20010 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – All-Around Sheep Team Contest

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Division 30, Class 10G-030-010 - All-Around Sheep Team Contest

Purpose

The purpose of this team contest is to test the ability of sheep exhibitors from the same "county" to work together as a team, to prepare an animal for the show ring and to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in all areas of sheep production and management.

Registration

- There are no limits on number of teams that can participate.
- There will be an entry fee of $5/person to enter this contest.

For scheduling purposes, teams and alternates must sign up for the All-Around County contest with other pre-fair entries. Any substitutions for the All-Around Sheep Team Contest must be made in the State Fair 4-H livestock office prior to the start of the contest.

General Eligibility

1. Teams shall be made up of either 4-H or FFA members, combined 4-H and FFA teams are ineligible
2. At least one member of the county team must be a sheep exhibitor at the Nebraska State Fair. A county team will consist of three to four youth. All should be enrolled in the county 4-H program or local FFA chapter, but not all must be in the sheep project.
3. Team members must be between 10 and 18 years of age on January 1, 2010.

4-H Eligibility

1. Each County team will be made up of 3-4 members. A team may also be composed of youth from adjoining counties, if the number of interested sheep exhibitors from the county is not enough to compose a team.
2. In the case of multi-county teams, the counties represented in the multi-county team cannot be represented in more than one other team.
    a. "County" can be defined by either traditional county lines or by the current University of Nebraska Extension County Office designation.
    b. In the event that a county/unit does not have enough members to complete a team, team members may combine with adjoining Counties or Counties in the same University of Nebraska Extension Programming district to form an All-Around Sheep Team. NO county/unit entering teams should solicit team members without the knowledge and support of extension staff of counties/units from which other team members are recruited. For teams with members from more than one county/unit, the different counties/units must be adjacent.

FFA Eligibility

1. Teams are to be entered through/by a single FFA chapter.
2. All FFA Contestants must be a high school FFA member (graduating seniors are eligible to compete in this contest up to the first national convention following graduation.)
3. To be eligible for this event, the student must be having or have had instruction in agricultural education for at least one semester within the school year previous to the event entered.
4. To be eligible to compete, students shall be doing passing work in at least fifteen credit hours of high school work per year. They shall have credit on the school records for fifteen credit hours of school work for the last preceding semester in school.
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Awards

In the Sheep division, All-Around Sheep Team Awards will be made to the Grand and Reserve Champion Team. Monetary awards may be given as funds become available. 4-H and FFA teams will be scored together. Champions will be announced prior to the selection of Grand and Reserve Champion 4-H Market Lamb. See master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates.

The following guidelines apply:

3. Teams will be scored on a 200 point scale based on the following criteria
    a. Skill-a-thon score – 100 possible points
    b. Grooming Activity – 100 possible points
4. All team members will participate in a skill-a-thon which will include skill-based questions and activities such as feeds identification, equipment identification and/or demonstration of equipment use, quality assurance problems, retail meat cut identification or others.
5. References for the skill-a-thon include all 4-H Manuals and NebGuides pertinent to the Sheep Industry. Additional references available through CIT include:

BU 6367	Sheep 1: Lambs, Rams and You	G432	Creep Feeding Lambs
BU 6368	Sheep 2: Shear Delight	G434	Feeding Guide for the Ewes
BU 6369	Sheep 3: Leading the Flock	G933	Supplemental Pastures for Sheep
EC235	Feeding Ewes	RP367	Supplemental Pastures for Sheep
4H 194	Sheep Resource Manual	G815	Reproductive Problems in Rams
G814	Using Ram Lambs for Breeding	G675	Yield Grades and Quality Grades for Lamb Carcasses
G453	Sheep Space Allotments	4H 337	Assuring Quality -- A Guide for Youth Livestock Producers
	NCR379Sheep Diseases	G915	Testing Livestock Feeds For Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Sheep and Horses

6. In the Grooming and Fitting portion, teams must provide their own animal. Either a breeding ewe lamb, or market lamb that has not been shorn in the last 10 days may be used. The animal must be an eligible 4-H or FFA entry at the 2010 Nebraska State Fair. The animal must be owned by one of the team members.
7. Teams will have 45 minutes to shear and prepare the lamb for show. The team will be scored on the quality of grooming of the lamb and their ability to work together as a team.
8. The returning members of Champion County Teams can continue to participate in the contest. An identical Returning Champion County Team can participate if and only if they are the only 4-H or FFA members interested from that respective county or chapter. If there are additional 4-H or FFA members from that county or chapter, the returning Champion team members must be split equally between the county or chapter teams. The contest superintendent has the final determination of team makeup and size when working with teams consisting of returning Champion team members.

Schedule

See master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates.

Team Orientation in 4-H Livestock Office – 15 minutes
Sheep Fitting – 1 hour
Skill-a-thon – 1 hour