



**Aksarben
Stock Show**

2023 SHEEP ENTRY BOOK

September 21st – 24th, 2023
Nebraska State Fairgrounds at Fonner Park
Grand Island, NE

Superintendents: Justin & Tori Nathan
2023 Sheep Judge: Brad Dale



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Tentative 2023 Sheep Schedule:

DNA Nominations Due	Friday, June 30 th , 2023	
Entries Due	Friday, September 1 st , 2023	11:59 pm
Late Entries Due	Tuesday, September 5 th , 2023	11:59 pm
Check-In Trailer Open	Thursday, September 21 st , 2023	8:00 am – 10:00 pm
All Livestock in Place	Thursday, September 21 st , 2023	10:00 pm
All Weigh Cards Due	Friday, September 22 nd , 2023	12:00 pm
Sheep Showmanship	Friday, September 22 nd , 2023	4:00 pm
Market Sheep Show	Saturday, September 23 rd , 2023	7:30 am
Grand Drive Reception	Saturday, September 23 rd , 2023	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Grand Drive	Saturday, September 23 rd , 2023	7:30 pm
Breeding Ewe Show	Sunday, September 24 th , 2023	8:00 am

1. ENTRY INFORMATION

- a. DNA nominations MUST be submitted (postmarked) by June 30th for all sheep to be eligible to exhibit. Official Online Entries begin after DNA Nominations are submitted. Entries are due September 1st, 2023, at 11:59 pm. Entry will be done on the [Aksarben Stock Show website](#). See rules and regulations book for more DNA nominations/entry information.
 - i. Both breeding and market sheep require a DNA nomination *New in 2023
- b. Late entries will be accepted until Tuesday, September 5th, 2023, at 11:59 pm for double the entry fee.
- c. Showmanship entry must be completed on the online entry process.
- d. Entry fees:
 - i. \$30 per head (includes one bag of shavings per pen)
 1. Max of 4 entries per species per exhibitor
 - a. The exhibitors exhibiting a challenge animal within the challenge program may enter 5 for the respective species. The total of 5 includes the challenge animal.
 - ii. Showmanship: \$10 per exhibitor per species

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a. Youth ages 9-19 as of January 1st are eligible to exhibit. Youth must reside at a permanent residence address in one of the following states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.
- b. Official identification is a USDA scrapies tag.
- c. Ewes may only exhibit in one show.
 - i. You may not exhibit the same ewe in both the market and breeding shows.

- d. Substitutions at check in are applicable in the case that a DNA sample from the new, substituted animal is on file with Show Management.
- e. The sheep show is full fit. Breed characteristics must not be changed.
- f. Pen size will be 5ft 8in x 5ft 8 in.
- g. Sheep must have all blankets pulled at initial gate check-in for a vet to inspect the animal for fungus.
- h. Sheep exhibitors are subject to allowing their projects to be used for the Livestock Judging Contest.

3. **ELITE SHOWMANSHIP**

- a. Any exhibitor entered in the Market Sheep or Breeding Ewe Show is eligible for Sheep Showmanship.
- b. Showmanship will take place separate from the market sheep and breeding sheep shows.
- c. Showmanship entry will take place online at time of entry.
- d. There will be two age divisions:
 - i. Junior: sheep exhibitors ages 9-13 as of January 1st
 - ii. Senior: sheep exhibitors ages 14-19 as of January 1st
- e. Sheep exhibitors must show their own sheep during showmanship.

4. **MARKET SHEEP SHOW**

- a. Ewes and wethers are eligible and will be shown together.
- b. 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 sheep will be sold. The official sale weight will be the declared weight at the show.
- c. Weight Declaration
 - i. 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 sheep show staff are final.
 - ii. 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.
 - 1. 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.
 - iii. The minimum weight for market sheep will be 105 lbs. with no maximum weight limit. Sheep weighing less than 105 lbs. will compete in a weigh-out class and be ineligible for premiums and harvest.
- d. Cryptorchid market sheep are not eligible to be nominated for the show.
- e. **Additional Entry Information**
 - i. Division
 - 1. Market Sheep
 - ii. Classes
 - 1. White Breed Influence Market Lamb
 - 2. Hampshire Market Lamb
 - 3. Southdown Market Lamb
 - 4. Dorset Market Lamb
 - 5. Natural Market Lamb
 - 6. Hair Market Lamb
 - 7. Crossbred Market Lamb

- f. Notes:
 - i. Market sheep will show lightest to heaviest within their respective class.
 - ii. Classes will be broken at the discretion of show management.
 - iii. Breeds with less than 5 head will be placed in an alternative division at the superintendent's discretion.
 - iv. The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions will advance to the Grand Drive and compete for Grand Champion Market Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb. The top 5 market lambs will be selected during the grand drive.
 - 1. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and overall, at the discretion of the judge.
 - 2. See "Grand Drive" information for explanation on how this event will be conducted.
- g. Release Time
 - i. Market sheep will be released at the conclusion of the Market Sheep Show. Any violation of release rules will result in all premiums being withheld and may be barred from future competition.
- h. Harvest Animals
 - i. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to ensure that sheep designated for harvest at check-in 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. (feed, water, etc.)
 - ii. The Champion and Reserve Champion Market Sheep will be harvested.
 - iii. Failure to comply with harvest procedures will result in the withholding of premium monies and the exhibitor may be disqualified.

5. BREEDING SHEEP SHOW

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Commercial breeding ewes will declare their weight using the weigh card system.
- d. Additional Entry Information**
 - i. Division
 - 1. Breeding Ewe
 - ii. Breeds
 - 1. Dorset
 - 2. Dorset Advantage
 - 3. Hampshire
 - 4. Shropshire
 - 5. Southdown
 - 6. Suffolk
 - 7. All Other Breeds
 - 8. Commercial
 - iii. Classes

1. April 2023 Ewes
2. March 2023 Ewes
3. February 2023 Ewes
4. January 2023 Ewes
5. Yearling Ewes (Ewes born January 2022 – December 2022)

e. Notes:

- i. Sheep will be divided into classes by breed and then by age. Commercial ewes will be split by weight.
- ii. Registered ewes will show first followed by the Commercial classes.
- iii. Class sizes will be determined by Show officials based on the number of animals at check-in. Breeds with less than five (5) head will show in the AOB class.
 1. Show management may combine classes until they reach a minimum class size deemed appropriate.
- iv. Show management will re-weigh, at least, the first and second place ewes in each commercial class. Additional ewes may be weighed at the judge's discretion.
 1. 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.
- v. The top two animals from each class will compete for Division Champion and Reserve Division Champion. The Division Champions and Reserve Division Champions will compete for Supreme Breeding Ewe and Reserve Supreme Breeding Ewe. The top 5 breeding ewes will be selected.
 1. Additional animals may be exhibited in division and overall, at the discretion of the judge.

f. Release Time

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

6. **AWARDS/SUPREME SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Supreme scholarship are 50% cash and 50% scholarship

*Exhibitors receiving more than \$600 in premiums/cash awards will be required to complete a W-9 before receiving payment.

a. Market Sheep

- i. Grand Champion Market Sheep
 1. \$8,000 Supreme Scholarship
 2. Banner
 3. Awards
- ii. Reserve Grand Champion Market Sheep
 1. \$4,000 Supreme Scholarship
 2. Banner
 3. Awards
- iii. 3rd Overall Market Sheep
 1. \$2,000 Supreme Scholarship
 2. Banner
 3. Award
- iv. 4th Overall Market Sheep
 1. \$1,500 Supreme Scholarship

- 2. Banner
 - 3. Award
 - v. 5th Overall Market Sheep
 - 1. \$1,000 Supreme Scholarship
 - 2. Banner
 - 3. Award
 - vi. Division and Reserve Division Winners
 - 1. Banner
- b. Breeding Ewes
 - i. Supreme Breeding Ewe
 - 1. \$2,000 Supreme Scholarship
 - 2. Banner
 - 3. Awards
 - ii. Reserve Supreme Breeding Ewe
 - 1. \$1,000 Supreme Scholarship
 - 2. Banner
 - 3. Awards
 - iii. 3rd Overall Breeding Ewe
 - 1. \$500 Supreme Scholarship
 - 2. Banner
 - 3. Award
 - iv. 4th – 5th Overall Breeding Ewes
 - 1. Banner
 - 2. Award
 - v. Division and Reserve Division Winners
 - 1. Banner
- c. Elite Showmanship – Sponsored by GI Casino & Resort
 - i. Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Sheep Showmen
 - 1. Buckle
 - 2. Cash Award
 - ii. 3rd – 5th Senior Sheep Showmen
 - 1. Cash Award
 - iii. Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Sheep Showmen
 - 1. Buckle
 - 2. Cash Award
 - iv. 3rd – 5th Junior Sheep Showmen
 - 1. Cash Award
 - v. All Showmanship Finalists
 - 1. Pin

7. PREMIUMS

- a. The top 5 animals (breeding and market) in each class will receive a premium.
 - i. 1st in Class - \$30
 - ii. 2nd in Class - \$25
 - iii. 3rd in Class - \$20
 - iv. 4th in Class - \$15
 - v. 5th in Class - \$10