

OPEN BREEDING SHEEP

SUPERINTENDENT:

Kim Eastwood and Karissa Isaacs

JUDGE: Wool Breeds - Travis Hoffman

Meat Breeds - Wade Franklin

ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 20, 2023

BEGIN ARRIVAL:	Thursday, January 4, 12 p.m.
IN PLACE BY:	Friday, January 5, 12 p.m.
REQUIRED CHECK IN:	Friday, January 5, 1 p.m.
SHOW:	Saturday, January 6, 8:00 a.m.: Jr. Ewe Lamb Showmanship (All Breeds) Saturday January 6, Following Showmanship Jr. and Open Meat Breeds Sunday, January 7, 8:00 a.m.: Jr. and Open Wool & Natural Colored Breeds
BEGIN RELEASE:	After completion of day shows
ALL OUT:	Sunday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.

1. Entries:
 - A. All NWSS livestock entries are online at livestockentry.nationalwestern.com.
 - B. Entry Fees: Entry fees are \$25.00 per head, and \$5.00/group class. Free parking included with entry.
 - C. Substitutions within the same class (60-day age classification for those not classified in the Premium Book) will be allowed no later than January 5, 2024. There will be no substitution of animals in different classes (60-day age classification). Only one (1) substitution for original animal will be allowed. No exceptions. Absolutely no refunds or credits will be allowed.
 - D. ***No entries or substitutions accepted at the gate.***
 - E. All entries must meet health requirements (see Health Regulations).
2. Special Rules:
 - A. General Rules and Regulations apply to this division as well as those rules listed below.
 - B. Association specials are controlled by the Associations. No more than two (2) premiums may be awarded any Participant in the individual classes. One (1) premium will be awarded a Participant per group class.
 - C. All sheep in purebred classes must be registered in flock books of their respective breeds and bear the ear tags of the Association (where applicable) before entering the ring. Registration certificates or copies of them must be forwarded with entries or entries will not be accepted. Registration papers **must** be brought to check-in table at show.
 - D. The Wether Sire and Dam Class will consist of non-registered and crossbred sheep. Classes for Ewes and Rams, Junior and Open Divisions, will be shown slick shorn. All sheep exhibited in the Meat Breed Divisions (except Southdown) must be fitted and not slick shorn. Those slick shorn sheep may enter the Wether Sire/ Dam Division In all other breed classes, Junior and Open, "registration papers" are required. These sheep are eligible for junior showmanship, junior ewe lamb and junior yearling. Sheep entered in the Pure Breed Divisions cannot enter the same sheep in the Wether Sire/Dam Division.
 - E. Sheep entered in lamb classes must have all lamb teeth in place. Those entered in yearling classes may have two (2) or four (4) permanent teeth.
 - F. Where the animals of only one (1) participant or his/her immediate family are shown, the judge will award only one (1) prize, which may be the grade to which the judge feels that the exhibit is entitled, and need not necessarily be a first (1st) or second (2nd) prize.
 - G. All breeding sheep must be owned by the participant, individual, or immediate family on or before December 20, 2023. On sheep transferred, the date of transfer officially recorded by the breed

association shall be date of ownership. Base date forage determination for all breeds of sheep is January 1, with the exception of Dorset Breed, whose base date of age determination is November 1.

- H. At least five (5) head per class must be entered before a class will be held, otherwise classes may be combined. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final in regard to the classifications of entries in this department.
- I. At the discretion of Show Management, classes with larger than twenty (20) animals entered may be divided by age into two (2) classes of approximately equal numbers. Class determination will not be made on single exhibitor with multiple entries. Premiums will be paid in each class.
- J. Each exhibitor that enters sheep in the Purebred Wool Breed Classes may enter and show one ewe and one ram (lamb or yearling) in the White Handspinning Division.
- K. Only two (2) entries per exhibitor/family will be counted toward total entries in a class. Only two (2) entries per exhibitor/family will be counted toward total entries in a class.
- L. A group is considered two (2) or more animals owned by exhibitor/family. Entry fee is required.
- M. Flock and group class(s) are Family Classes. Entry may be comprised of animals owned by more than one (1) member within exhibitor's family.
- N. Jr Market Lambs may stall in barn during Breeding Sheep show if entered with a breeding sheep entry.
- O. Heritage Sheep Classes: Jacob, Cotswold, Shetland, Fin, and Babydoll Southdowns.
- P. Check-in: Check-in for all breeds/divisions Friday from 1 pm to 3 pm. Must bring registration papers for registered classes and proof of ownership (bill of sale) for Wether Sire Classes. Class corrections will only be made at this time.

CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

Age Classifications	Columbia	Corriedale	Hampshire	Rambouillet	Southdown	Suffolk	Other Pureb.3 red Meets	Wethersire/Dam	Other Purebred Wool	Heritage
Ram, Lamb under 1 year	101	111	121	131	141	151	161	171	181	191
*Pair of Ram Lambs	102	112	122	132	142	152	162	172	182	192
Ram, 1 year and under 2	103	113	123	133	143	153	163	173	183	193
Champion Ram										
Ewe, Lamb under 1 year	104	114	124	134	144	154	164	174	184	194
*Pair of Ewe Lambs	105	115	125	135	145	155	165	175	185	195
Ewe, 1 year and under 2	106	116	126	136	146	156	166	176	186	196
*Pair of Yearling Ewes	107	117	127	137	147	157	167	177	187	197
Champion Ewe										
*Best Pair (1 ram and 1 ewe)	108	118	128	138	148	158	168	178	188	198
*Best 4 head, both sexes represented	109	119	129	139	149	159	169	179	189	199
*Flock - 1 Ram, 2 ewes, 2 ewe lambs	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200

