

# DEPARTMENT C

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## 2009 SHEEP

**PURPOSE:** *To encourage better sheep and lamb production.*

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**QUESTIONS:** Email - [entryoffice@metrapark.com](mailto:entryoffice@metrapark.com)

**ENTRY:** Online entry is encouraged for eligibility in MontanaFair online entry contests at:  
[www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com)

**Or mail entry to:** MontanaFair, PO Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103. For questions, phone the entry office at (406) 256-2400 or email: [entryoffice@metrapark.com](mailto:entryoffice@metrapark.com)

<b>FEES:</b> Office Charge	\$5/exhibitor
Entry Fee	\$6/head*
Group Classes	\$5/class
Open Market Lamb Show	\$10/head*

### PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED

All entry forms must be received by 5:00 pm on August 1, 2009. Entry fees will be doubled if received after August 1, 2009. Enter online at: [www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com) or mail entry to: MontanaFair, PO Box 2514, Billings, MT 59103.

\*Fees will be charged for each animal on the grounds whether said animal is entered or here for other purposes. No entry will be considered complete unless accompanied by appropriate fees.

## Information

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**RULES, REGULATIONS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors **must** read and observe the General Information and Health Requirements at [www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com) or in the front of this Exhibitor's Handbook. In addition, the following rules apply:

1. All sheep must be owned by the exhibitor on or before August 1, 2009. Base date for the age determination is January 1.
2. A maximum of **TWO (2)** entries by one owner may be entered in any **ONE CLASS IN ANY DIVISION**.
3. Ten (10) head and at least two breeders per division are needed for an adequate breed show. If sufficient entries are not received, that particular division will be show in Division 14 – Other Breeds.
4. Division order will be the show order. Division 14 may show Friday depending on breed(s).
5. All group class entries will be charged an entry fee, (except Champion & Supreme Champion classes) and will be paid premiums.
6. **All animals will show in breed division that they are registered in**, unless in division 13, all breeds will show together. See rule #3.

**REGISTRATION:** All sheep in breeding classes must be registered in flock books of their respective breed. Registration certificates or copies of them must be provided at the time of arrival and will be checked by the entry office and/or superintendent. Proper ID tags must be in the sheep's ear in order to show and they will be checked with registration paper. Entries that do not meet registration requirements will not show.

**CHECK IN:** (Expo Center)

Thursday, August 6, 2009, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, August 7, 2009, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All breeding sheep must be in place by 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 7th. **LATE ARRIVAL ALLOWED ONLY IF PROOF OF ENTRY AT ANOTHER SHOW IS PROVIDED.** All livestock must arrive at Gate #1, see map on the inside back cover of this book.

**GATE ADMISSION:** MontanaFair will provide one free day gate admission pass to exhibitors who enter five or more entries in any one department. Exhibitors may purchase a MontanaFair Season Gate Pass for \$18 or a one day gate pass for \$4 (1/2 price or normal admission).

**JUDGING:** Expo Center (small show ring)

Divisions 1-5: Friday, August 7, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Divisions 6-14: Saturday, August 8, 2009, 8:00 a.m.

Division 15: Saturday, August 8, 2009 – Following the selection of Supreme Champions.

**CHECK OUT:** At conclusion of Saturday sheep show or by Sunday, August 9th at 12 noon. **PROOFS OF ENTRY AT ANOTHER SHOW SUBMITTED TO THE SHEEP SUPERINTENDENT MAY CONSTITUTE EARLY RELEASE FROM THE GROUNDS.**

**PREMIUMS:** Divisions 1-14

1st-\$28, 2nd-\$20, 3rd-\$14, 4th-\$10

Premiums for Open Show classes will be paid as soon as possible after MontanaFair. Open Market Show which will be paid within 30 days after the fair.

**AWARDS:** Divisions 1-14

Overall Champion Ram - \$25 &amp; Award

Overall Reserve Champion Ram - \$20 &amp; Rosette

Overall Champion Ewe - \$25 &amp; Award

Overall Reserve Champion Ewe - \$20 &amp; Rosette

Supreme Champion All Breed Ram - \$30 &amp; Award

Supreme Champion All Breed Ewe - \$30 &amp; Award

Supreme Champion All Breed Get of Sire - \$30 &amp; Award

Supreme Champion All Breed Flock - \$30 &amp; Award

**MONTANA HIGH POINT YOUTH EXHIBITOR:**

- This award will be given to a Youth (18 and under), residing in Montana.
- Points totaled from each animal/class shown as follows:
  - 1st place 4 points
  - 2nd place 3 points
  - 3rd place 2 points
  - 4th place 1 point
- Youth exhibitor with the highest total number of points will receive \$50 and award and second highest number of total points will receive \$25 and award.

