



## SHEEP

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**Section 9 - SPECIAL SHEEP PROGRAM AWARDS**

**Class 1 - PRIDE IN YOUR SHEEP PROJECT AWARD**

It is an honor and a privilege to be able to exhibit your sheep project at the 2009 State Fair of West Virginia. This award will be given to the youth exhibitor who displays himself/herself, his/her exhibit, and his/her stall area with pride during the entire week of the fair.

Exhibitors are encouraged to take pride in their projects and in themselves and to display a positive image of the sheep industry in the state of West Virginia.

The winner will receive a financial award; the winner will be announced between the Market Lamb Show and the Pair of Lambs on Sunday, August 16.

**Prize Money:**

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
\$75	\$50	\$30

**Class 2 - MARKET LAMB SHOWMAN**

A \$20 cash award is given to the outstanding Market Lamb (single) Showman. The individual receiving this award will be announced at the end of the Market Lamb Show.



### Section 10 A & B - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP CLASS

**Market Lamb Showmanship:**  
8:00 a.m., Saturday, August 15  
**Purebred Sheep Showmanship:**  
4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 19

#### **RULES:**

1. You must show in Sheep Showmanship in order to receive premium monies in the Sheep Show. Please check the Showmanship box on the green entry form.  
If you are exhibiting both Purebred sheep and Market lambs, you must show in both showmanship contests to receive premium monies and be eligible for Premier Exhibitor.
2. Junior exhibitors may show their sheep with a halter.
3. Classes and order of show will be determined by the superintendents and posted.  
Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal.

**SECTION 10-A: Market Lamb Showmanship Exhibitors --**  
*Refer to Dept. F, General Rule 3, under Showmanship.*

**Classes 1 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

**Classes 4 NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP**

**Classes 2 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP**

**Classes 5 MASTER SHOWMANSHIP**

**Classes 3 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

**SECTION 10-B: Purebred Sheep Showmanship Exhibitors --**  
*Refer to Dept. F, General Rule 17.*

**Classes 1 SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP**                      **Classes 4 NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP**  
**Classes 2 INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP**        **Classes 5 MASTER SHOWMANSHIP**  
**Classes 3 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

**2008: MARKET LAMB SHOWMANSHIP**

NOVICE CHAMPION - **Bobbie McNabb**, Pocahontas Co  
 JUNIOR CHAMPION – **Levi Nelson**, Greenbrier Co  
 INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION - **Dalton Walker**, Pocahontas Co  
 SENIOR CHAMPION – **John Nelson**, Greenbrier Co  
 MASTER CHAMPION - **David Spiker**, Lewis Co

**2008: PUREBRED SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

NOVICE CHAMPION - **Natalie Thorpe**, Upshur Co  
 JUNIOR CHAMPION – **Casey Thorpe**, Upshur Co  
 INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION - **Faith Galford**, Greenbrier Co  
 SENIOR CHAMPION – **Jennifer Childers**, Greenbrier Co  
 MASTER CHAMPION - **Brianne Williams**, Greenbrier Co

**Section 11 & 12 - MARKET LAMBS**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
9	10	11	12	13 10 am until 10pm: Market Lambs arrival	14 10 am: All Market Lambs must be in barns 12 noon: Exhibitors Meeting 2 pm: Weigh-in 4:30pm: Ultrasound evaluations 5 pm: Market Lamb Skillathon, senior followed by junior (Skillathon tent)	15 8 am: Market Lamb Showmanship
16 8 am: Market Lamb Show (singles followed by pairs)	17 6 pm: All Market Lambs are Released	18 3 pm: YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE	19	20	21	22

**RULES**

1. Exhibitors of Market Lambs must have ownership by June 15, 2009.
2. All market lambs will be weighed Friday, August 14, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.. Exhibitors or their representatives must be present at time of weighing.  
 The 2009 Junior Show for market animals selected as Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be a terminal show. This means that all Grand and Reserve Grand Champions must be harvested. There are two options:

