

Open Sheep

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Entries due August 15

Judge: Mr. Jim Brandt, Anna, OH

2010 Official Schedule

Arrival/Check in, Meat Breeds: Monday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Judging:

Commercial, Cheviots, Hampshires, Suffolks & Montadales Tuesday, Sept. 28, Noon
Dorsets, Southdown, Slickshorn, Shropshire & Others Wednesday, Sept. 29, 9:00 a.m.

Release: Wednesday Sept. 29, Following the last show or 6 p.m. whichever is later

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, 2009. Intermediate lambs are to be born Jan. 1 - Feb. 15, 2010. Junior lambs are to be born after Feb. 16, 2010.
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. **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

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

Section 10 – Montadale

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

(Due to lack of participation we will not have a Wool Sheep Show in 2010)

Wool Fleece Show

Due to lack of participation for the past few years, the 2010 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.