

## DIVISION C - SHEEP

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**EACH SHOW WILL START APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PREVIOUS SHOW**

Saturday, September 5 <sup>th</sup> – 1PM	Sunday, September 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM	Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> - 8:30AM
NATURAL COLOR  OTHER WOOL BREEDS	CHEVIOT  DORSET  HAMPSHIRE  MONTADALE  OTHER MEAT BREEDS	SHROPSHIRE  SOUTHDOWN  SUFFOLK

### Special Rules

1. Exhibitors must wear proper show attire. Pants or shorts, no shorter than knee length. Proper shoes must be worn, absolutely no flip flops.
2. Any animals in lamb classes must bear their lamb teeth.
3. Any animals not meeting qualifications set forth by a committee chosen by the Superintendent for cleanliness, fitting and trimming will not qualify for show.
4. All animals in order to be eligible for group classes must be entered and shown in their respective individual classes. In-group classes all sheep in each group must be registered in the name of the same exhibitor.
5. **Open Sheep Schedule:**  
 Pens available - 9AM, Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Must be in place - 4PM, Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Must be checked-in (rule 10) – 6PM, Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Released - 8 PM, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**
6. Southdown and Shropshire exhibitors have the option to show their sheep slick shorn. Slick shorn is defined as being shorn completely to the hide within 5 days of the show date. The wool may be left from the rear hocks down and the front knees down plus the wool cap defined as from the ears and poll forward.
7. Other Wool Breeds – Once checked-in, classes will be broken down to compete separately as Long Wools and Medium/Fine Wools.
8. The name of the exhibitor as shown on the entry form must be identical to that shown on the breed association registration certificate. Entries will be accepted for lambs whose registration is pending; however, registration certificates must be complete and ear tags affixed on or before August 22, 2009.
9. Registration certificates for each animal must be furnished and available anytime during the fair.
10. No moneys are awarded to champions. – **Except** Supreme Champions (\$25.00)
11. Papers must be checked in or entries will be ruled ineligible for show. All sheep must wear a registration ear tag or flock ear tag that agrees with the registration certificate. Ear tags will be checked in show ring.
12. No champion will be selected without competition in champion class.
13. No artificial coloring shall be used on any portion of any animal. Any animals found in violation of this rule shall be removed from competition.
14. Pens will be assigned at the discretion of the Superintendents. Penning requests will be honored, if possible when made on entry forms.
15. Initial bedding will be straw.
16. Anyone trimming sheep in the show ring will be excused from the show.

## **SHEEP AND GOAT REGULATIONS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

As a part of a national effort to eradicate scrapie from the United States, starting on November 19, 2001, most sheep and goats moving interstate must be officially identified. While Scrapie is a relatively rare disease, it is estimated to cost the U. S. sheep industry close to \$20 million annually. The goal of the eradication program is to eliminate scrapie from U. S. sheep and goats by the year 2010.

Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats. It is among a number of diseases classified as Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathics (TSE). TSEs are the subject of increased attention because of the discovery that Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE or "mad cow disease") in cattle is linked to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in people.

Following is basic information outlining which animals must be identified, how to obtain ear tags, and how to keep identification records. If you sell your animals through a livestock auction, or move sheep or goats across state lines, such as to show, please call our office (410-349-9708) to obtain a premises identification number and additional information about official identification. We will assign a premise number to your farm and order ear tags for you which will be sent to you FREE of charge. If you would like more detailed information on the identification regulations, or are not sure your animals would be covered, please call our office toll free at 1-866-873-2824 or locally (410) 349-9708.

### **Here are some general concepts:**

- Ear tags need not be applied while your sheep are on the farm. You can keep the USDA ear tags and when you are ready to load your animals onto your truck you can identify them with the ear tags and record it.
- The general idea is that all sheep will be eventually identified to their flocks of birth and we will be able to trace each animal through the ear tags and producer records to all the flocks it has lived in.
- If you are participating in a breed registry and your sheep are tattooed with a breed prefix, you may use that breed tattoo as your official identification. Just register that prefix with our office and we will assign that as your premise number and enter it into our database.

**Sheep (over 18 months if age):** Basically, all sheep will need to be identified when they move from their farm regardless of where they are going. The exception is if you take your sheep to a local fair or show where there are no out-of-state animals and bring the animal back home with you. If there is even the slightest possibility you may sell your sheep at the show, put an ear tag in its ear!!!

