



## DIVISION II: SHEEP

Superintendent: Jenni Arpke and Sherissa Katzenberger

Please see Rule # 23 Unethical Practices, under MESA COUNTY 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND SALE section.

**Note: A record book is required for this project. Market and Breeding animals must have separate record books. Record Books must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

1. Extreme docking of the tails for all lambs is prohibited. **In order to determine extreme tail docking, a non-pliable surface (like a standard credit card) is raised along the curvature of the muscle. If the card catches or lifts the tail, no violation occurs. If the non-pliable surface does not catch the tail, a violation occurs. The lamb will be disqualified from the fair. This determination will be made at the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 weigh-in.**
2. To be eligible for competition, Market Sheep must be the property of the exhibitor and officially ear-tagged 60 days prior to the fair. Any animal capable of reproducing must have a scrapies tag at the first weigh-in. **Exhibitors must designate which lambs will be shown at the county fair at first weight-in.** Each 4-H or FFA member will be charged a \$5.00 (non-refundable fee at first weigh-in.)
3. Breeding sheep ownership is 60 days prior to the fair and must have a scrapies tag.
4. **\*\*\*ALL BREEDING SHEEP WILL BE SHOWN SLICK SHORN (WOOL LENGTH NO LONGER THEN 1/4 INCH) UNLESS THE ANIMAL IS SHOWN AS A WOOL BREED.** This will apply to **ALL**: Breeding Animals that enter the show ring to exhibit in the breeding show.
5. **\*\*\*ALL SHEEP ARE TO BE SHEARED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON FAIRGROUNDS.**
6. **\*\*\*Speckled face sheep and white face sheep may show as a wool breed upon Superintendents' approval. Superintendents' decision on classification will be final.**
7. Lambs may be mouthed for over age. Lambs must be born after Jan. 1 of the current year. Lambs showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to show in Market Lamb classes.
8. Market ewe lambs not making weight cannot be shown in breeding classes.
9. Offspring of Sire may be shown even if born after June 1st of current year.
10. Each Market exhibitor is allowed to weigh and tag 3 market sheep. Each exhibitor may enter and show 3 market lambs if they have a complete record book of all animals in that project. Each exhibitor may only sell 1 animal in the Livestock Sale.
11. Market Sheep may be divided into meat and wool breeds for judging. Speckled face lambs and white face lambs may show as wool breeds. Superintendent's decisions on classification will be final. (Market Sheep must weigh the following to show: **100 -170 lbs** exceptions are white face and southdowns **80-170 lbs**.)
12. Homegrown class comprised of market lambs born and raised in Mesa County, by the exhibitor.
13. **WATER**  
A water container, with water, must be present in each pen at all times. Mesa County Livestock Leaders or Superintendents reserve the right, at its sole discretion to give water to any sheep while on the Mesa County Fairgrounds.
14. **CLEAN UP**  
All pens and alleys must be cleaned daily before 9:00 a.m. with refuse disposed of as posted.

15. SIGNAGE  
All members must have a sign on their pen/s with their name and club on it.
16. Wet towels only will be acceptable. Towels immersed in ice water will not be allowed.
17. RATE OF GAIN - Award the top 10 places.
18. CHECK OUT AND RELEASE  
All Market and Breeding Sheep members check out with the superintendent before removing their sheep from the fairgrounds.

## SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

### CLASS

1. Novice Showmanship
2. Junior Showmanship
3. Intermediate Showmanship
4. Senior Showmanship and Fitting - Ribbon  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion  
Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship
5. Adult Showmanship

## MARKET SHEEP

### CLASS

10. Market Lambs - Meat Breeds
11. Market Lambs - Wool Breeds
12. Home Grown (market lambs born on your property, placing in this class will not determine sell order).
13. Premier Sheep Program (for special rules see Premier Sheep Program, placing in this class will not determine sell order)  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb
14. Feeders
15. 4-H and FFA Club Groups of Three Lambs. At least three entries required for a class, if a club pre-enters, they must show.

## BREEDING SHEEP

	Hamp- Shire	Suffolk	White Face	South Down	Cross Breeds	Other
CLASS						
Ram Under 12 mo.	16	22	28	34	40	46
Ram 12 to 24 mo.	17	23	29	35	41	47
Ram over 24 mo.	18	24	30	36	42	48
Ewe Under 12 mo.	19	25	31	37	43	49
Ewe 12 to 24 mo.	20	26	32	38	44	50
Ewe Over 24 mo.	21	27	33	39	45	51

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram  
Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe

### CLASS

52. Flock (consisting of one ram and two ewes)
53. Get of Sire (consisting of Sire and three offspring)
54. Dam and Produce (Consisting of Dam and up to three of this year's offspring)

## **The Premier Sheep Program**

Superintendent: TBA

The Premier Sheep Program is designed to recognize 4-H youth sheep producers who can demonstrate comprehensive skills related to the sheep industry, including knowledge of production/management practices, genetics, carcass and end product traits. Along with this, the producer needs to be able to articulate their knowledge of animal health and nutrition, along with showmanship and live animal show ring performance.

This contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the sheep breeding program. Specific forms for the Premier Sheep Program can be picked up at the Mesa County Extension office and must be filled out and returned by June 29, 2010.

What is involved:

A composite score will be computed from the following five elements:

1. Showmanship Class score (Breeding Class) – score is based on your ability to handle and best present your animal and answer any questions the judge might pose.
2. Best show ring ribbon earned – this includes, breeding classes, wool, market and carcass classes. Highest placing will be used in final placing of Premier program.
3. An interview with a producer, Extension staff or industry representative. The purpose of the interview is to rank the youth based on their understanding of the importance of the future of the sheep industry, their ability to communicate their ideas and ability to take a proactive stance on issues related to the sheep industry.
4. Completing a written “sheep quiz”.
5. Record book – record books will be judged at fair for their up-to-date completion and scored accordingly.

**All activities for this program will take place at the Mesa County Fair and awards will be given during the Livestock Parade of Champions. All participants will receive recognition and awards.**