Young Producers Presentation Contest
2027 Michigan Shepherds Weekend
An annual conference presented by the Michigan Sheep Producers Association
Contest conducted via Zoom in advance of the conference | December 4, 2026

4-H/FFA Division [Ages 14-17]

Presentations must be about sheep and/or relevant to the sheep industry.

Presentations are to be 5 to 15 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes for questions from judges and the audience. Time will not be strictly kept as in a 4-H/FFA competitions, but appropriate use of time will be a consideration in judging. Presentations can be a conventional PowerPoint, but any other type of presentation and visual aid(s) are welcome. This might be a good opportunity for FFA members, for instance, to practice a sheep-related speech, demonstration, or agriculture issue-type presentation.

There will be three judges from the sheep industry, and presentations will be judged using a rubric:

- Content: 40
- Composition: 20
- Appropriate use of time: 5
- Voice: 5
- Stage Presence: 10
- Response to Questions: 20

A winner will be chosen, and all presentations will be recognized and placed. Prizes in the form of Amazon gift cards will be awarded.

Young Producer's Division [Ages 18-35]

Presentations must be about sheep and/or relevant to the sheep industry.

Presentations are to be 10 to 25 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes for questions from judges and the audience. Time will not be strictly kept, but appropriate use will be a consideration in judging.
Presentations can be a conventional PowerPoint, but any other type of presentation and/or visual aid(s) are welcome.

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- Composition: 20
- Appropriate use of time: 5
- Voice: 5
- Stage Presence: 10
- Response to Questions: 20

A winner will be chosen and all presentations will be recognized and placed. The first-place winner will receive a trip to the American Sheep Industry Convention on January 28-31, 2026, in Reno, NV. Basic registration, airfare, and lodging are included.*

**No individual may win this ASI trip sponsored by MSPA more than once. Previous young producer winners from MSPA are encouraged to participate - if a previous trip recipient becomes the first place winner, they will be recognized, but the trip will go to a runner-up winner.*

The top finalists will be eligible for free lodging at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for Friday, January 8, 2027. **Contact info@misheep.org to register by Tuesday, December 1, 2026.**