**Lambs (under 18 months of age):** Wethers do not need identification. For ewe and ram lambs, if they are being sold directly to a slaughter plant or butcher, or in a slaughter ONLY sale, they do not need identification. If they are taken to the livestock market or are entered in any other show/sale where they could potentially be purchased to go back to a farm, they need identification.

### **The goats which do need official identification are the following:**

- Goats used in exhibition/shows except wethers
- Breeding goats
- Goats in contact with sheep
- Registered goats (can use herd tattoo as official ID as long as registered with USDA office)

**You may call us at 410-349-9708, or toll free at 1-866-873-2824.**

### Sheep Breeds / Sections

Cheviot – Section 1  
 Dorset – Section 3  
 Hampshire – Section 4  
 Montadale – Section 5

Natural Colored – Fine/Medium – Section 6  
 Natural Colored – Long - 6  
 Shropshire – Section 8  
 Southdown – Section 9

Suffolk – Section 10  
 Other Wool Breeds – Fine/Medium – Section 11  
 Other Wool Breeds – Long – Section 12  
 Other Meat Breeds – Section 14

### Sheep Classes and Order of Showing

C1	Ram - under 2 years - Born after 9-1-07	C13	Early Junior Ewe Lambs - Born between 1-1-09 & 2-15-09
C2	Sr. Ram Lamb - Born between 9-1-08 & 12-31-08	C14	Late Junior Ewe Lambs - Born after 2-15-09
C3	Pair of Sr. Ram Lambs - Born between 9-1-08 & 12-31-08	C15	Pair of Jr. Ewe Lambs
C4	Early Junior Ram Lamb – Born between 1-1-09 & 2-15-09	C16	Pair of Yearlings
C5	Late Junior Ram Lamb – Born after 2-15-09	C17	<i>Champion Ewe</i>
C6	Pair of Jr. Ram Lambs	C18	<i>Reserve Champion Ewe</i>
C7	<i>Champion Ram</i>	C19	Pair of Lambs (any age, both sexes must be represented)
C8	<i>Reserve Champion Ram</i>	C21	Pen of 4 Lambs (Both sexes represented)
C9	Ewe Under 2 Years - Born after 9-1-07	C22	Exhibitors young flock (1 Ram Lamb, 2 Ewe Lambs)
C10	Pair of Yearling Ewes - Born after 9-1-07	C23	Flock (one Ram under 2 years, 2 Yearling Ewes and 2 Ewe Lambs)
C11	Sr. Ewe Lamb - Born between 9-1-08 & 12-31-08	C36	<i>Supreme Champion Ewe</i>
C12	Pair of Sr. Ewe Lambs - Born between 9-1-08 & 12-31-08	C37	<i>Supreme Champion Ram</i>

The **pair classes** for **Jr. Ram** and **Jr. Ewe Lambs** can be taken from either **C4 or C5** or **C13 and C14** - Exhibitors can show either Early Jrs. or Late Jrs.

The same applies to **C21**. The **pen of four (4) lambs** can be a mixed (**Sr., Early or Late Jrs.**); the key is to choose those which match.

### SHEEP PREMIUMS

The first place animal in all breeds will be paid \$30.00. All other animals shown will receive \$20.00 regardless of placing.

Group classes will pay three (5) places only. \$40.00 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$30.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, \$20.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and \$10.00 for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Supreme Champions will receive \$25.00

### SPECIAL AWARD PREMIER EXHIBITOR BANNER

In all classes, except Champions and Reserve Champions, points will be assigned according to placing. The exhibitor amassing the largest number of points will be awarded the Premier Exhibitor Banner. In case of ties, the award will go to the exhibitor with the First Place Flock.

### HERDSMAN CONTEST

<b>Class</b>			
C38	Herdsman Contest		
<b>Premiums</b>			
1st	\$40.00	4th	\$22.00
2nd	\$36.00	5th	\$16.00
3rd	\$28.00	6th	\$10.00

### Score Card

Decoration and attractiveness of exhibit	20 points
Cleanliness and care of exhibit	20 points
Cleanliness of aisle and area adjacent to exhibit	10 points
Condition, fitting and presentation of animals in the barns and show ring.	20 points
Personal contribution to success of Sheep Show	20 points
Attitude and spirit of cooperation with other exhibitors and Fair Management	10 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 Points</b>