

## **DEPARTMENT G - SHEEP**

**Kelly Cameron - Superintendent**

**SHOW TIME: Thursday, August 11 - 1:00 P.M.**

**Note: All Feeder Lambs and Market Lambs must be weighed and in place by Noon on Thursday, August 11.**

**NOTE: MEAT AND PYGMY GOATS WILL BE SHOWN FOLLOWING THE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST AND MUST BE IN PLACE BY 11:00 A.M., AUGUST 11.**

Sheep that have active club lamb fungus as determined by the inspecting veterinarian, will be removed immediately from the grounds by the owner and not be allowed to show.

NEW - Exhibitors may enter a total of 5 sheep. No more than 2 sheep may be shown in any class. In addition an exhibitor may show 1 bottle lamb.

No individual animal may be shown in both Breeding and Market Classes. If an exhibitor has two lambs in the same class, another member may show his lamb but must use the owner's exhibitor number.

Dress Code - 4-H'ers will wear blue jeans, white shirt, or blouse that is long enough to be tucked in with a 4-H emblem. A 4-H tee shirt with sleeves, a 4-H emblem on the pocket or blouse front or a 4-H arm band will be acceptable. Hard soled shoes or boots must be worn for all the 4-H livestock shows. No hats or other headgear except for western hats during the horse show.

This year this attire will be the policy for interview judging, livestock shows, livestock auction, and award ceremonies. Shooting Sports will wear their attire for their events and awards.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in loss of premium money and awards. Superintendents and fairboard members will enforce this policy.

### **Sheep and Goats Scrapie Program**

Scrapie is a degenerative and eventually fatal disease affecting the central nervous system of sheep and goats.

The new Scrapie Eradication Program final rule requires that beginning on November 20, 2001, all breeding sheep, ewe lambs for exhibition, and sheep over 18 months of age need to be identified with a special ear tag before they are sold in interstate commerce. This regulation is one of several actions being put into place as part of a plan to eradicate scrapie by 2010. This includes cull ewes and rams which are sold to livestock markets.

#### **4-H Exhibition:**

1. All female sheep exhibited at the Holt County Fair, State Fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). This applies to both market ewes and breeding ewes, regardless of age.
2. Wethers do not need the USDA identification.
3. All female goats exhibited at State Fair need the official USDA identification.

#### **Sheep Producers:**

The first step for producers is to obtain a flock premises ID. The USDA will be assigning a premises identification number (flock ID) to all flocks in the United States, and will be providing tags and tagging pliers to these flocks to identify their sheep. The tags are to be applied by the breeder before they are sold. The tags and tagging tool are free and they should be ordered from USDA, APHIS, VS PO BOX 81866, LINCOLN, NE 68501.

There are provisions for those that prefer to have this tag be part of their flock tagging system. The difference is that you will have to purchase tags from only approved companies. For more information visit with your local veterinarian or the APHIS office (402-434-2300) or visit the web site: [www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie.html](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/scrapie.html).

## **SHEEP DIVISION 30 - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

### **CLASSES**

**Class 9 (G 30 9) - Senior Division (14 Years or Older - 1/1/2011)**

**Class 900 (G 30 900) - Intermediate Division (11, 12, 13 - 1/1/2011)**

**Class 901 (G 30 901) - Junior Division (10 Years or Younger - 1/1/2011)**

### **PREMIUMS:**

Purple: \$2.00

Blue: \$1.50

Red: \$1.00

White: \$.50

**SHEEP – DIVISION 35 – FEEDER LAMBS**

**CLASSES:**

**Class 900 (G 35 900) - Feeder Lambs (under 110 lbs.)**

**SHEEP DIVISION 31 – MARKET LAMBS**

**CLASSES**

**Class - 10 (G 31 10) - Market Lambs (ewes & wethers) 110 lbs. and over. Ewes and Wethers will be shown together at Holt County Fair.**

**SHEEP**

**DIVISION 32 - BREEDING EWE LAMBS**

All meat breed breeding sheep and all commercial breeding sheep SHOULD be slick shorn within 10 days of the show. All registered and commercial wool breed sheep may be shown in the fleece.

**□ □ AGES:**

Yearling Ewes - Born 9/1/2009 to 8/31/2010

Ewe Lambs - Born 9/1/2010 and After

**CLASSES**

**Class 10 (G 32 10) - Wool, Yearling Ewes**

**Class 20 (G 32 20) - Wool, Ewe Lambs**

**Class 30 (G 32 30) - Meat Yearling Ewes**

**Class 40 (G 32 40) - Meat Ewe Lambs**

**SHEEP – DIVISION 33 –**

**BREEDING BUCK LAMBS**

**CLASSES**

**Class 900 (G 33 900) - Breeding Buck Lambs**

**PREMIUMS:**

Purple: \$4.00

Blue: \$3.00

Red: \$2.00

White: \$1.00

**SHEEP - DIVISION 34 - CLUB GROUP OF MARKET LAMBS**

**CLASSES**

**Class 900 - (G 34 900) - Club Group of Market Lambs**

**SHEEP – DIVISION 37 – BOTTLE LAMB**

Exhibitors project animal will be present during their interview with the judge on Thursday. Bottle Lambs must be in place by 11:00 A.M. Thursday. They will be interview judged between 12:00 & 1:00 P.M. prior to the Sheep Show. They will exhibit their animals to the public at the conclusion of the Sheep Show.

**\*\*\*ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE ENROLLED IN A SHEEP PROJECT\*\*\***

**PURPOSE:** To design a sheep project to fit the physical size of the younger youth, to teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young sheep, teach basic sheep management skills and to teach basic recordkeeping skills.

1. **ALL** bottle lambs must have been tagged and identified on the ID affidavit by June 15 and filed at the office.
2. A bottle lamb is an orphan, or newborn lamb born after January 1 and before June 1, 2011, male or female; and fed on bucket or bottle.
3. **REMINDER:** Bottle Lambs **MUST** be entered Thursday by Noon. They will be dismissed Saturday, August 13 beginning at 4:00 P.M.

4. Exhibitors will sign up for interview times when Bottle Lambs are entered before Noon. Lambs will be presented to the public at the conclusion of the sheep show. All judging will have been done prior to that time.

5. Lambs must be at least 70 days old at county fair time.

6. Ranking will be done on the following basis:

- a. Evaluation of completed record book – 35%.
- b. Evaluation of members knowledge by interview – 35%.
- c. Health condition and quality of animal – 15%.
- d. Evidence of training and showing – 15%.

7. Exhibitors in Bottle Lamb are not eligible for sheep showmanship.

Record Books should be turned in to the Extension Office by July 21.

Age Divisions:

Juniors – 8 & 9 Years – 1/1/2011

Seniors – 10, 11, & 12 – 1/1/2011

**CLASSES**

**Class 900 (G 36 900) – Senior Division**

**Bottle Lambs**

**Class 901 (g 36 901) – Junior Division Bottle Lambs**

**PREMIUMS:**

Purple: \$4.00

Blue: \$ 3.00

Red: \$2.00

White: \$1.00