

# 2006 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.
- 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.
    - TBA – Sheep Promotion Contest
    - 5:00 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.

### 4-H SHEEP PROMOTION CONTEST - Division 30

CLASS 101	Sheep Promotion Contest	County Team Number 1
CLASS 102	Sheep Promotion Contest	County Team Number 2
CLASS 103	Sheep Promotion Contest	County Team Number 3

### 4-H SHEEP PROMOTION CONTEST RULES

- A. At least one member of the county team must be a 4-H sheep exhibitor at the Nebraska State Fair. A county team will consist of three to six youth. All should be enrolled in the county 4-H program, but not all must be in the sheep project. A team may also be composed of youth from adjoining counties. A minimum of two youth will participate in the Grooming and Fitting portion of the contest, all youth on the team will participate in the Problem-Solving and Skillathon portions of the contest.
- B. In the Grooming and Fitting portion, teams will be given an unshorn lamb and have 1 hour to shear and prepare the lamb for show. The team will be scored on the quality of grooming of the lamb.
- C. In the Problem-Solving portion, teams will be presented with an issue facing the sheep and wool industry or a production problem to be solved. Prior to State Fair, teams will be notified of three different issues they may be asked

to address at the contest. Teams will have 30 minutes to develop a solution or strategy for solving the problem and then will have no more than 10 minutes to present and defend their solution orally to a panel. The panel will rate the effectiveness and correctness of their solutions based on previously agreed upon industry standards. Teams may create posters, Powerpoint presentations, or use other forms of media to present and may prepare some materials in advance. Teams should supply their own equipment and materials.

- D. All team members will participate in a "skillathon" 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.
- E. Judging of contest will be performed by panels of judges for each section. The awarding of points in each category will be made using a standardized scoresheet. Total points for each portion are as follows:

	Possible Points
Grooming and fitting:	30
Problem-solving	40
<u>Skillathon</u>	<u>30</u>
Total	100

#### 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 9/1/2004 to 8/31/2005)

10 All Wool Breeds - Registered and Commercial

30 Registered Meat Breeds

50 Commercial Meat Breeds

70 Dorset

Ewe Lambs (Born 9/1/2005 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, 2005, or after are classed as lambs. Ewes born between 9/1/2004 and 8/31/2005 will be classed as yearlings. Ewes born prior to 9/1/2004 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.

## GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

ALL 4-H LIVESTOCK, EXCEPT DAIRY AND DAIRY GOATS, ARE TO BE BROUGHT THROUGH THE 27th STREET GATE ONLY

- A. ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS-See General Rules, Rule A, for eligibility requirements of exhibitors.
- B. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTRY-The responsibility for making proper entry rests with the exhibitors and the Extension Educator. It is the responsibility of the Extension Educator to make sure that each beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, or rabbit entry that he/she submits was properly identified on an appropriate ownership affidavit and that the ownership affidavit was submitted by the deadline date.. The exhibitors of all animals shall conduct themselves with honesty, good sportsmanship, and support all rules and regulations of the Nebraska 4-H program and the Nebraska State Fair.
- C. All 4-H show cattle that are moved, driven, shipped or transported, in any manner from any point within the brand area to any point outside the brand area shall first have a brand inspection by the Nebraska Brand Committee, and a certificate of inspection issued. A copy of such certificate shall accompany the cattle and shall be retained by all persons transporting or moving such cattle, as a permanent record.  
The responsibility of insuring the cattle are inspected prior to removal falls equally on the owner, seller, shipper, person, persons, firm, motor carrier, railroad company, or other carrier or corporation of his, her, its, or their agent or agents or servant or servants moving, driving, shipping, or transporting.  
Cattle that are transported in and out of the brand area numerous times for showing may qualify for a show permit, utilized for show purposes only and is valid for 1 year from date of issuance. For more information, contact your local brand inspector or the Nebraska Brand Committee.
- D. OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS & POULTRY-All animals and poultry in the 4-H Show must be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Ownership of beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, and rabbits must be certified where required on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office. Extension offices will subsequently send ownership affidavits to the State Animal Science Department, where they will remain until State Fair entries are due. Market Beef must be certified with nose print in AK-SAR-BEN nose print file by April 1. Other livestock ownership must be certified by June 15. In the case of dairy animals, some lease arrangements are acceptable, but must be certified on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office. Livestock Show Regulations in the 4-H Program Management files (<http://4h.unl.edu/calendarfiles/livestockshow.htm>) will apply to this show.
- E. ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMALS-Any 4-H project animal that has been offered for auction, where the intent of the auction is change of ownership, is ineligible for the 4-H livestock classes at the Nebraska State Fair. This includes animals offered for sale in other events at the Nebraska State Fair, when the event is prior to the 4-H event the animal is entered in. A project animal that has been through a "premium only" auction is eligible to be exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair, provided it and its exhibitor meet all other ownership and eligibility requirements. A "premium only" auction is defined as an event in which change of ownership is never the intent; but the intent is only to provide a monetary premium to accompany the ribbon earned by the exhibit. An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the show may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.
- F. ANIMAL TESTING AND EXAMINATION-Any animal entered in 4-H classes is subject to any type testing at the discretion of either the superintendent or official show veterinarian. If the results of testing indicate the possible use of compounds or drugs not approved for use in that species by FDA or compounds or drugs used outside the

specified withdrawal requirements of FDA, these animals will be declared ineligible for competition and awards. In the case of market animals, show management will determine the appropriate disposal of the animals. An animal that is tampered with to change appearance or weight may be declared ineligible by the Division Superintendent.