DIVISION 1 – Colored Sheep

DIVISION 2 - Corriedale

DIVISION 3 - Targhee

DIVISION 4 - Rambouillet

DIVISION 5 - Columbia

DIVISION 6 - Montadale

DIVISION 7 - Cheviot

DIVISION 8 - Dorset

DIVISION 9 - Southdown

DIVISION 10 - Shropshire

DIVISION 11 - Hampshire

DIVISION 12 - Suffolk

DIVISION 13 – Wether Sire &amp; Dam

DIVISION 14 - Other Breeds (Specify Breed)

DIVISION 15 - Open Market Lamb

**Dept-Div-Class:**

C__-101	Aged Ram	C__-116	Pair of Fall Ewe Lambs
C__-102	Pair of Aged Rams	C__-117	Ewe Lamb
C__-103	Yearling Ram	C__-118	Pair of Ewe Lambs
C__-104	Pair of Yearling Rams	C__-119	Champion Ewe
C__-105	Fall Ram Lambs (Born Sept. 1, 2008- Dec. 31, 2008)	C__-120	Reserve Champion Ewe
C__-106	Pair of Fall Ram Lambs	C__-121	Get of Sire (3 sheep all by same sire, Both sexes represented—any age)
C__-107	Ram Lamb	C__-122	Flock Four Head (2 ewes, one year or Over, 1 ewe lamb and 1 ram)
C__-108	Pair of Ram Lambs	C__-123	Supreme Champion All Breed Champion Ram
C__-109	Champion Ram	C__-124	Supreme Champion All Breed Champion Ewe
C__-110	Reserve Champion Ram	C__-125	Supreme Champion All Breed Get of Sire
C__-111	Aged Ewe	C__-126	Supreme Champion All Breed Flock
C__-112	Pair of Aged Ewes		
C__-113	Yearling Ewe		
C__-114	Pair of Yearling Ewes		
C__-115	Fall Ewe Lamb (Born Sept. 1, 2008- Dec. 31, 2008)		

**STANDARD FOR JUDGING NATURAL COLORED SHEEP (Division 1):**

The purpose of Natural Colored Sheep Shows is to allow breeders of these sheep to exhibit their own animals, see those of other breeders, and compete in similar classes leading to the production of superior breeding lines.

**Eligibility of Animals:**

- Animals are not to be shorn, trimming is optional. Normal shearing time should be observed. Fleece length should be desirable for the grade and the period of wool growth.
- All animals must be registered with the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association 60 days prior to opening date of the MontanaFair.
- Flock registration numbered ear tags shall be used to identify all entries.
- Breeding animals – no stipulation as to purebred or crossbred.
- Lambs in group classes must be bred by exhibitors.
- Lambs must show lamb's teeth.
- Other exhibitors may show sheep in owner's name in breeding classes only.

**Qualifications:**

Any animals entered for competition in Natural Colored Sheep shows will be disqualified if showing the following defects:

**Wool Defects:**

- Kemp fibers if other than carpet wool or hair sheep origin.
- Wool must be free from heat and moisture damage including staining, wool rot and cutting.
- Must not show broken or excessively tender fleece.

**Animal Defects:**

1. Feet and legs with upright patterns; legs correctly placed, not bowed or crooked.
2. Mouth – lower incisors to touch dental pad; not over or under (inherited).
3. Eyelids normal, not inverted, above or below (inherited).
4. Testicles on rams two of normal size and freedom from internal or external.

**Preparation of Animals for Show:**

1. No washing – so as not to damage fleece (washing may harm fleece by removing lanolin).
2. Minimum Trimming – not to be shorn or trimmed to an unnatural shape; dung locks may be trimmed to improve overall appearance of animal.
3. Feet – trim if necessary.

**Judging of Animals:**

1. Colored Sheep should not be allowed to enter into “ALL OTHER BREEDS” classes.
2. The Judge should not discriminate against any color.
3. All animals being awarded a first prize in a show may compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion awards. The Judge should consider that among animals without obvious and serious defects, the following balance in emphasis is recommended:

**Wool** – 60 percent Quality for Hand Spinning

20 POINTS – Approximately 35 percent of the fleece of an animal should be colored wool. All color combinations are desirable. Fleece should not contain excessive dirt, plant material, tags, etc.

**Conformation** – 40 percent for Soundness and Neatness

40 POINTS – Conformation and size at least normal for the breed background from which they derived. Evidence of high growth rate is desirable in any breed type.

**Division 10 & 13 – These sheep will show slick shorn.**

**DIVISION 15 - MARKET LAMB JACKPOT SHOW**

**Entry Deadline: All entry forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2009. LATE ENTRIES WILL RESULT IN A DOUBLE ENTRY FEE. No entry accepted after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7th.**

**Weigh In:** Saturday, August 8, 2009, 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m.

**Stalls:** No overnight stalling will be available in the fairgrounds facilities. Empty pens could be available for use and will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

**Show:** Saturday, August 9, 2009, at the conclusion of open class breeding show. (Usually around noon, but be prepared for an earlier time.)

**Premiums:** \$150 guaranteed for Grand Champion and \$100 guaranteed for Reserve Champion

**Entry Fee Jackpot:** Payback based on sliding scale according to number of entries in the class.

**RULES, REGULATIONS and HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Exhibitors must read and observe the General Information and Health, Brand & Import Regulations at [www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com) or in this Exhibitor’s Handbook. Proper entry and identification is essential.