## **RULES**

- A) The youth may elect to consign their animal to the Greenbrier/Monroe Livestock Association, Inc. Sale. After the animal is sold the State Fair will assume responsibility for the animal and deliver it to a designated State or Federally inspected slaughter facility;
- B) At release time, the State Fair will assume responsibility for the animal and deliver it to a designated State or Federally inspected slaughter facility. After harvest the youth will be able to pick up the carcass to do with as they prefer.  
All Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will have a blood sample drawn immediately upon completion of the class. This sample will be sent to an independent lab for drug screening.

## **NEW!**

- 3. Market Lambs must be ear-tagged with the State Fair identification by July 1, 2009. Ear-tag numbers must be listed on green entry form for each exhibitor. Each exhibitor must enter at least two (2) lambs. The maximum number per exhibitor is four (4). Each exhibitor may show three (3) single lambs and one pair (two lambs). **Each exhibitor must weigh-in at least two (2) lambs at the fair.**
- 4. All market lambs will be accepted for exhibition only if tails are not docked shorter than the level of the distal end of the caudal tail fold. Lambs that are properly docked will have a minimum tail length of 0.7 inches at show, measured by the approved measurement device, which will be placed against the base of the tail and pinbones. Officials at the show or fair will follow the Sheep Tail Measurement Protocol of the WVU Extension Service and the WV Association of Agriculture Educators Program Policy Committee of the FFA. All lambs will be measured at weigh-in.
- 5. A market lamb tagged for the State Fair eliminated due to dock length at a 4-H and/or FFA show, event, activity is ineligible for exhibition at the State Fair and any future 4-H or FFA event/activity.
- 6. Lambs must weigh 100 pounds to be eligible for the show. If there is any question concerning the actual weight, the lamb must be re-weighed immediately before it is taken back to the barn. See rule 15.
- 7. Lambs shown in purebred classes may not be shown in the market lamb show.
- 8. Lambs may be ewes or wethers.
- 9. Lambs must carry all lamb teeth and will be mouthed at time of the weighing. Wether Lambs will also be examined at the time of weighing for the presence of testicular tissue. No animal with testicular tissue will be permitted to show. The sheep committee reserves the right to remove prolapsed lambs at any time during the exhibition.
- 10. The use of halters is optional.
- 11. Each pair of two market lambs must be of similar weight and should look alike. Exhibitors must designate lamb tag numbers for the pair and singles at weigh-in. This needs to be done no later than 30 minutes upon completion of the weigh-in.
- NEW!** 12. In order to properly inspect market lambs they must be skin clipped prior to their arrival at the fair. A West Virginia Department of Agriculture inspector will be stationed at the unloading dock to inspect them as they come off the trucks between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Any animal showing signs of an infectious or contagious disease will not be able to stay within the fairgrounds. Any shipment containing an infected animal commingled with other animals will result in the entire shipment being rejected. Lambs showing evidence of club lamb fungus will be WVDA inspected and may be asked to leave the fair grounds.
- 13. No muzzles are permitted.
- 14. All sheep pens must be bedded with natural bedding.
- 15. If at the market lamb check-in time a concern regarding identification arises, the situation will be handled by the Dept. F General Superintendents and the State Fair Executive Committee.

### **SINGLE LAMB SHOW - Section 11**

Lambs will be assigned to the weight divisions by a special committee after weigh-in.

#### **Section 11-A – Light Weight Singles**

Classes 1-7: Premiums (except championship classes).

Class 8: CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT SINGLE – Rosette.

Class 9: RESERVE CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT SINGLE – Rosette.

#### **Section 11-B – Medium Weight Singles**

Classes 1-7: Premiums (except championship classes).

- Class 8: CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT SINGLE – Rosette.
- Class 9: RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT SINGLE – Rosette.

