
DEPARTMENT C – SHEEP

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ENTRY: Online entry is encouraged for eligibility in MontanaFair **online entry contests** at:

www.montanafair.com

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FEES:

Office Charge \$5.00/exhibitor

Entry Fee \$6.00/head*

Group Classes \$5.00/class

Open Market Lamb Show \$10.00/head*

PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED - All entry forms must be received by 5:00 pm on August 1, 2011. Entries will not be accepted after that time. Be aware that online entry will close at 10:00 pm on Sunday, July 31, 2011. No entry will be considered complete unless accompanied by appropriate fees. Only animals entered in the MontanaFair will be allowed on grounds.

RULES, REGULATIONS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Exhibitors must read and observe the General Information and Health Requirements at www.montanafair.com. In addition, the following rules apply:

1. All sheep must be owned by the exhibitor on or before August 1, 2011. 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 shown in Division 8 – Other Breeds. This will be strictly enforced at the 2011 MontanaFair.
4. Division order will be the show order.
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 7, 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)

Friday, August 12, 2011, 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm, unless other arrangements have been made with the Superintendent listed above. All breeding sheep must be in place by 8:00 pm Friday, August 12th. All livestock must arrive at Gate #1 – (Hwy 87 off I90, Exit 452).

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 \$20.00 or a one day gate pass for \$5.00, if purchased at time of entry.

JUDGING: Expo Center (small show ring)

Divisions 1-8:

Saturday, August 13, 2011, 8:00 am

Division 9 – Open Market Lambs:

Saturday, August 13, 2011 – Immediately following the conclusion of the Open Sheep Show.

CHECK OUT: At conclusion of Saturday sheep show or by Sunday, August 14th @ 12:00 (noon).

PREMIUMS: Divisions 1-8: 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 MontanaFair. Open Market Show will be paid within 30 days after the fair.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS: Divisions 1-8:

Division Champion Ram - \$25.00 & Plaque
Division Reserve Champion Ram - \$20.00 & Rosette
Division Champion Ewe - \$25.00 & Plaque
Division Reserve Champion Ewe - \$20.00 & Rosette

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:

- a. 1st place 4 points
- b. 2nd place 3 points
- c. 3rd place 2 points
- d. 4th place 1 point

Youth exhibitor with the highest total number of points will receive \$50.00 and second highest number of total points will receive \$25.00.

**DIVISION 1 - Colored Sheep DIVISION 2 - Targhee DIVISION 3 - Columbia DIVISION 4 - Shropshire
DIVISION 5 - Hampshire DIVISION 6 - Suffolk DIVISION 7 - Wether Sire & Dam DIVISION 8 - Other Breeds
(Specify Breed)
DIVISION 9 - Open Market Lamb**

Dept-Div-Class C-__-101 Aged Ram C-__-102 Pair of Aged Rams C-__-103 Yearling Ram C-__-104 Pair of Yearling Rams C-__-105
Fall Ram Lambs (Born 9/1/10 – 12/31/10) C-__-106 Pair of Fall Ram Lambs C-__-107 Ram Lamb C-__-108 Pair of Ram Lambs **C-
__-109 Champion Ram C-__-110 Reserve Champion Ram** C-__-111 Aged Ewe C-__-112 Pair of Aged Ewes
C-__-113 Yearling Ewe
C-__-114 Pair of Yearling Ewes
C-__-115 Fall Ewe Lamb (Born 9/1/10 – 12/31/10)
C-__-116 Pair of Fall Ewe Lambs
C-__-117 Ewe Lamb
C-__-118 Pair of Ewe Lambs
**C-__-119 Champion Ewe
C-__-120 Reserve Champion Ewe**
C-__-121 Get of Sire (3 sheep all by same sire,
both sexes represented—any age)
C-__-122 Flock Four Head (2 ewes, one year or
over, 1 ewe lamb and 1 ram)

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:

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 4 & 7 – These sheep will show slick shorn.

DIVISION 9 - MARKET LAMB JACKPOT SHOW

Entry Deadline: All entry forms must be received by 5:00 pm on 8/1/11. Please be aware the online entry closes at 10:00 pm on July 31, 2011. No late entries accepted.

Weigh In: Saturday, August 13, 2011, 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 13, 2011, 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 must read and observe the General Information and Health, Brand & Import Regulations at www.montanafair.com. 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, 2011.
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.

21. Enter Class - C-9-123 - Open Market Lamb