



Suffolk

Sheep Society
Northern Ireland Branch

PREMIER EXPORT SHOW & SALE

Saturday 18th July 2026

Ballymena Livestock Mart

INSPECTION: Friday 17th July 4pm-6pm

SHOW: 9.00am SALE: 1.00pm

**PRELIMINARY Entry Forms and Entry Fees to be with
the Secretary**

**Orla Butler, 359 Cushendall Road, Rathkenny, Ballymena,
Co. Antrim, BT43 6QB**

No Later than Friday 12th June

Pedigree detail Entries to be with the Secretary

No Later than 9am Monday 29th June

Chairperson: Mr L Liggett
Judge: M Black
Auctioneers: J A McClelland & Sons Ltd.

SUFFOLK SHEEP SOCIETY (N.I. BRANCH)

1. All sheep must be correct. A Veterinary Surgeon, whose decision shall be final and binding, has been appointed for the inspection of testes of rams and correct mouths of all sheep
2. **Entries of Ram Lambs will be accepted according to the number of birth notifications in the year 2026 received by the Society before the sale entry closing date.** 1 lamb for every 10 lambs birth notified up to a maximum of 8 lambs. 1-10 notifications 1 lamb, 11-20 notifications 2 lambs, 21-30 notifications 3 lambs, 31-40 notifications 4 lambs etc..
3. Ewe Entries – maximum of 2 ewes. Up to 25 birth notified have the option of taking 1, 25+ take 2
4. Entries of Shearling Rams - maximum of 3 Rams. 1 shearling ram per 10 lambs birth notified. 1-10 notifications 1 shearling ram, 11-20 notifications 2 shearling rams 21 and over 3 shearling rams. Only Northern Ireland bred rams eligible.
5. First time Entrants/Exhibitors are restricted to entering a max of 3 sheep for the first two years.
6. Entry Fees: £20.00. Nothing to be sold under 400gns.
7. **No entries accepted without entry fees.**

Entries accepted only on printed Entry Forms with declaration thereon signed by the owner, and accompanied by appropriate entry fees, otherwise entries will be returned. Entries not accepted by phone or email. Cheques made payable to Suffolk Sheep Society N I Branch. This rule will be strictly enforced.

8. **All sheep must be Scrapie Monitored, except rams with ARR/ARR genotype.**
9. No colouring matter, dressing, bleaching or chemical substance (except the use of a Dept. of Agric. approved non-bloom dip and the use of colourless oil on the head and legs) may be used on sheep by members of the Society for any Show and Sale.
10. Exhibitors must have the catalogue number either stencilled or labelled on their animals prior to the Show, otherwise they will be sold at the end of the sale.
11. Substitute animals must be marked with a red spot after the Lot Number.
12. Fertility – All rams and ram lambs are warranted by the seller capable of natural and effective service in accordance with the Society Sale Regulations.
13. Draw for sale catalogue—if a flock is drawn 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the ram lamb class or last, 2nd or 3rd last position in the previous years sale they will go into the middle of the sale.
14. A Sub-Committee will be appointed to deal with all urgent matters.

The committee reserves the right to reduce entries if the sale is considered to be over subscribed.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE**
Vendors cannot be present in pens while Inspections are taking place.
Lambs will not be penned until they pass inspection**

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EACH LAMB SHOWN ONCE

Judging classes

EWE LAMB born 2026

1st & 2nd prize winners are eligible for Championship.

SHEARLING EWE born 2025

1st & 2nd prize winners eligible for Championship

SHEARLING RAM born 2025

Bred in Northern Ireland 1st & 2nd prize winners eligible for Championship

COMMERCIAL GIGOT RAM LAMB (born 2026)

Bred by Exhibitor. Exhibits limited to one lamb per flock

1st & 2nd prize winners are eligible for Championship

NOVICE CUP Ram Lamb (born 2026)

Bred by Exhibitor. Exhibits limited to members who have never won this class.

Exhibits limited to one lamb per flock.

1st & 2nd prize winners are eligible for Championship.

NOVICE CLASS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SOI MEMBERS

OPEN RAM LAMB (born 2026) Bred by Exhibitor

Flock must have previously won Novice Cup with the exception of ROI members

Exhibits limited to one lamb per flock

1st & 2nd prize winners are eligible for Championship

PEN OF THREE RAM LAMBS (born 2026)

Bred by exhibitor and from same flock. Exhibits limited to one pen per flock.

One lamb from each rosette winning pen eligible for Championship – TOP SIX

CHAMPIONSHIP

First and second placed animals out of each class eligible, with the exception of

Pen of Three Ram Lambs, in which six animals are eligible

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL LAMBS MUST BE BRUCELLA OVIS BLOOD TESTED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXPORT. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VENDOR TO HAVE THIS BLOOD TEST CARRIED OUT WITHIN 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SALE – NO LAMBS WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE SALE UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN BLOOD TESTED

BIRTH NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE CHECKED ONE WEEK BEFORE FINAL PEDIGREE ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED AND IF THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO THE SALE ARE NOT ON GRASSROOTS BY FRIDAY 19th JUNE YOUR ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

ALL SHEEP MUST BE MARKED WITH THEIR CATALOGUE NUMBER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE SALE USING **RED MARKER INK, SHEEP MARKED WITH ANY OTHER COLOUR RISK BEING REJECTED AT INSPECTION**

“ONE PERSON PER SHEEP ONLY ALLOWED IN THE SHOWRING”