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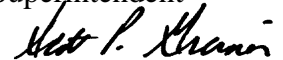
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TO: Potential Exhibitors at 2008 State Fair of Virginia Youth Sheep Show

FROM: Scott P. Greiner, Extension Sheep Specialist & State Fair Youth Sheep Superintendent



Dear Exhibitors,

Plans are taking shape for the 2008 State Fair of Virginia. Dates for our competitions in Richmond this fall will be October 3-5. This letter contains important details for 2008, the schedule for market lamb/commercial ewe nominations coming up in June, and some other pertinent information. Please share this information with any new exhibitors that you might know, particularly new exhibitors in your club and county.

### Updates for 2008

- 1) Effective this year, all entries for State Fair must be submitted online through the State Fair of Virginia website at [www.statefair.com](http://www.statefair.com). Entry deadline is August 15. Complete details of the policies and rules for the show can also be found on the State Fair website.
- 2) The State Fair has made some modifications to their scholarship program. Scholarships have been designated for our Premier Exhibitor program. It has long been our goal to recognize the successful achievements of exhibitors through this program with scholarships (all species will be having a program similar to our Premier Exhibitor program in 2008). Some changes have been made to the market lamb scholarship program to accommodate this. The scholarship program remains unchanged for the Grand, Reserve Grand, and Division Champions and Reserves in the market lamb show. Class winners will receive \$200 premium award, but will not receive scholarships. Complete details of the scholarship program can be found in the Competition Guide.
- 3) Brad Angus from Joliet, Illinois will be our judge again this year.

### Market Lamb and Commercial Ewe Lamb Nominations (see enclosed schedule)

Market lambs and commercial ewes must be nominated, weighed, and identified at an official site in late June to be eligible for exhibition at the State Fair of Virginia. Each exhibitor may nominate a total of 12 lambs (wethers and/or ewes, to be shown as either market lambs or commercial ewes). Designation of commercial ewes from market lambs will not be required until the State Fair. Breed class determination for market lambs or commercial ewes will take place at the fair (not at nomination).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (540) 231-9159 or [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu). Hope you have a great summer!

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**2008 State Fair of Virginia  
Youth Market Lamb & Commercial Ewe Lamb  
Nomination Schedule**

Locations for identification and weighing of market lambs and commercial ewe lambs for the 2008 State Fair of Virginia Youth Sheep Show have been set. Nominations will take place at various locations around the state in late June. All youth who plan to exhibit market lambs and/or commercial ewe lambs at the 2008 State Fair of Virginia are required to weigh and identify their lambs at one of the following sites:

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location (for directions to a nomination site, please call contact person listed)</b>
<b>Shenandoah Valley - Contact Person: Jason Carter, (540) 245-5750, <a href="mailto:jhcarter@vt.edu">jhcarter@vt.edu</a> Tracy Tomascik, (540) 564-3080, <a href="mailto:tracycol@vt.edu">tracycol@vt.edu</a></b>	
Saturday, June 21 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Rockingham Livestock Market Harrisonburg, VA
Thursday, June 26 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Virginia Tech Shenandoah Valley Ag Research & Extension Center Steeles Tavern, VA
<b>Northern Virginia- Contact Person: Corey Childs, (703) 777-0373, <a href="mailto:cchilds@vt.edu">cchilds@vt.edu</a></b>	
Monday, June 23 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Clarke County Fairgrounds Berryville, VA
<b>Central Virginia- Contact Person: Brad Jarvis, (540) 948-6881, <a href="mailto:bjarvis@vt.edu">bjarvis@vt.edu</a> Kelly Mallory, (540) 948-6881, <a href="mailto:kemallo1@vt.edu">kemallo1@vt.edu</a></b>	
Monday, June 23 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Young Farmers Grounds Madison, VA
<b>Southside Virginia- Contact Person: Elizabeth Maguire, (434) 332-9538, <a href="mailto:emaguire@vt.edu">emaguire@vt.edu</a></b>	
Friday, June 20 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Appomattox High School Appomattox, VA
<b>Southwest Virginia- Contact Person: Matthew Miller, (276) 783-5175, <a href="mailto:mamille6@vt.edu">mamille6@vt.edu</a> Jason Pratt, (540) 980-7761, <a href="mailto:cjpratt@vt.edu">cjpratt@vt.edu</a></b>	
Thursday, June 19 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Virginia Tech Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena Blacksburg, VA
Monday, June 23 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Southwest Virginia 4-H Center Abingdon, VA
Monday, June 30	in conjunction with Southwest VA Lamb Symposium (*see below) New River Valley Fairgrounds, Dublin, VA
<b>Tidewater Region- Contact Person: Cynthia Gregg, (434) 848-2151, <a href="mailto:clgregg@vt.edu">clgregg@vt.edu</a></b>	
Wednesday, June 18 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Virginia Tech Tidewater Center Research Farm near Holland, VA
Thursday, June 26 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Southside Livestock Market Blackstone, VA

**Nomination procedures:**

- 1) Lambs will be weighed and identified. Nomination forms will be completed by exhibitors.
- 2) Exhibitors may take lambs to any nomination location. However, exhibitors must take all of their lambs to the same location and may only nominate lambs at one location (\*this applies to nominations at the SW Lamb Symposium- if exhibitors plan to nominate their lambs at this location they must have all their lambs present, even if not all of them will be shown in the Symposium).
- 3) A maximum of 12 lambs may be nominated per exhibitor. These lambs may be wethers or ewes, to be shown as either market lambs or commercial ewe lambs (no designation required at time of nomination). A maximum of 6 total market lambs and commercial ewes may be shown at State Fair.
- 4) It is suggested that lambs weigh between 50 and 100 pounds at the time of nomination (there is not a minimum or maximum weight limit at nomination). Minimum weight of 90 pounds at State Fair.
- 5) Exhibitors must make entries with the State Fair. Weighing and identification at these locations does not constitute final entry for State Fair.
- 6) **All State Fair entries must be completed on-line.** State Fair entry information and competition guides are available at [www.statefair.com](http://www.statefair.com). Entry deadline is August 15.

For further information concerning the State Fair of Virginia Youth Sheep Show contact Dr. Scott Greiner, Virginia Tech, phone 540-231-9159, e-mail [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu)