

# Sheep Entry Book



## Aksarben Stock Show

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Aksarben Foundation

**September 22-25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Nebraska State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park  
Grand Island, Nebraska

## **Sheep Showmanship**

- Sheep Showmanship will take place on Friday night, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- Any exhibitor entered in the Market Sheep Show or Breeding Ewe Show are eligible for Sheep Showmanship.
- Entry in showmanship will be done on the online entry process.
- There will be two age divisions:
  - Junior: sheep exhibitors whose age as of Jan. 1 is 9-13.
  - Senior: sheep exhibitors whose age as of Jan. 1 is 14-19.
- Sheep exhibitors must show their own lamb during showmanship.

## **Market Sheep Show**

- All market sheep must be identified by a USDA scrapies tag.
- Ewes and wethers are eligible to show.
- All lambs being exhibited in the Market Sheep Show MUST have DNA nominations submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>. See rules and regulations book for more DNA nominations/entry information.
- Cryptorchid market sheep are not eligible to be nominated for the Show.
- Sheep must have all blankets pulled at the initial gate check in. A vet will be there to check for club lamb fungus.
- Decisions to send market sheep to harvest must be made at check-in. A sale affidavit (found in the exhibitor packet) must be provided at check in, if the lamb will be sold. The official sale weight will be the declared weight at the show.
- Substitutions at check in are applicable in the case that a DNA sample from the new, substituted animal is on file with Show Management.
- Market Sheep Exhibitors are subject to allowing their projects to be used for the Livestock Judging Contest.
- Weight Declaration
  - Exhibitors will self-declare the market lamb's weight utilizing a weigh-card system. All weigh-cards will be due at check-in. All cards submitted to lamb show staff are final.
  - Show management will weigh, at least, the first and second place animals in each class. Additional lambs may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
    - A 5 lb variance from the declared weight will be allowed.
    - Animals that do not meet the 5 lb variance, above or below the declared weight will forfeit premiums and will not be eligible for any further exhibition.
  - The minimum weight for market lambs will be 115 pounds with no maximum weight limit. Lambs weighing less than 115 pounds will be ineligible for further competition.

## **Entry Information**

- DNA nominations MUST be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> for animals to be eligible to exhibit.
- Official Online Entries begin after DNA Nominations are submitted. Entries are due September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
- Division
  - Market Sheep
- Class
  - Dorset Market Lamb
  - Southdown Market Lamb
  - White Breed Influence Market Lamb

- Shropshire Market Lamb
- Suffolk Market Lamb
- Natural Market Lamb
- Hampshire Market Lamb
- Crossbred Market Lamb
- Visual Classifications
  - Lambs show staff will confirm the entered classification during check in.

Note:

- Ewes and wethers will be shown together
- Sheep will be shown from light weight to heavy weight, within the respective divisions.
- Classes will be broken at the discretion of the show management.
- The show management reserves the right to move lambs into an alternative division classification.
- The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb. The top 10 market lambs will be selected.
  - o Additional animals may be exhibited in division and Grand Drive, at the discretion of the judge.
- See "Grand Drive" document for explanation on how this event will be conducted.

Release Time

- Market lambs will be released at the conclusion of the Market Lamb Show. Any violation of release rules will result in all premiums withheld and may be barred from future competition.

Loadout

- It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that sheep for harvest are put in the designated holding area to be loaded onto the trucks. The exhibitor is responsible for the lamb's care until picked up for harvest.
- Failure to comply with load out procedures will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified.

**Lamb Challenge**

Entry

- Use regular Aksarben Entry System.
- Enter Lamb Challenge Class
- Entry of the Lamb Challenge Lamb is the exhibitor's responsibility.

| <u>Scoring Category</u> | <u>Points</u>    |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Sponsor Reports (5)     | 100              |
| Record Book             | 150              |
| Showmanship             | 100              |
| Average Daily Gain      | 30               |
| Interview               | 100              |
| Live Placing            | 20               |
|                         | 500 Points Total |

- In case of a tie, the following breakers will be used: 1) Record Book; 2) Showmanship; 3) Sponsor Reports; and 4) Interview.
- Additional Rules
  - All Lamb Challenge Lambs must enter and exhibit unless previously excused by Aksarben.
  - All Lamb Challenge Lambs will be weighed during check in.
    - Lamb Challenge CANNOT declare the weight. A show staff member will take the weight.
  - Lamb Challenge Lambs are not eligible to show in Lamb Showmanship.
  - All general grooming rules apply to Lamb Challenge Lambs.
  - Live animal premiums will be paid according to stated market lamb show price.
  - All Lamb Challenge entries must go to harvest.

### **Breeding Sheep Show**

- All breeding ewes must be identified with an official USDA scrapie identification tag.
- To be eligible for exhibition, registered breeding ewes must be registered by the official breed association in the name of the youth and/or immediate family member or in partnership with a parent or guardian, family or farm name, and must be owned by the time of entry.
- Registration papers should be presented at check-in. Animals whose registration papers are not approved or are still pending will show in the commercial class.
- Commercial breeding ewes will declare their weight.

### **Entry Information**

- Division
  - Breeding Ewe
- Breeds
  - Dorset
  - Dorset Advantage
  - Hampshire
  - Shropshire
  - Southdown
  - Suffolk
  - Commercial
- Class
  - April 2022 Ewes
  - March 2022 Ewes
  - February 2022 Ewes
  - January 2022 Ewes
  - Yearling Ewes

\*Age Classifications (classes will be split based age range/number of entries)

### **Note:**

- Entries in the Breeding Ewe Show will be divided by breeds and then by age within the breed. Class sizes will be determined by Show officials based on the number of animals at check-in.
- The commercial ewe division will be split by weight.
- At minimum, the top two ewes from each commercial breeding ewe class will be weighed back. Any ewe weighing not within 5 lbs. over or under the declared weight will be disqualified from further competition.

- Any registered ewes not meeting breed requirements or other eligibility rules will go into the Commercial class.
- Breeds with less than five (5) head may all show in one class. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
- The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion will compete for Supreme Breeding Ewe and Reserve Supreme Breeding Ewe. The top 5 overall breeding ewes will be selected.
  - o Additional animals may be exhibited in division and overall, at the discretion of the judge.

#### Release Time

- Breeding ewes will be released at the conclusion of the Breeding Ewe Show. Any violation of release rules will result in all premiums withheld and may be barred from future competition.