

# 2009 Central Florida Fair Sheep Shows

## Fitting and Grooming Contest

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Wednesday, April 22, 2009 (Subject to Change)

The main objective in a Fitting and Grooming contest is to present a well-groomed animal to the judge. A well-groomed animal displays the exhibitor's ability to fit (shape the wool) to a prime finished appearance. A clean, well-trained animal is important to this process.

Fitting and Grooming Objectives:

The animals should be groomed to best display the following qualities:

Sheep/Lamb: Display breeding, conformation, and muscle qualities.

Rules:

Open to registered youth exhibitors. Contestant must furnish own equipment (foot trimmers, rake, wool card, head card, shears, stone, fork, brush, knife, oil, etc.) Contestants will not be allowed to leave their sheep or the grooming area, after the contest begins, receive any equipment, or communicate with anyone outside of the contest area.

Therefore, all sheep must be pre-washed prior to the start of the contest. Contestants will have one hour to complete the fitting and grooming of their animal. Each contestant must provide a sheep/lamb for the contest. Sheep/lambs must be inspected and approved and scored by the judge before the start of the contest. Judging will be based on the improved appearance of the sheep/lamb during the time of the contest.

The Sheep/Lamb entered in this contest should be brought to the fair in field/rough trimmed condition, unclipped, but pre-washed prior to the start of the contest. (In other words, the lamb should not be completely groomed prior to entering the contest).

Classes:

- Y-FGN – First Time Entrants *(Never competed in a Fitting and Grooming Contest of this nature)*
- Y-410 – Experienced Junior Entrants
- Y-411 – Experienced Intermediate Entrants
- Y-412 – Experienced Senior Entrants

Score Sheet:

- Use of Exhibitor Time toward Objective – up to 10 points
- Necessary Equipment – up to 10 points
- Use of Equipment – up to 10 points
- Exhibitor Inspection of sheep – up to 10 points
- Finished appearance of sheep – up to 10 points
- Exhibitor Showmanship – up to 10 points
- Sheep Condition Improvement – up to 40 points