**Section 11-C – Heavy Weight Singles**

- Classes 1-7: Premiums (except championship classes).
- Class 8: CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT SINGLE – Rosette.
- Class 9: RESERVE CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT SINGLE – Rosette.

**Section 11-D – Grand Champions**

- Class 1: GRAND CHAMPION SINGLE LAMB - Rosette.
- Class 2: RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SINGLE LAMB – Rosette

**PAIRS OF LAMBS SHOW - Section 12**

The judging of the pairs of market lambs shall be by weight classification. Weight divisions shall be: Light, Medium, and Heavy.

**Section 12-A – Light Weight Pair**

- Classes 1-4: Premiums (except championship classes).
- Class 5: CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT PAIR – Rosette.
- Class 6: RESERVE CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT PAIR – Rosette.

**Section 12-B – Medium Weight Pair**

- Classes 1-4: Premiums (except championship classes).
- Class 5: CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT PAIR – Rosette.
- Class 6: RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT PAIR – Rosette.

**Section 12-C – Heavy Weight Pair**

- Classes 1-4: Premiums (except championship classes).
- Class 5: CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT PAIR – Rosette.
- Class 6: RESERVE CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT PAIR – Rosette.

**Section 12-D – Grand Champions**

- Class 7: GRAND CHAMPION PAIR OF LAMBS - Rosette.
- Class 8: RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PAIR OF LAMBS – Rosette

**NEW! Section 12-E - ULTRASOUND LAMB EVALUATION**

1. This contest, using ultrasound carcass data, is a unique educational opportunity designed to:
  - a. Familiarize exhibitors and their families with ultrasound technology;
  - b. Provide carcass data to both the exhibitor and original breeder of lamb;
  - c. Award exhibitors who have animals that excel in producing a carcass that meets the accepted industry standards.
2. Real-time ultrasound is a non-invasive method of estimating economically important carcass traits of the live animal. This technology is being utilized to make seedstock selections and mating decisions.
  - a. Participation is on a voluntary basis.
    - b. Only lambs that have been entered in the Market Lamb Show are eligible.
  - c. Lambs should be clean & dry when presented for measurement.
    - d. All animals will be clipped to enhance the accuracy of the Ultrasound reading. Lambs that are clipped will NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST during the show. THE EXTERNAL APPLICATION OF HAIR/OR FOREIGN SUBSTANCE IS PROHIBITED.
    - e. This procedure WILL REQUIRE THE USE OF OIL OR OTHER LUBRICANTS. The Exhibitor will be responsible for removal of residue after completion of the ultrasound measurements.
    - f. All measurements will be taken between the 12th & 13th rib area. Measurements to be taken include backfat depth and loin eye area.
    - h. Measurements will be taken on Friday, August 14th at 4:30 pm. Location will be announced.
    - i. Lambs must be shown by the exhibitor in the Market Lamb show to be eligible for awards.

**Section 13 - PUREBRED SHEEP**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			8 am-12 noon: check-in	2 pm: Suffolk Show	8 am: Border Cheviot Show	6 pm: Release for all
			1:00 pm: Exhibitors Meeting	4 pm: Montadale Show	10 am: Hampshire Show	Open and Junior Purebred Sheep
			2 pm: Skillathon (Sr followed by Jr), Skillathon Tent	6 pm: Dorset Show		
			4 pm: Purebred Sheep Showmanship			
			5 pm: Shepherd's Lead			
			6 pm: Southdown Show			
			7 pm: All other purebreds			

