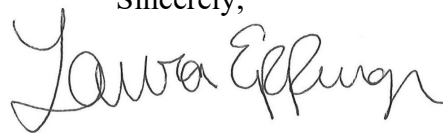
Dear 4-H Sheep Leaders and 4-H Members:

Enclosed is information about the Salem County 4-H Invitational Wool and Market Sheep Breeding Show. This show is for sheep in the following categories: White Wool, Natural Color Wool, and Market. The show will be held at the Salem County Fairgrounds (map attached) on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Showmanship is mandatory for all participating in the show.

The order of show for the day will be: White Wool, Natural Color, Costume Class, Mini Clinic with Robin Bruins and Market Classes. Best Fleece in the Fleece Competition will be announced when the results are available.

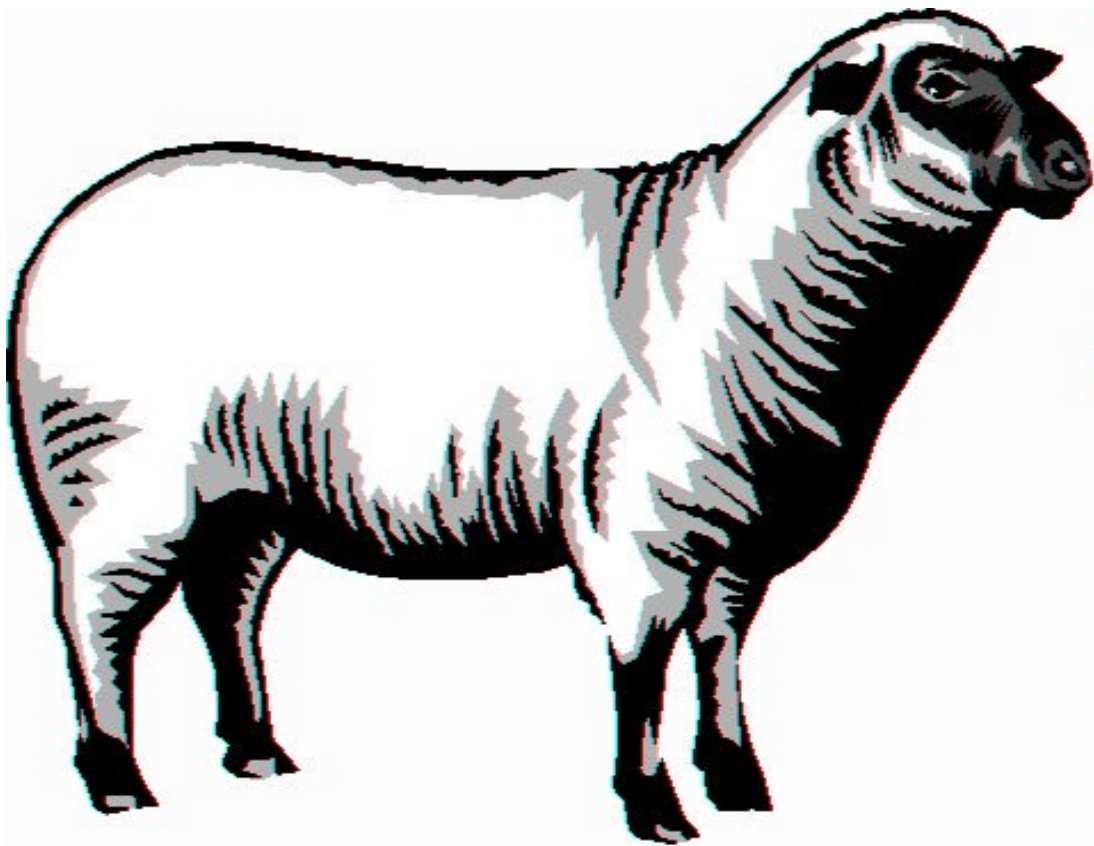
We hope that some of the members of your club or county 4-H Program will be able to join us at the show. Please carefully read all Rules and Regulations regarding the show in the show booklet. There is a onetime \$10 parking pass fee when entering the fairgrounds, the parking pass is good for all four days of the fair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Eppinger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Laura Eppinger  
Salem County 4-H Agent

Salem County  
4-H Invitational Sheep Show  
Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.  
Salem County Fairgrounds



All animals must be checked in by .....9:30 a.m.  
Judging will begin promptly at .....10:00 a.m.