OPEN CLASS SHEEP PREMIUM SCHEDULE											
Shown # of entries	Total Premium	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
1	\$10	\$10									
2-4	\$45	\$20	\$15	\$10							
5-7	\$100	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10					
8-10	\$155	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$10	\$10		
11-13	\$185	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
14+	\$225	\$45	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$10

- First place winner of each Breed Flock..... Banner
- Champion Ram and Ewe of each breed Banner
- Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe of each breed Rosette
- Supreme Champion Wool Breed - Ewe and Ram Banner
- Supreme Champion Meat Breed - Ewe and Ram..... Banner
- Supreme Champion Natural Colored/Handspinning - Ewe and Ram..... Banner

NATURAL COLORED & WHITE HANDSPINNING SHEEP

SUPERINTENDENT:

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JUDGE: TBD

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- D. All entries must meet health requirements (see Health Regulations).
- E. No entries will be accepted at the gate.
- F. Only two (2) entries per individual family will be counted toward total entries in a class.
- G. Each exhibitor that enters sheep in the Purebred Wool Breed Classes may enter and show one ewe and one ram (lamb or yearling) in the White Handspinning Division and Natural Colored Division.

2. Special Rules:

- A. This division will be divided into two (2) categories based on foundation or origin of color in the sheep and (2) categories in White Handspinning Sheep.
- B. Category I Long Wools/Carpet: Wool grading 48's and coarser, sheep that are descendants of Lincoln, Romney, Border Leicester, Jacob, Karakul, Navajo and Churro.
- C. Category II Medium and Fine Wool: All sheep descendants of dual-purpose meat breeds, (i.e. Corriedale, Columbia, Rambouillet, Hampshire or any other breed with wool grading 50's or finer). Sheep showing hair or modulated fiber will be discriminated against in this category.
- D. Animal Preparation: For Category I sheep, wool length is expected to be two (2) inches or longer, except in young lambs. Sheep may be trimmed, tipped, or fuzzed-off, but not blocked. Bellies, heads, lower legs, and dock area may have wool of any length preferred by Participant, but wool must not be trimmed or blocked to unequal lengths on chest, back, shoulder, sides, or britch area. Wool must be free of excessive contamination, manure, paint, permanent stains, wool rot, breaks or tenderness, and coting. These problems will be penalized according to their severity. Category II sheep (which includes Fine and Medium Breeds) may be fitted to breeder preference while maintaining the quality of the fleece to be evaluated.

- E. All sheep will be judged 40% on conformation and 60% on wool. All Natural Colored sheep must be 35% colored.
- F. All sheep must be shorn after January 1, 2024.
- G. December 1 shall be used for computing age.

CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

NATURAL COLORED (FINER THAN 31 MICRONS)

- 101 Ram, born before December 1, 2022
- 102 Winter Ram Lamb, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- 103 Spring Ram Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 104 Pair of Ram Lambs
 - Champion Ram
 - Reserve Champion Ram
- 105 Ewe, born before December 1, 2022
- 106 Winter Ewe Lamb, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- 107 Spring Ewe Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 108 Pair of Ewe Lambs
 - Champion Ewe
 - Reserve Champion Ewe
- 109 Best Four Head - Four animals, both sexes represented
- 110 Flock - One ram, two ewes, 2 ewe lambs

NATURAL COLORED (COARSER THAN 31 MICRONS)

- 201 Ram, born before December 1, 2022
- 202 Winter Ram Lamb, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- 203 Spring Ram Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 204 Pair of Ram Lambs
 - Champion Ram
 - Reserve Champion Ram
- 205 Ewe, born before December 1, 2022
- 206 Winter Ewe Lamb, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- 207 Spring Ewe Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 208 Pair of Ewe Lambs
 - Champion Ewe
 - Reserve Champion Ewe
- 209 Best Four Head - Four animals, both sexes represented
- 210 Flock - One ram, two ewes, 2 ewe lambs

WHITE HANDSPINNING (FINER THAN 31 MICRONS)

- 301 Ram, born before December 1, 2022
- 302 Winter Ram Lamb, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2022
- 303 Spring Ram Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 304 Pair of Ram Lambs
 - Champion Ram
 - Reserve Champion Ram
- 305 Ewe, born before December 1, 2022
- 306 Winter Ewe Lamb, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- 307 Spring Ewe Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 308 Pair of Ewe Lambs
 - Champion Ewe
 - Reserve Champion Ewe

- 309 Best Four Head - Four animals, both sexes represented
- 310 Flock - One ram, two ewes, 2 ewe lambs

WHITE HANDSPINNING (COARSER THAN 31 MICRONS)

- 401 Ram, born before December 1, 2022
- 402 Winter Ram Lamb, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- 403 Spring Ram Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 404 Pair of Ram Lambs
 - Champion Ram
 - Reserve Champion Ram
- 405 Ewe, born before December 1, 2023
- 406 Winter Ewe Lamb, born December 1, 2021 - February 28, 2023
- 407 Spring Ewe Lamb, born March 1, 2023 and after
- 408 Pair of Ewe Lambs
 - Champion Ewe
 - Reserve Champion Ewe
- 409 Best Four Head - Four animals, both sexes represented
- 410 Flock - One ram, two ewes, 2 ewe lambs

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

HANDSPINNING SHEEP PREMIUM SCHEDULE:											
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14+	\$220	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$10	\$10

Champion Ram and Ewe of each breed and Flock Banner
 Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe for each breed and Flock Rosette
 National Western Stock Show awards ribbons to winners in each class through 4th place.
 The National Western Stock Show will pay premiums listed directly from the National Western Stock Show offices.