Sheep Department

Superintendent—Faith Martin and Rhonda Lange

Judging—Friday June 29th, 2012 8:30am • Sheep & Swine Show Ring

Luncheon provided by the Martin, Donaldson, and Lange families for exhibitors and families during break in Friday Sheep Show

Weigh-in—Thursday June 28th, 2012 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 Lamb
12) Pairs of Lambs
13) Rate of Gain
14) Club Flock—consists of at least 2 females and
15) Showmanship

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 29th weigh-in. Tags are not required for home-raised animals until fair.
2. All lambs must be born after January 1, 2012. 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 8am and 10am for weigh-in and entry.
5. First year showmen 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 the committee makes an announcement to release.
8. Absolutely no tubes or blankets worn at weigh-in.
9. All lambs must be slick shorn. No wooled lambs will be weighed in on June 28th, 2012.
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 ewes must have been weighed in on April 29th, 2012. All ewes 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 anyone 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, June 28th, 2012.
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 be slick shorn. 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 April 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 April 29th, 2012.
2. All commercial ewes must be weighed in April 29th, 2012. All ewes will be marked at weigh-in with 4-H tag. 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 home raised) or any combination of not to exceed four ewes total. All speckle face lambs must be predominately...
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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 ewe born after January 1, 2011.
3. Exhibitors must show stock that was listed on the 4-H Sheep Identification Report in 2011.
4. All yearling ewes (class 161DA) must have lambed in 2012.

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.
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, 2012.