**Registration**

\$4.00 per sheep/ limit 2 sheep per class  
*Entries are due by: Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>*  
\$5.00 per sheep day of show entries  
Make checks payable to:  
Young Shepherds 4-H Club

**Show Secretary**

Pat Murphy  
Salem County 4-H Office  
51 Cheney Rd., Suite 1  
Woodstown, NJ 08098

## LIVESTOCK

### General Livestock Rules

1. Designated members of the Salem County Livestock Committee will inspect animals prior to the fair.
2. Animals to be exhibited at the Salem County Fair must be accompanied by the following:
  - Rabbits, Small Animals, Poultry** - 4-H Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy Health Form
  - Poultry** - official CVI, AHC, or 4-H Poultry, Rabbit or Cavy Health Form. All poultry over 4 months of age shall have an individual negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days prior to the exhibit.
  - Dogs** - Proof of up-to-date distemper, parvo virus, and rabies vaccinations
  - Horses** - Negative Coggins and proof of Eastern encephalitis or Bivalent Encephalitis, tetanus, and rabies vaccinations.
  - Sheep and Goats** - All sheep and goats shall be indentified by USDA approved official identification (ear tag and/or approved registry tattoo). For questions regarding the USDA=s Mandatory Identification of Sheep and Goats regulation, or to obtain official identification tags for sheep and goats, call the USDA, APHIS, VS office at (609)259-5260. Plus, all animals entering the show must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) or an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) signed by an accredited New Jersey Veterinarian. Certificates should indicate that the animal did not originate from a herd with any infectious or contagious disease. Both forms of health certificates are acceptable.
    - The CVI is issued for an animal if the inspection is done on the farm where the animal originated. A CVI is only valid for a maximum of 30 days. Any animal housed outside of New Jersey must use a CVI form to compete in shows.
    - An AHC can be issued by a veterinarian (prior to or at the fair/show) and signed by both the veterinarian and the animal owner. Base on his/her knowledge and judgment, the examining veterinarian must indicate on the form whether the AHC is valid for 30, 60, or 90 days from date of examination. Animals listed on an AHC must be identified by ear tag, tattoo, or other permanent identification or description (coat color, markings, age, etc.).
  - Beef, Dairy, Swine, and all other animals** - all animals entering the show must have a valid Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) or an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) signed by an accredited New Jersey Veterinarian. Certificates should indicate that the animal did not originate from a herd with any infectious or contagious disease. Both forms of health certificates are acceptable.
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3. Animals will be inspected by a designated Salem County Livestock Committee Representative or a certified veterinarian for visual evidence of infections or contagious diseases (i.e. foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, etc.). This inspection will be made prior to penning of animals. Evidence of these or other contagious/ infectious diseases will result in the animal's rejection from entrance to the fair. The Inspector's decision is final.
4. Tampering, Altering and/or misrepresentation relative to any exhibit are prohibited. This prohibited activity includes but is not limited to the breeding, age, ownership and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example: this includes, but is not limited to coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching and filling).

5. Unethical fitting of animal exhibits is prohibited. Unethical fitting is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or nonsurgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption.

Exceptions that are allowed to #3 and #4 include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.

6. An exhibitor may not take exception to the decisions of an official and/or judge in an unprofessional and/or public manner. Nor shall any exhibitor or person representing the exhibitor interfere with or show disrespect to any judge or show official.
7. The final determination as to whether any animal meets the requirements for eligibility for exhibition at the Salem County Fair shall be made by personnel assigned to the exhibit.
8. No animals will be released until after 9:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Animals may be removed from the grounds between 9:00 p.m. and midnight on Friday or between 8:00 a.m. and noon on Saturday. There will be no security after 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

## Invitational 4-H Sheep Show

### Rules

All General Livestock Rules also apply to this show.

All participants must have arrived and have health certificates and animals checked by 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The show will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please note that pens will not be provided.

### OWNERSHIP

- A. Animals must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor prior to May 1 of the Fair year.
- B. Animal(s) will be the 4-H Exhibitor's current year 4-H project.
- C. Exhibitor agrees to bring only animals in good health onto the Fairgrounds.

### REQUIREMENTS TO PEN & EXHIBIT

- A. Sheep must be identified by ear tag or readable tattoo. Sheep and goats must have a USDA Flock Identification Tag.

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- B. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing feed, hay, and water to their animals daily. Bedding will be provided
- C. Exhibitors agree, upon departure, to thoroughly clean pens used while on the fairgrounds, including complete removal of bedding.

### EXHIBITORS

- A. The show is open to both Cloverbud and regular 4-H Members. Cloverbud members in grades K-3, *may only* participate in the Cloverbud Exhibition Class. The Cloverbud Exhibition is non-competitive.
- B. Exhibitors will be members in "good standing" of a bonafide 4-H sheep club or is involved in a bonafide 4-H sheep independent project.
- C. Exhibitors will be responsible for the general welfare of their animals as well as the care of equipment and facilities while at the fair. No sheep should be without water at any time.
- D. Exhibitors shall be neat and clean. Proper attire **must** be worn in the show ring. Proper attire for the show ring will be club shirt or plain white shirt, dark jeans, work boots or sturdy sneakers. (No other will be accepted)
- E. Visitors are expected to adhere to the 4-H and Young Shepherds 4-H Club code of conduct. 4-H members are expected to be courteous and helpful at all times.
- F. Exhibitors will be responsible to the Show Superintendent.

### SHOW MANAGEMENT

- A. Both ewes and rams may be purebred or crosses.
- B. Wool sheep must have fleece that is at least 2" long and be presented (fitted) in a condition consistent with breed and/or national show standards.
- C. An animal may be shown in only one class. No more than two (2) animals may be shown per class.

