2010 Nebraska State Fair

Department G – Sheep Division

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GENERAL SHEEP SHOW RULES

A. GENERAL RULES-General Rules in Section I apply to this section.
B. HEALTH PAPERS-All market lambs and breeding ewes must be accompanied by appropriate health certificates. Health certificates must be presented at check in.
C. USDA OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION. All ewes (market and breeding) must have the USDA Official ID tag in place (part of scrapie eradication program). This is in addition to 4-H identification. All Market Sheep to be shown at State Fair **Must** have hair sample for DNA on file. Deadline for DNA is the same as for ownership affidavits, June 15.
D. ARRIVAL TIME-Assigned stalls will be available (see master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates)
E. NUMBER EXHIBITS PER EXHIBITOR-A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting four sheep maximum, if at least one is a breeding ewe. In no case will a 4-H member exhibit more than three market lambs.
F. GROOMING RULE-See rule K, General Livestock Rules.
G. RELEASE OF SHEEP EXHIBITS-All breeding ewes and market lambs will be released following the schedule on the web. Bedding should be removed from barn to dumpster on the west side of barn.
H. SHOW SCHEDULE-The 4-H Sheep Show schedule will be as follows:
I. (see master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates) SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST-The Sheep Showmanship Contest will be judged (see master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates) Sheep Showmanship will be open to all sheep exhibitors (excluding past champions) that have pre-entered showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal and must show in the class assigned (see rules A and D, Livestock Showmanship.)
J. NO MUZZLES ALLOWED-No muzzles or similar devices will be allowed on 4-H sheep at this show.
K. OWNERSHIP - See Rule D.
L. QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING: All exhibitors must have completed an approved food animal quality assurance training program. Exhibitors must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL Cooperative Extension program prior to the fair. Program attendance or completion of a test in the county extension office is required. Completion of training will be certified by county extension staff.
M. The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping lambs and exhibiting the lamb with its feet off the ground, are not acceptable. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing**.**

MARKET LAMBS, Division 31

(Wether and Ewes show together)
G-031-010 – AOB (all other breeds) Market Lambs
G-031-020 – White Face Influence Market Lambs
G-031-030 – Hampshire Market Lambs
G-031-040 – Suffolk Market Lambs
G-031-050 – Natural Color Market Lambs
G-031-060 – Crossbred Market Lambs

MARKET LAMB SHOW RULES

A. MINIMUM WEIGHTS FOR MARKET LAMBS-Market lambs weighing under 100 lbs. at weigh-in will **<u>not</u>** be eligible for a purple award or shipping. No re-weighs will be allowed.
B. DEFINITION OF MARKET LAMBS - Wether and ewe lambs are eligible for market classes. Short scrotum, cryptorchid or ram lambs are not eligible as market lambs.

C. WEIGHING AND IDENTIFICATION OF MARKET LAMBS-Market lambs will be weighed (see master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates) Market lambs will be dry, have all covers removed, and have been sheared within the previous 10 days. (see master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates) Superintendents shall have the authority to request lambs be inspected, by the official veterinarian, for club lamb fungus. All ewe lambs must carry an official USDA identification tag, in addition to 4-H identification.

D. BREED CLASSIFYING –Market lambs will be classified by breed as they are being weighed and identified. **The opinion of the classifier is final,** and lambs must show as assigned or be disqualified. Classifier may rule to allow youth every opportunity to show his/her own lambs.

Classifier guidelines:

- AOB (All Other Breeds)- may include Southdown, Shropshire, Oxford and other breeds not listed.
- Whiteface Influence- includes whiteface breeds and speckles that range from white with black spots to blackface with white spots, with a minimum of 30% of hair areas (face, ears, legs below knees and hocks)having white coloring.
- Hampshire- an open face with ears covered with a dark brown or black hair and free from wool. The face should be dark in color, and practically free of wool from the eyes down. A wool cap should extend from the neck over the forehead. Legs below the knee and hock should be relatively free of wool.
- Suffolk- the head should be black, hornless, and well covered with a thick black hair coat. The muzzle should be long and deep, with legs being black. Belly should be covered with wool. Wool should not extend below the knees and hocks.
- Natural Colored- lambs exhibiting predominate amounts of natural colored fiber in spots or entire fleece.
- Crossbred- lambs not meeting breed characteristics or coloring specifications of other classes.

E. MARKET CLASSES-Market lambs will be divided by breed into up to 6 divisions. A breed with less than 10 head will be subject to combining with another breed at the superintendent's discretion. Classes will be sorted by weight into classes of approximately 25 head per class. If a division has less than 25 head, and not combined, all may show together. Division Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected for each breed division and will compete for Grand Champion.

F. SALE OF MARKET LAMBS-The Grand Champion Market Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb are automatically consigned for sale and slaughter. Other market lambs, weighing at least 100 pounds, may be signed up to be shipped. Sign up must be completed by noon on Sunday, shipping time will be announced. MARKET LAMB SHOW ORDER-Market lamb classes will be judged lightest to heaviest weight within each breed division.

BREEDING EWES, Division 32

BREEDING EWE CLASSES

Yearling Ewes (Born 9/1/2008 to 8/31/2009)	Ewe Lambs (Born 9/1/2009 and after)
G-032-010 All Wool Breeds - Reg. and Commercial	G-032-020 All Wool Breeds – Reg. and Commercial
G-032-070 Dorset	G-032-080 Dorset
G-032-030 Registered Meat Breeds	G-032-040 Registered Meat Breeds
G-032-050 Commercial Meat Breeds	G-032-060 Commercial Meat Breeds

BREEDING EWE SHOW RULES

A. AGE CLASSIFICATION OF BREEDING EWES-Ewes born September 1, 2009, or after are classed as lambs. Ewes born between 9/1/2008 and 8/31/2009 will be classed as yearlings. Ewes born prior to 9/1/2008 are ineligible to show. All breeding ewes will be mouthed for age. All ewe lambs must have all lamb or temporary teeth present; yearling ewes can have yearling teeth, but cannot have two-year old teeth up. Ewes exhibiting two-year old teeth will be allowed to show, but will not be eligible to compete for championship. Classes may be divided at discretion of show management.

B. BREEDING EWES MUST BE EAR TAGGED OR TATTOOED-Ewes shown in breed classes must be registered with the breed association by entry date and have the flock tag, or tattoo and registration tag (if required by breed association). Flock tag number must be on the registration paper, and on the ID affidavit (4-HF-105) and be in the animal's ear at check-in. Registration must be completed by fair date (See Rule I, General Livestock Rules) and a copy of the registration papers must accompany State Fair entry. **4-H ear tags are not official identification for registered breeding ewes.** Commercial ewes must have the official commercial 4-H breeding sheep ear tag in their ear and listed on the ownership affidavit. Both commercial and registered ewes must also have an official USDA (scrapie) identification tag.

C. MINIMUM ENTRIES FOR BREED CLASSES-Ewes of a breed with less than five eligible entries (including both yearlings and lambs) will be shown in All Wool Breeds or Registered Meat Breeds.

D. SHOW ORDER FOR BREEDING EWES-Classes of breeding ewes will be shown in the same order that classes are listed in the premium list.
E. All registered and commercial "meat breed" breeding sheep must be slick shorn within 10 days of the show. All registered and commercial "wool breed" sheep may be shown in the fleece.
BREEDING SHEEP CHECK-IN-Breeding sheep will be checked in on (see master schedule at 4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm for times and dates)