

Open Sheep

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Entries due August 15

Judge: Mr. Jim Bryant, Anna, OH

2009 Official Schedule

Arrival/Check in, Meat Breeds:	Monday, Sept. 28, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Arrival/Check in, Wool Breeds:	Wednesday, Sept. 30, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Judging Meat Breeds:	
Commercial, Cheviots, Hampshires & Suffolks	Tuesday, Sept. 29, Noon
Dorsets, Southdown, Slickshorn, Shropshire & Others	Wednesday, Sept. 30, 9:00 a.m.
Release Meat Breeds:	Following the show or 6 p.m. whichever is later
Judging:	
White/Natural Colored Wool Breeds	Thursday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.
Release Wool Sheep:	Following the show

Open Sheep Department Rules:

State Fair General Rules, Livestock Rules and the Show Ring Code of Ethics apply to this department. By making an entry, you agree to read and abide by these rules.

1. Entry fee is \$2.00 per class and includes first bedding. Registration number of animal must be sent in on entry form. In case of unregistered younger animals, the names of sires and dams must accompany entry. Enter online at www.statefairva.org, under 'State Fair' and then 'Competitions' or mail entry forms with fees (checks payable to State Fair of Virginia) to:
Open Sheep
c/o Martha May
2716 Beulah Road
Keezletown, VA 22832
2. All sheep in purebred classes must be registered in the flock books of their respective breeds and bear the American ear tags of their Association.
3. Lambs may compete in lamb classes as long as they show their lamb's teeth. Ages of other sheep must be verified by registration certificate.
4. Senior lambs are to be born Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2008. Intermediate lambs are to be born Jan. 1 - Feb. 15, 2009. Junior lambs are to be born after Feb. 16, 2009.
5. An exhibitor may show as many animals in any one class as he likes, but will not be allowed to win more than two prizes in any one class. Only two entries can be shown and one prize can be won in "Pairs," "Pen of 4 Lambs," and "Flock" classes.
6. All MEAT BREEDS will be shown in 1" wool or less.
7. Sheep must be tended and kept clean while they are on exhibit.
8. Meat breeds must have a minimum of 10 sheep from at least 3 exhibitors to qualify for a breed show. Breeds not meeting this requirement will be exhibited in the All Other Breeds division
9. **New for 2009 – Wool sheep sections must have a minimum of 10 sheep from at least 3 exhibitors to qualify for a section or sections will be combined.**
10. Slickshorn Show may be purebred or commercial entries. White and blackfaced breeds will be shown together. Must have 3 full flocks to be eligible.

Awards

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Regular Classes	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10

Rosettes will be awarded to Champion and Reserve.

Premier Breeders - Banners
Premier Exhibitors - Banners

Ribbons will be awarded to the top six placings in each class.

Meat Breeds

Section 1 - Commercial

Section 2 - Cheviots

Section 3 - Hampshires

Section 4 - Suffolks

Section 5 - Dorsets

Section 6- Southdowns

Section 7 – Slickshorn

Section 8 - Other Meat Breeds

Section 9 – Shropshires

Class

1. Yearling Ram -1 year and under 2
2. Sr. Ram Lamb
3. Intermediate Ram Lamb
4. Jr. Ram Lamb
5. Pair of Ram Lambs
(Champion Ram)
(Reserve Champion Ram)
6. Early Yearling Ewe (born before Jan. 1; 1 year and under 2)
7. Late Yearling Ewe (born after Feb. 1; 1 year and under 2)
8. Pair of Yearling Ewes
9. Sr. Ewe Lamb
10. Intermediate Ewe Lamb
11. Jr. Ewe Lamb
12. Pair of Ewe Lambs
(Champion Ewe)
(Reserve Champion Ewe.)
13. Pair of Yearlings -1 year and under 2 (1 Ram, 1 Ewe).
14. Pair of Lambs (1 Ram, 1 Ewe).
15. Pen of 4 Lambs—Both sexes to be represented.
16. Flock Class—1 Ram, 2 Yearling Ewes, and 2 Ewe Lambs
17. Breeder's Flock—Same as Flock Class except owned and bred by Virginia exhibitor

Supreme Champion Ewe and Ram will be selected following the show.

Natural Colored and White Wool Sheep Show

(to be shown separately unless minimum #s and exhibitors is not met, see rule 9 above)

1. All sheep will be judged 60% on wool and 40% on conformation.
2. Wool length is expected to be 2 inches or longer, except in young lambs and in fine wool categories. Less than 1 1/2 inch will be penalized.

3. 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 exhibitor, but wool must not be trimmed or blocked to unequal lengths on chest, back, shoulders, sides, or britch area.

Section 10 – Natural Colored: Fine

Section 11 – Natural Colored: Medium

Section 12 – Natural Colored: Long

Section 13 – Natural Colored: Coarse

Section 14 – White Wool: Fine

Section 15 – White Wool: Medium

Section 16 – White Wool: Long

Section 17 – White Wool: Coarse

Class

1. Yearling Ram -1 year and under 2
2. Sr. Ram Lamb
3. Intermediate Ram Lamb
4. Jr. Ram Lamb
5. Pair of Ram Lambs
(Champion Ram)
(Reserve Champion Ram)
6. Early Yearling Ewe (born before Jan. 31; 1 year and under 2)
7. Late Yearling Ewe (born after Feb. 1; 1 year and under 2)
8. Pair of Yearling Ewes
9. Sr. Ewe Lamb
10. Intermediate Ewe Lamb
11. Jr. Ewe Lamb
12. Pair of Ewe Lambs
(Champion Ewe)
(Reserve Champion Ewe)
13. Pair of Yearlings -1 year and under 2 (1 Ram, 1 Ewe)
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Wool Fleece Show

Due to lack of participation for the past few years, the 2009 fleece competition has been canceled.

Open Sheep Promotion & Shepherds Award

1st Place: \$100 and Rosette
2nd Place: \$ 80 and Rosette
3rd Place: \$ 40 and Rosette

Awarded to the Open Sheep exhibitor whose pen area demonstrates outstanding cleanliness and visitor appeal, and promotes the sheep industry. Educational content of the exhibit, as well as cleanliness and appearance of the entire pen area and display, will be judged. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about their exhibit and sheep in general, courteous and friendly to fellow exhibitors and Fair guests.

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