

# OPEN CLASS SHEEP

## DEPT 102



### SHEEP

Superintendent: Eric Appel

#### Official Scrapie Tag/Tattoo Requirements

By order of the Washington State Department of Agriculture, effective May 16, 1999, all female sheep and intact breeding males must be identified with an official WSDA Scrapie Flock Identification Tag or tattoo prior to being admitted for exhibition or sale at the Palouse Empire Fair. This requirement is in compliance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 16-89 "Sheep and Goat Scrapie Disease Control". Listed sheep without proper identification will be refused entry into the Palouse Empire Fair.

No washing of sheep at the Fair without permission of the Sheep Superintendent.

**Lamb Tail Docking:** Scientific research indicates that the incidence of rectal prolapse is reduced when the tail is docked in a non-extreme manner. Complete tail removal (extreme docking) is not an accepted sheep production practice and will be discouraged at the Palouse Empire Fair. In order to determine extreme docking, the gray tail docking measuring device will be used. The device will be raised in a vertical plane and should catch enough tail to lift: this is comparable to two fingers width. A violation has occurred if there is inadequate tail to lift. The exhibitor will be informed with a correction expected for future Palouse Empire Fair participation.

Sheep entries are to be made to the Fair office no later than August 1. All exhibits are to be on the grounds by 9 p.m., Wednesday. The Fair Association will furnish bedding. Each exhibitor is encouraged not to waste bedding material. Exhibitors will furnish their own feed and feed boxes. A trim stand area is available for exhibitors.

#### AWARDS

See classes for descriptions of and qualifications for awards offered.

#### DIV 1 -Breeding Stock

Hampshire, Suffolk, Rambouillet, Columbia, Romney, Cheviot, Dorset, Crossbred  
Points: Blue 40, Red 30, White 20

*Class:*

1. Ram, one year and under two
2. Ram lamb, under one year  
Grand Champion ram over all, any age - Rosette  
Reserve Grand Champion ram over all, any age- Rosette
3. Ewe, one year and under two
4. Ewe, under one year  
Grand Champion ewe over all, any age- Rosette  
Reserve Grand Champion ewe over all, any age- Rosette
5. Mature ewe, over two  
Points: 1<sup>st</sup> 60, 2<sup>nd</sup> 40, 3<sup>rd</sup> 25
6. Flock, consists of one ram, any age; two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs
7. Pair of ram lambs
8. Pair of ewe lambs
9. Pair of yearling ewes

#### DIV 2 - Daddy's Little Shepherd

Located at the beginning of the fair book

#### DIV 3 - Educational Displays

*Class:*

1. Poster or Display (Individual)  
Points: Blue 25, Red 20, White 15
2. Barn Display (Group)  
Points: Blue 35, Red 25, White 15

#### DIV - 4 - Open Class Wool Show

Points: Blue 15, Red 10, White 5

- Fleeces are to be shown as they come from the sheep, tied in a neat bundle with fleece twine or in a non-plastic sack.
- Entries in the wool show shall be on the grounds by 9 p.m. Wednesday.

#### AWARDS

Large rosettes to be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each section

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1. Fine Wool  
Grand Champion fine wool fleece  
Rosette  
Reserve Grand Champion fine wool fleece -  
Rosette
2. Medium Wool  
Grand Champion medium wool fleece -  
Rosette  
Reserve Grand Champion medium wool  
fleece - Rosette

## DIV - 5 – Costume Class

Points: Blue 40, Red 30, White 20

This division is open to all youth and adults within the Sheep Department and is designed for the exhibitor's enjoyment and a chance to show off their creativity and imagination, while protecting the sheep from harm and cruelty.

Classes will be arranged by age, starting with the youngest, up to adults, who will have to make arrangements to borrow a lamb from a youth within the Sheep Barn prior to the event. No sheep will be allowed to be brought onto the fairgrounds after the fair has begun.

No spray paint, glitter, glue or other adhesives will be allowed on the lambs.  
Remember, they cannot be washed afterward!  
Halters will remain on the lambs while being shown.

## DIV 6 - Parents to the Halter

This division is open to all adults within the Sheep Department and is designed for the enjoyment of both the exhibitor and the audience. Adults may borrow a lamb from within the sheep barn, with the permission of the lamb's true exhibitor. There will be only one class. Judging is based on the same rules as fitting and showing. **This event is for entertainment purposes only, no money or points will be earned, but a reward to the winners is possible. Please sign up during the fair.**

**Open Class Sheep-** Please email or call the fair office if you wish to enter an open class Sheep that is NOT included in "Daddy's Little Shepherd"

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