

SHEEP
DEPARTMENT C

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

SUPERINTENDENT: Trish Hays (406) 875-2152
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FEES:

Office Charge	\$5.00/exhibitor
Entry Fee	\$6.00/head*
Open Market Lamb Show	\$10.00/head*

PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED - All entry forms must be received by 5:00 pm on August 1, 2008. Entry fees will be doubled if received after August 1, 2008. Enter online at: 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.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Exhibitors please read and observe the General Information at www.montanafair.com or in this Exhibitor's Handbook. Proper entry and identification is essential.

1. All sheep must be owned by the exhibitor on or before August 1, 2008. 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 show. If sufficient entries are not received, that particular division will be cancelled and all entry fees will be returned.
4. Division order will be the show order. Division 13 may show Friday depending on breed(s).
5. All animals will show in breed division that they are registered in, (see registration requirements as follows):

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. Premium money will be withheld until necessary registration numbers are provided on entry blanks in the event that they are not properly listed at the time of entry.

CHECK IN: (Expo Center)
Thursday, August 7, 2008, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday, August 8, 2008, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

All breeding sheep must be in place by 3:00 pm Friday, August 8th. LATE ARRIVAL ALLOWED ONLY IF PROOF OF ENTRY AT ANOTHER SHOW IS PROVIDED.

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 \$18.00 or a one day gate pass for \$4.00 (1/2 price or normal admission).

JUDGING: Expo Center (small show ring)

Divisions 1-5:

Friday, August 8, 2008, 4:00 pm

Divisions 6-13:

Saturday, August 9, 2008, 8:00 am

Division 15:

Saturday, August 9, 2008 – Following the selection of Supreme Champions.

CHECK OUT: At conclusion of Saturday sheep show or by Sunday, August 10th @ 12:00 (noon). PROOF OF ENTRY AT ANOTHER SHOW SUBMITTED TO THE SHEEP SUPERINTENDENT MAY CONSTITUTE EARLY RELEASE FROM THE GROUNDS.

PREMIUMS: Divisions 1-13

1st-\$28.00, 2nd-\$20.00, 3rd-\$14.00, 4th-\$10.00

Premiums for Open Show classes will be paid as soon as possible after the conclusion of the judging, except for the Open Market Show which will be paid after the show. Premiums not picked up at the Entry Office will be mailed within two weeks of the conclusion of MontanaFair. Management reserves the right to mail premiums if technical problems are encountered. Open Market Lambs – please allow up to four weeks for premium procession and mailing.

AWARDS: Divisions 1-13

Overall Champion Ram - \$25.00 & Award
Overall Reserve Champion Ram - \$20.00 & Rosette
Overall Champion Ewe - \$25.00 & Award
Overall Reserve Champion Ewe - \$20.00 & Rosette
Supreme Champions:

- All Breed Ram– \$30.00 & Award
- All Breed Ewe - \$30.00 & Award
- All Breed Get of Sire – \$30.00 & Award
- All Breed Flock–\$30.00 & Award

DIVISION 1 - Border Leicester

DIVISION 2 - Colored Sheep

DIVISION 3 - Corriedale

DIVISION 4 - Targhee

DIVISION 5 - Rambouillet

DIVISION 6 - Columbia

DIVISION 7 - Shropshire

DIVISION 8 - Hampshire

DIVISION 9 - Suffolk

DIVISION 10 - Southdown

DIVISION 11 - Dorset

DIVISION 12 - Cheviot
DIVISION 13 - Montadale
DIVISION 14 - Other Breeds (Specify Breed)
DIVISION 15 - Open Market Lamb

Dept-Div-Class

C-__-1	Aged Ram
C-__-2	Pair of Aged Rams
C-__-3	Yearling Ram
C-__-4	Pair of Yearling Rams
C-__-5	Fall Ram Lambs (Born Sept. 1, 2007- Dec. 31, 2007)
C-__-6	Pair of Fall Ram Lambs
C-__-7	Ram Lamb
C-__-8	Pair of Ram Lambs
C-__-9	Champion Ram
C-__-10	Reserve Champion Ram
C-__-11	Aged Ewe
C-__-12	Pair of Aged Ewes
C-__-13	Yearling Ewe
C-__-14	Pair of Yearling Ewes
C-__-15	Fall Ewe Lamb (Born Sept. 1, 2007- Dec. 31, 2007)
C-__-16	Pair of Fall Ewe Lambs
C-__-17	Ewe Lamb
C-__-18	Pair of Ewe Lambs
C-__-19	Champion Ewe
C-__-20	Reserve Champion Ewe
C-__-21	Get of Sire (3 sheep all by same sire, both sexes represented—any age)
C-__-22	Flock Four Head (2 ewes, one year or Over, 1 ewe lamb and 1 ram)
C-__-23	Supreme Champion all Breed Champion Ram
C-__-24	Supreme Champion All Breed Champion Ewe
C-__-25	Supreme Champion All Breed Get of Sire
C-__-26	Supreme Champion All Breed Flock

STANDARD FOR JUDGING NATURAL COLORED SHEEP (Division 2):

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:

1. 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.
2. All animals must be registered with the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association 60 days prior to opening date of the MontanaFair.
3. Flock registration numbered ear tags shall be used to identify all entries.
4. Breeding animals – no stipulation as to purebred or crossbred.
5. Lambs in group classes must be bred by exhibitors.
6. Lambs must show lamb's teeth.

7. 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:

1. Kemp fibers if other than carpet wool or hair sheep origin.
2. Wool must be free from heat and moisture damage including staining, wool rot and cutting.
3. 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 15 - MARKET LAMB JACKPOT SHOW

Entry Deadline: All entry forms must be received by 5:00 pm on August 1, 2008. LATE ENTRIES WILL RESULT IN A DOUBLE ENTRY FEE.

Weigh In: Saturday, August 9, 2008, 9:00 -10:00 am

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, 2008, at the conclusion of open class breeding show. (Usually around noon, but be prepared for an earlier time.)

Premiums:

\$150.00 guaranteed for Grand Champion

\$100.00 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 please read and observe the General Information and Health, Brand & Import Regulations at 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, 2008.
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 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 No.

- 1 Open Market Lamb

MONTANA SELECT SHEEP SALE 1:30 PM - AUGUST 9, 2008

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 or afrank@dishmail.net

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 time and inspection: All animals shall be in place by 3:00 pm, Friday, August 8, 2008. All sheep will undergo health inspection and quality sifting. 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.

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.

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 \$200.00 minimum floor on all rams and \$150.00 on ewes with the option of a reserve bid from the seller