

2008 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 be individually identified with USDA Official ID (part of scrapie eradication program). This is in addition to 4-H identification. **** NEW for 2008**** 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 by 5:00 p.m., Thursday.
- 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 in the front of this book. 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:
 - Saturday.
 - 12:15 p.m.– All Around Sheep Contest
 - 4:30 p.m. - Breeding Sheep Show
 - 7:00 p.m. - Showmanship
 - Sunday
 - 8:00 a.m. - Market Lamb Show (Weights to be posted)
- I. SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST-The Sheep Showmanship Contest will be judged on Saturday, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sheep Showmanship will be open to all sheep exhibitors 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

CLASS 10-Market Wether Lambs (All Breeds)

CLASS 20-Market Ewe Lambs (All Breeds)

MARKET LAMB SHOW RULES

- A. MINIMUM WEIGHTS FOR MARKET LAMBS-Market lambs weighing under 100 lbs. at weigh-in will **not** 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 and identified Friday, from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Market lambs will be dry, have all covers removed, and have been sheared within the previous 10 days. **Scales close at 9:00 a.m.** 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, in addition to 4-H identification.
- D. **MARKET CLASSES**-Market lambs will be divided by weight into 5 divisions of nearly equal number. Classes will be approximately 25 head per class. Division Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected and will compete for Grand Champion.
- E. **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 will begin at 2 p.m. or following the selection of the Champion lambs on Sunday.
- F. **MARKET LAMB SHOW ORDER**-Market lamb classes will be judged lightest to heaviest weight classes. All divisions will be judged on Sunday, starting at 8:00 a.m.

BREEDING EWES, Division 32

BREEDING EWE CLASSES

Yearling Ewes (Born 9/1/2006 to 8/31/2007)

- 10 All Wool Breeds - Registered and Commercial
- 30 Registered Meat Breeds
- 50 Commercial Meat Breeds
- 70 Dorset

Ewe Lambs (Born 9/1/2007 and after)

- 20 All Wool Breeds – Registered and Commercial
- 40 Registered Meat Breeds
- 60 Commercial Meat Breeds
- 80 Dorset

BREEDING EWE SHOW RULES

- A. **AGE CLASSIFICATION OF BREEDING EWES**-Ewes born September 1, 2007, or after are classed as lambs. Ewes born between 9/1/2006 and 8/31/2007 will be classed as yearlings. Ewes born prior to 9/1/2006 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 official USDA (scrapie) identification.
- 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 Class 10 All Wool Breeds or Class 30 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.
- F. **BREEDING SHEEP CHECK-IN**-Breeding sheep will be checked in on Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.