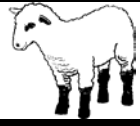


**SHEEP
SHOWMANSHIP
SCORE CARD**



(100 points possible)

A. APPEARANCE OF LAMB

Perfect Score 40 points

1. Cleanliness 25

- a. Wool clean, dry and free of foreign matter.
- b. Flanks, feet and legs clean.
- c. Ears and nose clean.
- d. Addition of color or addition of natural or synthetic materials to any part of the animal is not allowed.

2. Trimming 15

- a. Desirable that fleece of market lambs and meat type breeding ewes tight sheared. Wool may be left below knees, hocks and forward of ears.
- b. Fleece of breeding ewes trimmed to a length of $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or, in the case of a wool breed, a length which is appropriate for the standard of their breed.
- c. Feet trimmed so that lamb walks and stands naturally and correctly.

B. SHOWING CALF

Perfect Score 40 points

1. Parading and Changing Positions 30

- a. Lamb kept well posed at all times but exhibitor not engaged in undue fussing or maneuvering.
- b. Lamb shows evidence of training as indicated by responsiveness to handling.
- c. Exhibitor should always have lamb between judge and self. However, an exhibitor stepping over or around behind animal should be severely penalized.

- d. Exhibitor shows while standing or in squatting position except when moving lamb to a new position.
- e. Lamb led from side with one hand under jaw and the other hand at the dock if lamb needs to be encouraged to move.
- f. At direction of ring steward, maintain reasonable distance from next animal at all times.
- g. It is proper to let lamb relax, but not out of position, when judge is at other end of arena.
- h. Lamb held firm for handling by two hands holding chin and press back against the forward pressure of the lamb. Lifting feet off ground or placing on any support will not be allowed.
- i. Physical contacts with lambs which appear to be abusive, i.e., slapping, pinching, etc., should be disqualified in the showmanship contest.

2. Cooperation with Judge 15

- a. Awareness of position of judge maintained, but not obvious.
- b. Body not permitted to obstruct view of judge.
- c. Lamb maneuvered into position for benefit of judge's inspection before, not during inspection.
- d. Exhibitors positing animals in a manner to block view of other animals in class should be severely penalized..

C. APPEARANCE AND MERITS OF EXHIBITOR

Perfect Score 20 points

1. Appearance 10

- a. Exhibitor well groomed and clothes clean and neat.
- b. It is suggested that no headwear be worn in class. However, the final

decision on headwear is left to the individual show.

- c. Dark blue jeans are preferred. Shorts are not considered appropriate. Extremes in colors and fit are not appropriate. A belt should be worn with trousers with carriers or loops.
- d. White shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H chevron, a 4-H T-shirt or official shirt (or blouse) provided by show management are considered appropriate. However, the final decision on dress code is left to the individual show.
- e. Footwear should be comfortable, appear neat and substantial enough to provide protection without detracting from exhibit.

2. Merits 10

- a. Brings lamb into ring promptly.
- b. Responsive to judge's and ringmaster's requests.
- c. Works quickly but not abruptly.
- d. Recognizes quickly and corrects faults of lamb.
- e. Not distracted by persons and things outside ring. (Ringside coaching is considered a distraction.)
- f. Shows animal, not himself/herself.
- g. Does not leave ring until released by ring official.
- h. Displays a courteous and sportsmanlike attitude while at the show.
- i. Prepared to give prompt answers to question related to the 4-H sheep project, i.e.; breed, sex, age, nutrition, stage of pregnancy, carcass value and growth performance.