- G. **CERTIFICATION OF DRUG USE AND WITHDRAWAL**-Each exhibitor will be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying correct withdrawal from legal drugs, vaccines or other substances. They will also certify that their entries have not received any nonapproved drugs. Affidavits for beef and sheep will also state that animals have not been fed any "prohibited" mammalian derived protein (i.e. ruminant meat and bone meal) while under the care of the exhibitor. Affidavits will be presented to department superintendent prior to or at the time of animal weighing and check-in.
- H. **QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING**: All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, goats, sheep and swine must have received Quality Assurance training or testing through a UNL 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.
- I. **REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK**-A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must indicate one of the following (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family or (3) the family or ranch name or parent's name. **REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE.** Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household.
- J. **ONLY PURPLES CAN BE CHAMPIONS**-Any beef, dairy, dairy goat, sheep, swine, dog, poultry or rabbit entry must be awarded a first or second purple ribbon in a class to be eligible to compete for champion or reserve champion.
- K. **GROOMING OF LIVESTOCK**
  - 1. Clipping, trimming or blocking any beef, dairy, goat, sheep or swine by anyone other than exhibitors (4-H exhibitors at the current State Fair) will not be permitted at this show. This means that exhibitors can help each other, but individuals other than exhibitors cannot help.
  - 2. Grooming an animal other than clipping, trimming or blocking (e.g. brushing, washing, etc.) may be done by exhibitors and brothers, sisters or parents of the exhibitors.
  - 3. Pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing compounds considered objectionable by the packer. Only unadulterated water is permitted. Pigs found in violation will be disqualified from the live show and the carcass show. They will also be subject to all price discounts imposed by the packer for such compounds.
  - 4. Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits.
  - 5. Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be lowered one or two ribbon placing(s) or may be disqualified from the show.
  - 6. Exhibitors will be asked to submit a signed affidavit certifying they know and understand these rules.
- L. **BY ORDER OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL**-The use of flammable and combustible grooming sprays inside the barns is strictly forbidden. These types of materials must be used outside the buildings only.
- M. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN**-An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes in a 4-H or FFA show. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showmen must be a 4-H member exhibiting at a current State Fair 4-H livestock show. All substitute showmen should wear an exhibitor number identifying him/her as a substitute showman (available in the 4-H Livestock Office and/or from species superintendent.)
- N. **ANIMAL SUBSTITUTIONS**: Within the same class or division, substituting a different animal for a pre-entered animal, provided the substitute meets all ownership and eligibility rules, is acceptable and does not require prior approval from the Division Superintendent. Substitutions between divisions, except within Breeding Beef, Dairy, and Dairy Goat are not allowed (i.e. a market lamb cannot be substituted for a breeding sheep entry). For Breeding Beef, Dairy, and Dairy Goat, where each breed is listed as a separate division, substitution between divisions is allowed (i.e. an Angus heifer can substitute for a Charolais heifer).
- O. **OPEN SHOW ENTRIES**-4-H members who enter their animals in both the 4-H Show and the Open Show must make separate entries in both shows. 4-H entries must be made by the Extension Educator in the county. Open Show entries must be made by the exhibitor on appropriate entry forms obtained from the State Fair website.
- P. **FEED, HAY, AND ADDITIONAL BAGS OF WOOD CHIPS** may be ordered by calling the Feed Concession office. Payment for supplies must be made upon delivery. Use of straw for bedding is not permitted for beef, sheep, or swine.
- Q. **NIGHT SECURITY**- Two guards will be employed in the barns and on duty from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. guarding all animals. No one will be permitted to sleep in the 4-H barns.

- R. **AUTHORITY** -Each Division Superintendent (for example, Beef Superintendent) shall have the authority to make all decisions within their respective Divisions in accordance with rules and regulations set forth in this premium list.
- S. **DRESS CODE** -Exhibitors showing beef, dairy, dairy goats, dogs, cats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits are required to wear the official State Fair 4-H T-shirt. If there is no official State Fair 4-H T-shirt, exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron attached or a 4-H T-shirt. Dark blue jeans are required for beef, dog, cat, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. Long jeans/pants are required for cat exhibitors. No hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn in the show ring. Exhibitors shall not display local, county, commercial or other identification while showing their animals-except official 4-H and such identification the show ring may require.
- T. **PORTABLE GENERATORS** will not be allowed in or around 4-H livestock buildings. For the beef barn, counties will be assigned a quota of fans similar to blocking chute quota. Stickers will be sent to counties after entries are received. All fans will be attached to the divider tie rails. No fans in rear of animal regardless of equipment. For sheep/hog barn, no fans are allowed in alleys. Any fan may be removed at the discretion of the superintendents or fair personnel.