- D. Only the 4-H exhibitor will be permitted into the show arena with ewes and lambs. When showing yearling or aged rams, one (1) additional youth will be permitted to assist in the arena.
- E. Market breeding animals will be judged on a scale of 75% conformation and 25% on fleece quality.
- F. Wool animals will be judged on a scale of 60% fleece quality and 40% conformation. White Wool animals will be 100% white (free of all colored wool) and Natural Color Wool animals will have a minimum of 35% colored wool.
- G. Exhibitor will be in control of their animal(s). Any animal considered "out of control" by the Ring Superintendent will be asked to leave the show arena and will not be eligible for further competition.

#### Awards

First-Sixth place will be awarded in each class.

Trophies and/or additional awards will be given as determined by the Show Committee and Trophy Committee.

In accordance with the NJ 4-H Youth Development Program policy, Cloverbud participants will receive participation ribbons and will not be eligible for placing ribbons.

#### ***FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES***

Fitting and Showmanship is mandatory for all 4-H members participating in the sheep show. However, only the Salem County Young Shepherd members winning the Senior Showmanship award will be eligible to participate in the Salem County 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Competition. A special showmanship class will be held for Cloverbud members (grades K-3).

Grades are based upon the grade completed in June of 2021.

- A. Cloverbud - grades K-3
- B. Junior - grades 4-6
- C. Intermediate - grades 7-9
- D. Senior - grades 10-13

#### ***MARKET CLASSES***

##### ***RAM CLASS***

- MB1. Ram Lamb (under 1 year old)
  - MB2. Yearling Ram (1 year old - under 2)
  - MB3. Aged Ram (2 years old and over)
- Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Rams (MB1, MB2 & MB3)

##### ***EWE CLASS***

- MB4. Ewe Lamb (under 1 year old)
  - MB5. Yearling Ewe (1 year old - under 2)
  - MB6. Aged Ewe (2 years old and over)
- Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Ewes (MB4, MB5 & MB6)

## ***WHITE WOOL CLASSES***

### ***RAM CLASS***

WW1. Ram Lamb (under 1 year old)

WW2. Yearling Ram (1 year old - under 2)

WW3. Aged Ram (2 years old and over)

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion White Wool Rams (WW1, WW2 & WW3)

### ***EWE CLASS***

WW4. Ewe Lamb (under 1 year old)

WW5. Yearling Ewe (1 year old - under 2)

WW6. Aged Ewe (2 years old and over)

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion White Wool Ewes (WW4, WW5 & WW6)

## ***NATURAL COLOR WOOL CLASSES***

### ***RAM CLASS***

NC1. Lamb Ram (under 1 year old)

NC2. Yearling Ram (1 year old - under 2)

NC3. Aged Ram (2 years old and over)

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Natural Colored Rams (NC1, NC2 & NC3)

### ***EWE CLASS***

NC4. Ewe Lamb (under 1 year old)

NC5. Yearling Ewe (1 year old - under 2)

NC6. Aged Ewe (2 years old and over)

Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Natural Colored Ewes (NC4, NC5 & NC6)

## ***SUPREME CHAMPION CLASSES***

Supreme Champion Ram (Grand Champion Rams: Market, White Wool, Natural Color)

Supreme Champion Ewe (Grand Champion Ewes: Market, White Wool, Natural Color)

## **Invitational 4-H Fleece Competition**

### **Rules**

- A. Fleeces must be tagged and skirted as for hand spinning.
- B. Fleeces must be clean and free of contaminants (i.e.. excessive vegetation, dirt, tags, insects, etc.)
- C. Fleeces must be tied with paper twine or other non-invasive material or placed carefully in a clear plastic bag.
- D. Fleeces must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10.

### **Awards**

First - Third place will be awarded in all classes.

### ***CLASSES***

- FJ1. White Wool - Fine
- FJ2. White Wool - Medium
- FJ3. White Wool - Long  
Champion White Wool Fleece

- FJ4. Natural Color Wool - Fine
- FJ5. Natural Color Wool - Medium
- FJ6. Natural Color Wool - Long  
Champion Natural Color Fleece

Supreme Champion Fleece (Grand Champion White Wool Fleece & Grand Champion Natural Color Fleece)





## General Release Form

The exhibitor hereby releases the Salem County Fair Association and the Young Shepherds 4-H Club from any and all liability for injury or damage to any entries or exhibits and also releases and agrees to indemnify the Salem County Fair Association and the Young Shepherds 4-H Club any judgment arising out of the transportation, entry or exhibition of the listed entries or exhibits at the said fair, and further agrees to hold the said Salem County Fair Association and Young Shepherds 4-H Club harmless from any claim or injury or damage resulting from transportation, entry, or exhibition of the listed entries or exhibits.

Security will be provided during the nights of the fair, but the Salem County Fair Association or its officers or agents will not be responsible in any way for any damage or loss by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, and upon this condition only are the entries received.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with completed entry forms to:

Pat Murphy  
Salem County 4-H Office  
51 Cheney Rd., Suite #1  
Woodstown, NJ 08098