

DEPARTMENT – O-50 – Shepherd’s Lead Contest

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Entries must be completed online at www.carrollcountyfair.com. Entry fees need to be paid by credit card only. No late entries will be accepted.

Due to proposed Maryland budgetary constraints that are beyond the control of the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair Board, Inc., the Board reserves the right to withhold a portion of premium monies, up to and including all of an exhibitors earned premium payment, for the Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair.

- Narrations for Shepherd’s Lead Contest due by July 15, 2026, to: Rachel Wells at zamboni98@hotmail.com. No narrations accepted in the Extension Office. Narration length is limited to front of a 5” x 7” index card and must be typed. NO narrations accepted after July 15.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – Shepherd’s Lead Contest

1. 4-H or FFA participant must be a current 4-H or FFA member in Carroll County. Contestant will lead a sheep, which is no older than two years, around the show ring while modeling a wool outfit.
2. Participants will be judged on his/her outfit, how well the sheep leads, and the total appearance of both the participant and his/her sheep and the cleanliness of the animal.
3. The participant does not have to own the animal but the contestant **MUST FIT** his/her animal for the contest.
4. The sheep must be conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter.
5. The contestant will be judged on the mode of dress selected that must be attractive and lend elegance to the contest. The garment modeled must be made of at least 60% wool. Contestants must furnish their own garment.
6. The participant will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a) If the outfit is made by the contestant or purchased
 - b) How the contestant presents the garment (poise, posture, grooming, and modeling skills)
 - c) Construction/money spent on the garment.
 - d) If constructed – correct pressing, straight top stitching, invisible hems, design matched, use of trims/accessories, and fit
 - e) If purchased – the quality of money invested, the fit of the outfit, and how the accessories complement the outfit
 - f) Condition and overall attractiveness of the animal – the time spent fitting the animal for the contest; how well the animal is halter-trained and behaves in the show ring; the overall appearance of both the contestant and the sheep while in the show ring.
7. The judges for this contest will be evaluating the contestants by marking each area as good, average, above average, or excellent in addition to giving comments.
8. Premiums - \$10 (participation)

Section 001 – Shepherd’s Lead Contest Classes

<u>Jr. (8-10)</u>	<u>Int. (11-13)</u>	<u>Sr. (14-18)</u>	
1001	2001	3001	Shepherd’s Lead Contest

Section 002 – Shepherd’s Lead Special Awards

Class 1011	Champion & Reserve Junior – award & rosette
Class 2011	Champion & Reserve Intermediate – award & rosette
Class 3011	Champion & Reserve Senior – award & rosette