

Tennessee Junior Sheep Expo Update – July 30, 2026

Sheep Show Ring

The show ring for Sheep Expo will now be in Barn X (the end facing the carnival). Barn X is the stall barn next to the Large Covered Arena. The Goat Show Ring will remain in the Large Covered Arena.

Penning Areas

Pens will be set up at the opposite end of Barn X, which is also where the wash rack is located. Overflow pens as well as pens for goat exhibitors will also be set up in the Large Covered Arena. It will not be possible to pre-assign pens by county like is common at Sheep Expo. We ask that families work cooperatively with others and use only enough pens for their sheep. At this time, there is a significant increase in sheep entries over the past couple of years. With this increase along with entries from Junior Meat Goat and Open Goat shows, tack pens will likely not be possible.

Skillathon and Educational Contests

The Sheep Skillathon along with Sales Talk and Career Development Contest interviews will be held in the Q Barn.

Arrival and Departure

Each day is set up to function on its own, meaning if a family is only showing registered ewes on Thursday, they could show up before the end of check-in on Thursday (7am-10am) and then leave when they are finished showing on that day. There is allotted time on each day for Skillathon and Educational Contests. If a family is showing on Thursday, Friday and in the State Fair Open Junior Show on Saturday, obviously they can stay through the end of the show on Saturday. Market Lamb Breed Champions/Reserve Champions as well as Tennessee Bred Breed Champions/Reserve Champions will need to stay through the Market Animal Grand Drive on Saturday evening (6pm). It will be held in the Large Covered Arena. Depending on how late the shows go on Saturday, it is acceptable to choose to stay until Sunday morning to depart.

Exhibitor Awards

Results from the Skillathon, Premier Exhibitor, Sales Talk and Career Development Contests will be announced during the Grand Drive on Saturday evening.

RV Spots

There is a limited number of RV hook-ups in the livestock area. The fee is \$15 per day and is on a first come first serve basis. Families interested in a RV hook-up should see Terry McPeak with the Tennessee State Fair.

Entry Passes

Families should plan to use the Livestock Gate on Tennessee Blvd to enter the fairgrounds (there will be signs). There is no charge for livestock entries and driver to enter the fairgrounds. Families that leave/return across multiple days should see Terry McPeak or other TSF staff for a pass.

Health Papers

Current Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) are required for each animal coming to the show. Families should expect to have health papers checked and animals inspected when entering the fairgrounds.