



MARKET LAMB CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

These are the recognized breeds for the Erie County Fair Youth Livestock Expo Market Lamb Show. If there are less than three sheep that classify within a breed that breed will be moved to the AOB division. Lambs must meet breed standards; classification committee will make their decision based off of common breed standards and industry knowledge. No pedigrees will be required or considered in the classification process. The judgment of the classification committee is final and not subject to protest. If the animal and exhibitor are not present at the classification area at the assigned time for that species and breeds classification that animal will be moved to the crossbred division.

Hair Sheep

1. Silky ears, medium to moderate in length.
2. Soft pelt.
3. Nose should be neutral to pink in color.
4. May be polled or horned. Horns must be indicative of acceptable hair breeds.

Southdown

1. Hair color on muzzle should be mouse-colored, gray to brown and match color on legs and pasterns
2. Nostril pigmentation may be black to purplish-gray.
3. Head and muzzle should be broad and proportional to body.
4. Head of moderate length and in proportion to body.
5. Ears of moderate length, in proportion to body, and covered with short hair or wool.
6. Black hooves.
7. Slight chalk around eyes
8. Slight chalk around muzzle.
9. Spot or speckles in the skin only when shorn.

Shropshire

1. The Shropshire must have a dark face and white wool covering the whole poll.

Dorset

1. The head should be neat and well covered with wool on the poll and under the jaw. Face should be smooth and open with a moderately broad muzzle of medium length.
2. Ears should be covered with white hair and small amount of white wool is acceptable.
3. Dark pigmentation on the rims of the eyelids and small freckles inside the ears are acceptable.
4. A black spot on the nose, septum or mouth and/pr ear is acceptable not exceeding 0.25 inches. However, solid pink noses and lips, and solid white haired ears are preferred.

White Face Crossbred

1. Must be white faced, brockle faced or show evidence of at least 50% white face or more throughout the face and ears
2. Reddish, rust, light grey, dark cream tinged colored legs are acceptable

Natural Colored

1. Must have a predominant "blue or black tint" to the skin and wool
2. A few black or blue spots coloring of the wool, bite marks, fungus spots or scars with black or dark fiber areas will not classify a lamb in this division

Hampshire

1. The face should be of good length, dark in color, and practically free of wool from the eyes down. An unbroken wool cap should extend from the neck over the forehead.
2. The ears should be moderate in length, thick, covered with a coarse dark brown or black hair and free from wool.
3. The Hampshire should be free of white spots on jaws, legs, and ears.

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Any other purebred appearing sheep who's breed is not stated above. If your sheep's breed is not listed above you must designate what breed you wish to classify as when making entries. The classifiers will use their industry knowledge to classify these sheep. If three or more sheep classify as the same breed within the AOB division that breed will become its own division.

Black Face Crossbred

Any other sheep that do not satisfy the requirements of one of the above stated breeds will only have the option to be in the Black Face Crossbred division. No crossbred sheep are allowed to go back to a registered breed.