

SHEEP LEAD CONTEST

SUPERINTENDENT: Mike Monell

JUDGES: Laura Pearce - CO

SHOW: Saturday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

ENTRY DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2021

1. Entries:

- A. All NWSS livestock entries are online at livestockentry.nationalwestern.com.
- B. **Entry Fees:** Entry fees are \$15.00 per participant. Free parking included with entry.
- C. **Participants must upload a short 2/3 page typed resume to your online account. You may also email your resume to livestock@nationalwestern.com** The typed resume must be double-spaced and cover no more than 2/3 of an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper. It must include the participant's name and address; a brief summary of the participant's background; a description of the garments and animal the participant will exhibit; and include the sponsor's name if applicable. The announcers will read each resume over the microphone during the promenade in the ring. A guide to name pronunciation would be appreciated.
- D. Any exhibitor of breeding sheep may enter this contest and/or sponsor as many participants as they wish. Participants not leading their own sheep must acknowledge the sponsor in their resume.
- E. Age of eligibility (when applicable) is based on Participant's age as of January 1, 2022.

2. Special Rules:

- A. General Rules and Regulations, Health Regulations and Junior Livestock Show Rules and Regulations found in the Livestock Premium List apply to this division as well as those rules listed in each specific division. All Participants must read and abide by these rules.
- B. To gain access to the National Western grounds and to receive entry number(s) for the competition, you must pick up an information packet (includes credentials) at the Livestock Satellite Office, Gate 7 entrance located off of Brighton Blvd. All participants must report to the Superintendent at the show ring no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the beginning of the contest. Participants must be dressed and ready for the competition at that time.
- C. Sheep that are used in the Lead do not have to be registered ewes and may be any breed or crossbreed. Ewes must be conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All rules for exhibiting sheep at the National Western Stock Show are applicable.
- D. Participants in this contest should have a sheep background or an interest in sheep and wool. Participant will be judged on the garment he or she exhibits. The garment does not have to be hand made, but it must be at least fifty (50%) percent wool. Winners of previous Sheep Lead contests are eligible for entry, however, the garment must be different from that which was worn in previous contest(s).

3. Judging Standards:

The objective of this contest is to give participants an opportunity to display their fashion and sheep-handling talents, to present sheep in an attractive manner, and to give the audience an opportunity to see and appreciate the beauty of wool and the animals that produce it.

The Participant awarded the highest number of total points in class 101 through 105 will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined based upon the number of bonus points awarded. The judges may interview individual contestants from a class that has concluded its presentations before those contestants are dismissed from the show ring.

There will be one (1) judge in each of the three separate categories - Participant, Sheep and Overall. Points will be awarded based on the standards for each category as outlined below.

1. Sheep (possible 60 points)

General Appearance: Breed character, size and scale, body conformation, soundness, and wool quality representative of the breed (20 points)

Fitting: Ewe should be attractively fitted and groomed, but not artificially colored or prepared..... (20 points)

Leading Ability: Ewe should respond calmly to the halter and “walk out” in a deliberate and natural manner (20 points)

2. Participant (possible 60 points)

General Appearance: Grooming, hair style and make-up; garment(s) fit: accessories; poise;(20 points)

Garment(s): Appropriate to age, size and body type; coordination of style, color(s), design; visual appeal..... (20 points)

Fashion Consciousness: Reflect current fashion trends and enhance participant’s attributes(20 points)

4. Overall (possible 80 points)

Participant-Animal Relationship: animal handling; work together smoothly; exhibit competence and confidence.....(20 points)

Visual Effect: present the use of wool in a coordinated and attractive manner (20 points)

Control of Animal: poised and at ease with the ewe when moving around the ring and in front of the judges..... (20 points)

Personality: pleasant, natural, and sincere; courteous to other participants..... (20 points)

PREMIUM SCHEDULE:								
	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
A	\$30	\$25	\$22.50	\$20	\$17.50	\$15	\$12	\$8
B	\$10	\$8	\$7.50	\$6	\$5			
R	Ribbon							

SHEEP LEAD CLASSES (order will be announced prior to the show)

101 Mini Youth - up to age eight (8) as of January 1, 2022.....R

102 Junior - age nine (9) but not yet thirteen (13) as of January 1, 2022.....A,R
 Junior Sheep..... B,R
 Junior Garment..... B,R

103 Intermediate - age thirteen (13) but not yet sixteen (16) as of January 1, 2022A,R
 Intermediate Sheep B,R
 Intermediate Garment..... B,R

104 Senior - age sixteen (16) and older.....A,R
 Senior Sheep..... B,R
 Senior Garment..... B,R

105 Hand Made Garment - open to all ages (principle-garment fabric is hand made, i.e., hand spun, woven, knitted, felted, or crocheted).....A,R
 Handmade Sheep B,R
 Handmade Garment..... B,R

Grand Champion..... Banner, NWSS

Reserve Grand Champion.... Banner, NWSS (First and Second place winners in classes 102, 103, 104 and 105 will compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion)

1st through 10th place ribbons will be awarded by National Western Stock Show.NWSS will present a permanent award to the winner.