**Open and Junior Purebred  
Sheep will be shown at  
the same time.**

**RULES:**

1. All purebred sheep born on or before January 1, 2002 will be accepted for exhibition only if tails are not docked shorter than the level of the distal end of the caudal tail fold. Animals that are properly docked will have a minimum tail length of 0.7 inches at show, measured by the approved measurement device, which will be placed against the base of the tail and pinbones. Officials at show or fair will follow the Sheep Tail Measurement Protocol of the WVU Extension Service and the WV Association of Agricultural Educators Program Policy Committee of the FFA. All lambs will be measured at check-in.
2. Breeding sheep entered in Department F, Section 13, eliminated due to dock length at a 4-H and/or FFA show event/activity are ineligible for exhibition at the State Fair Junior Show and any other future 4-H/FFA show event/activity.
3. Exhibitors of Purebred Sheep must have ownership by June 15, 2009.
4. Lambs shown in the Market Lamb classes may not be shown in the Purebred Sheep Show.
5. Exhibitors will be limited to two (2) entries per class in each breed.
6. Purebred Sheep must be owned and have registration papers prepared in the name of the individual exhibitor or the family flock name. The superintendents will check the papers against entry sheets at check-in time.
7. The teeth of all purebred sheep will be inspected to verify age. Any questions of actual age will be verified by the State Fair Veterinarian. The Veterinarian's decision will be final and any sheep not meeting age requirements will be disqualified. No changes will be made in show ring. If an animal appears in the show arena with ear tags or tattoo different from those verified at check-in, it will not be permitted to show. Ear tags and tattoo will be checked upon entry into the ring and must be present for animal to show.
8. The sheep committee reserves the right to remove prolapsed animals at anytime during the exhibition.
9. All animals entered in the Purebred Sheep Classes must be registered in the recognized American herd books of their respective breeds.

**Classifications:**

1. Yearling Ram – One (1) year and under two (2).
2. Senior Ram Lamb, Under one (1) year old.
3. Early Junior Ram Lamb - born January 1 - February 15.
4. Late Junior Ram - born February 16 and after.



**Classifications (continued)**

5. Pair of Ram Lambs.
6. CHAMPION RAM – Rosette.
7. RESERVE CHAMPION RAM – Rosette.
8. Yearling Ewe – one (1) year old and under two (2).
9. Pair of Yearling Ewes.
10. Senior Ewe Lamb, Under one (1) year old.
11. Early Junior Ewe Lamb - born January 1 - February 15.
12. Late Junior Ewe Lamb - born February 16 and after.
13. Pair of Ewe Lambs.
14. CHAMPION EWE – Rosette.
15. RESERVE CHAMPION EWE – Rosette.
16. Bred and Owned Pair of Lambs (one ewe lamb and one ram lamb bred and owned by the exhibitor).

**Exhibitors will be limited to one entry in classes 5, 9, 13, and 16, and will be limited to two entries per class in each of the other classes.**

- Section 13-A – HAMPSHIRE**
- Section 13-B – SUFFOLK**
- Section 13-C – BORDER CHEVIOT**
- Section 13-D – DORSET**
- Section 13-E – SOUTHDOWN**
- Section 13-F – MONTADALES**
- Section 13-G – ALL OTHER PUREBREDS**

**Section 14 - SHEEP SHEARING CONTEST**



**RANDY McCUTCHEON,**  
Superintendent, Union

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**in the Small Stock Arena**

**RULES:**

1. Competition is open to any West Virginia 4-H or FFA member between the ages of 15 and 21, as of January 1, 2009.
2. Registration with a State Fair entry form is required by 12 Noon on July 18, 2009. Forms are available from the fair office, the county extension office, FFA instructors or online at [www.statefairfww.com](http://www.statefairfww.com).
3. Each contestant will shear two sheep. Sheep to be shorn and shearing equipment will be furnished.

Before the contest, there will be a sheep shearing demonstration and clinic. This is for the pleasure of the audience and benefit to novice shearers.

<b>Scoring:</b>	
Time – 3 min perfect.....	20
Condition of Fleece .....	20
Absence of 2nd Cuts.....	20
Method of Handling Sheep..	15
Absence of Cuts on Sheep...	15
Appearance of Sheep.....	10
Total.....	100
Premiums will be awarded.	