1. Exhibitors can be of any age.
2. Competition is open. Show is for premiums and awards only. No sale is offered.
3. An exhibitor may enter and show any number of entries.
4. Lambs must be owned by July 1, 2009.
5. Each animal must be identified by an ear tag, which must be listed on the entry form.
6. This show is open to wether or ewe lambs.
7. Wethers having one (1) or both testicles contained in the body cavity are ineligible to show.
8. Lambs must have all lambs’ teeth intact.
9. All lambs must be completely slick shorn.
10. Each lamb is allowed only one (1) trip through the scale. The weigh committee will have full authority to operate the scale. No re-weighs. No weigh slips accepted.
11. The lambs will be weighed bare and dry. Lambs will be classed by weight only. No breed classes will be offered.
12. The show management and judge will determine the number of lambs per class.
13. The judge will determine the number of lambs to compete in the championship class.
14. Lambs must be shown without coat compounds, including oils, paints, powders and/or other dressings.
15. No chains or collars are allowed on the necks of the lamb.
16. Sheep are not allowed to run loose in the barn.
17. No overnight facilities are available.
18. Management reserves the right to interpret the rules as they see fit. Their decision is final.
19. Each exhibitor is responsible for any loss, injury theft or damage that may result to him, his officers, agents, employees, equipment or animals.
20. Any exhibitor not following these rules and regulations may be subject to disqualification.

Class:

C-15-127 Open Market Lamb

# MONTANA SELECT SHEEP SALE

## 1:30 P.M. - AUGUST 8, 2009

### SALE COMMITTEE:

Annette Frank, Sale Secretary - 406-962-3148

Marlene Amen, Sale Clerk - 406-656-2591

George & Marlene Amen – 406-656-2591

Garth & Robbie Isbell – 406-285-3622

This sale is not part of the MontanaFair Open Class Sheep Show. All inquiries must be directed to Annette Frank, Sale Secretary at 406-962-3148.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Terms will be cash or personal check. All payments shall be made to the Montana Select Sheep Sale in U.S. funds.

Any disputes with regard to any blood tests, codon tests, DNA tests, ear tag numbers or registration are entirely the responsibility of the seller. All sheep sold are guaranteed by the consignor (seller) to be breeders. The seller has the right to have returned to him an animal claimed by the buyer to be a nonbreeder. In case the seller cannot prove the animal to be a breeder, the seller is to refund the purchase price.

**All animals will be bred and owned by consignor.**

Consignors have the option of placing a reserve bid on each lot. If the reserve bid is not reached in a timely manner, the lot will be returned to the pen as no sale. No by-bidding by or for the sellers on their own consignment will be allowed.

Misunderstanding or disputes as to bids will be settled by the auctioneer. All sheep on the grounds are at the owner's risk, and the ownership passes to the buyer when the animal is pronounced sold. In case of other disputes, the sale committee reserves the right to make an interpretation of the rules and regulations.

**ARRIVAL & INSPECTION:** All livestock must enter at Gate #1 – Exhibitor Gate, (see map at the back of this handbook). All animals shall be in place by 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2009. All sheep will undergo health inspection and quality sifting. It is the consignor's responsibility to read and abide by the Health Requirements as stated in the General Information section of this handbook. Animals not meeting the health and quality criteria of the sale committee will be sifted and not allowed to be sold in the sale. The sale committee reserves the right to reject entries that do not conform to sale regulations. "No Sale" and "Sifted" animals can be sold at private treaty after the sale. The transaction must go through the sale secretary. All consignors must pay \$10 pen fee if animal(s) are not entered in open show. Superintendent will assign stalls as at her discretion, but no more than two head will be allowed per pen.

**GATE ADMISSION:** Consignors may purchase 1/2 price gate admission fee for one day at \$4 or season pass for MontanaFair for \$18 at Gate #1 – Livestock Entrance, if named on official consignment list.

**HEALTH REGULATIONS:** All rams must have been ELISA tested negative for Brucella Ovis or be from a certified B.Ovis free flock and verification of such presented upon arrival. Any sheep being stated as being QR or RR at the codon 171 should present lab test results at check in showing the codon test result. All requirements as currently required by Montana Department of Livestock, Health and Brands Enforcement must be met.

**LIABILITY:** MontanaFair Management, Yellowstone County, City of Billings, their employees or agents, or board members thereof will assume no liability for injury, loss or damages sustained by person, property or livestock of any consignor, consignor's family or employees, concessionaire or spectator or buyer. Every animal and article upon the grounds shall be under the control of MontanaFair management. The Montana Select Sheep Sale is "hosted" only by MontanaFair therefore all agreements for consignor and buyer are the responsibility of the Montana Select Sheep Sale Committee.

**EAR TAGS:** As per the federal regulations that are now in effect, all sheep consigned to "Breeding Stock Sales" must have official ear tags or other official identification (tattoos) to move interstate. If tattoos are used, they must be clearly readable and have an ear tag of any kind that corresponds to the tattoo.

**SALE REGULATIONS:** The sale committee has established a \$200 minimum floor on all rams and \$150 on ewes with the option of a reserve bid from the seller.