

2009 Linn County Fair



Sheep Department

Superintendent—Faith Martin

Committee—Kim Donaldson, Tom Donaldson, Jenn Dunn, Josh Langhoff, Justin Martin

Resource Volunteers – Sean Dunn, Rhonda Lange

Judging—Friday July 10, 2009 8:30am

Luncheon provided by the Martin and Donaldson families for exhibitors and families during break in Tuesday Sheep Show

Weigh-in: Thursday July 9, 2009 8-10:00am

Show Order

- 1) Wether Sire Ram
- 2) Home Raised Commercial Ewes
- 3) Speckle Face Commercial Ewes
- 4) Black Face Commercial Ewes
- 5) Yearling Ewe Lambs
- 6) Champion Ewe
- 7) Trophy Class (for 1st time exhibitors)
- 8) Home Raised Market Lambs
- 9) Speckle Faced Market Lambs
- 10) Black Faced Market Lambs
- 11) Champion Market Lambs
- 12) Pairs of Two
- 13) Rate of Gain
- 14) Club Flock – consists of at least 2 female and 2 male (wethers or rams)
- 15) Showmanship
- 16) Young Shepherd's Open Class - Sponsored by Fair Board
- 17) Announcement of Master Shepherd

Rules (Note: All General Rules and rules for Animal Division apply)

1. The Scrapies rules apply to all ewes and rams. **See Health Requirement Section for Scrapies rules.** Purchased ewes must have scrapies tags at the April weigh-in. Tags are not required for home-raised animals until fair.
2. All lambs must be born after January 1, 2009. All market lambs must be weighed-in to be eligible for show.
3. Animals may be shown as only one of the following classifications:
 - 1) Market Lambs (speckled, home raised, or open division) 2) Commercial Ewes (speckled, home raised or black face) **Animals may not be moved to a different classification after fair weigh-in.** Commercial ewes cannot be shown in pairs of market lambs.
4. Sheep exhibits must arrive Thursday between 8 and 10am for weigh-in and entry.
5. Junior members may show lambs with a halter, if so desired.
6. Sheep project committee reserves the right to make final class designations.
7. No sheep will be released until an announcement is made of Master Shepherd winners.
8. Absolutely no tubes or blankets worn at weigh-in.
9. All lambs must be slick shorn. No woolled lambs will be weighed in on July 9, 2009.
10. Animals not housed on member's property are subject to committee approval (see Animal Division rule #4).
11. All lambs, market and commercial, **must** gain at least 0.3 pounds per day to be eligible for any ribbon above a white and are not eligible for champion status.

Market Lambs

1. All market lambs must have been weighed in on May 9, 2009. All market lambs will be marked at weigh-in with 4-H tag.
2. Lambs in market classes may be purebred, grade or crossbred wethers or ewes and will be judged on market quality.
3. At spring weigh-in an exhibitor may bring a maximum of eight lambs. At that time lambs must be designated speckle, home raised or black faced. A member may show at fair four individual market lambs. An exhibitor may show a maximum of 2 lambs in the speckled face division, 2 lambs in the home raised division or 4 market lambs in the black faced division, or any combination thereof not to exceed 4 total individual market lambs for any one exhibitor. An exhibitor may also show two pairs of market lambs allowing a maximum of 8 market lambs per exhibitor. All speckle face lambs must be predominately speckled or brockle faced with the committee having the final decision.
4. Final designation of specific lambs for individual market lamb class and pairs class must be made at fair weigh-in time, Monday, July 9, 2009.
5. Classes will be divided by weight. Market lambs weighing less than 90 lbs. will be shown as feeder lambs. Feeder lambs may show but are not eligible for awards and Grand Champion Market Lamb.
6. Market lambs must have been slick shorn sheared. Lambs are not to be fitted.
7. All market lambs will be automatically entered in the Rate of Gain class.
8. All market lambs weighed in May will be eligible for Rate of Gain ribbons and premiums. Rate of Gain premiums will be paid on the following basis:
 - .85 lb. per day and above Blue Award
 - .80 to .849 lb. per day Red Award
 - Under .80 lb. per day No premium
9. For the Home raised Market Lamb class, the committee has discretion to do on-farm spot checks.

Classes

161AA—Pair of Market Lambs

161AB—Home raised Market Lambs

161AC—Individual Market Lambs

161AD—Speckle Faced Market Lambs

161AE—Rate of Gain

Commercial Ewe Lambs

1. Lambs must be born between January 1 and May 15, 2009.
2. Commercial ewes do not need to be weighed in May 9, 2009, but all ewes must be listed with a farm tag on ID form by May 15, 2009. A maximum of four ewes may be shown.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to exhibit four commercial ewes total at fair. Each exhibitor is allowed to show a maximum of two ewes in each division (speckled face, black face, or homeraised) or any combination of not to exceed four ewes total. All speckle face lambs must be predominately speckled or brockle faced with the committee having the final decision.
4. Commercial ewe lambs will be divided and shown by weight at fair.

Classes

161CA—Commercial ewe—predominately black face and ears

161CB—Commercial ewe—speckled and white face

Yearling Ewes

1. All breeding stock must have a farm Scrapies tag before exhibiting.
2. Each 4-H or FFA member may show **one yearling** born after January 1, 2008.
3. Exhibitors must show stock that was listed on the 4-H Sheep Identification Report in 2008.
4. All yearling ewes (class 161DB) must have lambed in 2008.

Classes

161DA—Commercial Yearling Ewe

Wether Sire Rams

1. All breeding stock must have a farm Scrapies tag before exhibiting.
2. Wether sire rams can be crossbreds or purebreds.
3. Wether sire rams must be born between January 1, 2009 and May 15, 2009.
4. All rams must have a farm tag and be listed on the 4-H identification form.

Classes

161FA—Wether sire ram lamb (committee will determine divisions)

Showmanship Classes

161EA—Advanced

161EB—Seniors—Grades 9-12

161EC—Intermediates—Grades 7-8

161ED—Juniors—Grades 4-6

Special Premium

The Linn County Sheep Producers will pay \$10 to each 4-H member who completes Sheep Records including a Sheep Project Record and Sheep Animal Project Worksheet. Records must be turned into the Extension Office by September 15, 2009.