

**2008-2009  
SUMTER COUNTY FAIR  
YOUTH BREEDING SHEEP SHOW  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Check In.....Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM**  
**Release.....By Approval of Show Committee**  
**Show.....Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM**

**SUPERINTENDENT:**  
**Johan DuToit**

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:**  
**Mike Bressette**

**Mail all entries to the  
Sumter County Extension Office: Attn: Sheep Show at 7620 SR 471 Ste.2 Bushnell, FL 33513**

*All entries in this category shall be subject to the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.*

**PURPOSE**

The intent and purpose of the Sumter County Fair Youth Breeding Sheep Show is to provide for a means to promote the sheep industry Florida. Furthermore, this is an educational project for youth in Florida and showing provides youth with a means to gain recognition for achievements in the Sheep project.

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Participants in the Youth Breeding Sheep Show must be a resident of Florida up to age 18.
2. Students must be enrolled in a Florida recognized school.
3. Any exhibitor entering an animal in any name other than the bona fide owner or owners or showing an animal in a class for which it is not eligible may, at the discretion of the Fair management, be barred from further showing and any or all premiums previously awarded may be forfeited.
4. Animals shown in individual classes must be the bona fide property, or leased by the exhibitor.
5. All animals must be halter broken to lead in order to compete for premiums. Animals that cannot be handled properly will not be accepted and will be disqualified.
6. Sheep must be in show shape upon arrival at the Fair.

**ENTRIES**

1. All entries must be postmarked on or before **February 19, 2009**, in order to be accepted, late entries will not be accepted.
2. Entries must be complete with all information and signatures and accompanied by entry fees as of **February 19, 2009**.
3. Entries must be made in the name of the flock owner.
4. Use a separate entry form per show division (open or youth), per flock owner.
5. Each animal entered in the Sumter County Fair Sheep Show must have the correct birth date on their entry form. The Show Committee reserves the right to mouth all sheep for age.
6. Entry fees are **\$3.00** per animal. This amount must be paid before animals are officially entered.
7. All sheep entered in the Sumter County Fair must be tagged with an approved USDA Scrapie Tag, as well as have official registration papers or birth certificate.
8. Sheep must be shown in their respective age classes. Exhibits that have been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, be transferred to their proper classes prior to judging.
9. All sheep will be inspected by an approved veterinarian upon arrival.
10. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED UPON ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR.**
11. All Youth exhibitors are required to be clean and neat and dress in official show attire appropriate for their show.

**Exhibitors:** dark or black pants, white collared shirt, 4H insignia, 4H jacket is optional, FFA jacket, FFA tie or scarf.

12. All exhibitors must wear closed toed shoes or boots in the livestock barns and show ring.

## HEALTH RULES

1. All animals must meet health regulation as required by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, including above requirements of USDA Scrapie Tag and official registration papers or birth certificate.

## GENERAL

1. The owner is responsible for the care and management of their own animals. Sheep will be kept clean and in show condition until official release time.
2. In order that the livestock exhibits can be presented in a more attractive manner, each exhibitor will be required to maintain their pens and space in a clean, sanitary condition, therefore any filth and/or liter must be placed in designated dumpsters.
3. Veterinarian Services- Names and telephone number of qualified local veterinarians will be available at the Fair Office. Each exhibitor is responsible for any bills incurred.

## ARRIVAL

1. An accredited veterinarian will be available to check the unloading of the animals. After animals are checked in by the veterinarians, the show committee will check registration papers and/or birth certificates.
2. **NO ANIMALS WILL BE UNLOADED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN INSPECTED BY THE SHOW COMMITTEE AND VETERINARIAN! NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. All animals must be checked in between 2:00-4:00 PM, Thursday, March 5, 2008.
4. Any animals arriving late due to emergency must contact the Fair Office at (352) 793-2750.
5. Animals must be "show ready" when they arrive.

## JUDGING/PREMIUMS

1. Animals should be shorn and groomed in whatever manner appropriate for the breed and age with a maximum of 2 inches of wool on any part of the body.
2. No painting of sheep will be allowed.
3. Filling of sheep with any substance is prohibited. All sheep must be shown in their natural conformation and structure without alterations or modification, except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of the hooves.
4. The show will be judged according to the Modified Danish System based on the individual breed standards of each animal.
5. Unworthy Exhibits-It is the intent of the Youth Sheep Committee that no premium of distinction of any kind be given an animal that is not deserving. In cases where only one animal is exhibited in a class, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited. The judge must not award a premium to any unworthy animal. Only first place winning animals are eligible to compete for Championship.
6. The judges decision is final.
7. The show committee reserves the right to divide or combine classes based on the number of entries.
8. All premium monies will be paid to the exhibitor designated on the entry form.
9. Premium monies will be paid to the youth after their pen has been designated clean by a show committee member and given permission to check-out.

## RELEASE

1. Sheep will be released after the conclusion of the show and after youth has been given permission by a show committee member. Youth must clean their pen and leave it in as good or better condition than when they arrived. **Any exhibitor removing animals from the barn prior to the official release time will forfeit all prize monies they have won.**
2. All pens must be left free of any material other than the bedding provided. Saturated bedding must also be removed. Water buckets must be dumped outside of the livestock barn.

### Youth Breeding Sheep Classes

Animals will be judging using the Modified Danish System...Blue, Red & White

#### Ewes

1. Aged Ewes – Born before January 1,2007
2. 2 Year old ewes – Born Jan.1 – Aug.31,2007
3. Yearling Ewes – Sept.1 – Dec.31,2007
4. Early Spring Lambs – Jan.1 – March 15,2008
5. Late Spring Lambs – March 16 – Nov. 30,2008
6. Grand Champion Ewe \$ and Rosette
7. Reserve Grand Champion Ewe \$ and Rosette
8. Supreme Champion Ewe \$ and Rosette

#### Rams:

9. Aged Rams – Born before January 1,2007
10. 2 Year old Rams – Born Jan.1 – Aug. 31, 2007
11. Yearling Rams – Sept. 1 – Dec. 31, 2007
12. Early Spring Ram – Nov. 1,2007 – March 15,2008
13. Late Spring Rams – March 16 – Nov. 30,2008
14. Grand Champion Ram \$ and Rosette
15. Reserve Grand Champion Ram \$ and Rosette
16. Supreme Champion Ram \$ and Rosette

### **FITTING & GROOMING**

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. The fitting and grooming of breeding sheep should best display the breeding and conformation qualities of the animal.

1. The Fitting and Grooming contest will be held before the first class.
2. All breeding sheep participants may compete in one breeding sheep fitting and grooming contest.
3. Exhibitors will be judged by the following divisions:
  - Senior** (14 years of age through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in high school)
  - Intermediate** (11 years of age through 13 years of age)
  - Junior** (8 years of age through 10 years of age)
  - Mini** (5 years of age through 7 years of age)

**Age by division is determined as of September 1, 2008.**

4. Awards will be presented in each class.

