

Judge Along



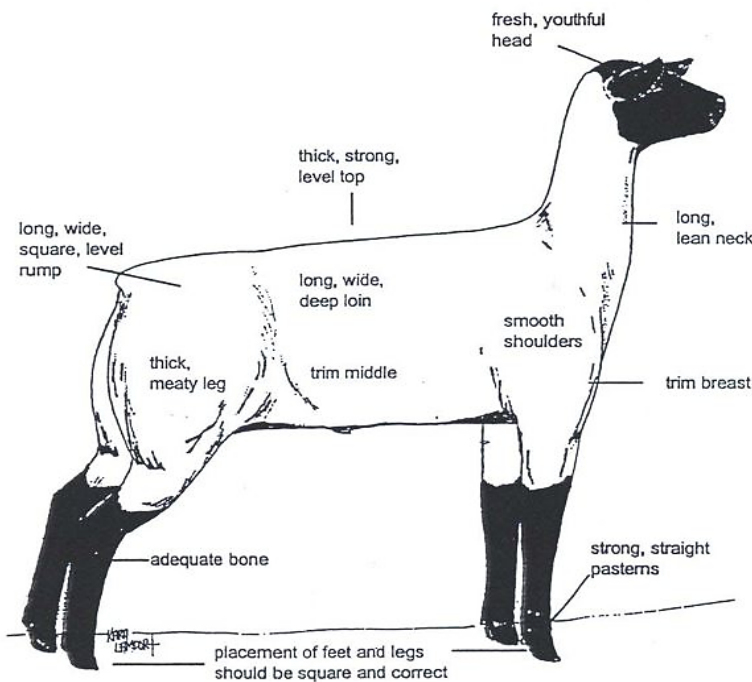
◆ SHEEP

What a Judge might look for in Sheep:

- ◆ Sheep that are long-bodied and level topped.
- ◆ Good evidence of meatiness/muscle, with adequate growth
- ◆ Animals that are healthy and alert, with no defects.
- ◆ Sheep that stand up well on all four legs.
- ◆ Wool that is properly clean and properly prepared
- ◆ Especially for breeding animals, sheep that conform to the standards of the particular breeds.
- ◆ Consideration is also given to breed characteristics.

What a Judge might look for in the show ring:

- ◆ Showmanship includes general appearance, especially cleanliness of the animal and the exhibitor's ability to lead and pose the animal in the ring.
- ◆ The judge observes the animal, checks their mouths for proper alignment of the jaws, and handles the animal to determine the dimensions of the body and the degree of meatiness/muscle.
- ◆ A good showman is polite and courteous to other exhibitors and pays attention to both the animals and to the judge.



<u>Your Choice:</u>	<u>Judge's Decision:</u>
1 st _____	1 st _____
2 nd _____	2 nd _____
3 rd _____	3 rd _____
4 th _____	4 th _____
5 th _____	5 th _____

Sheep Terminology

- ♦ Sheep - Sheep are over one year of age. They have usually produced offspring.
- ♦ Lambs - Lambs are less than one year of age. They have usually not produced offspring.
- ♦ Ewes - A female sheep. Yoe is a slang term for ewe.
- ♦ Rams - A male sheep. Buck is the slang term for ram.
- ♦ Wethers - A castrated male sheep.
- ♦ Yearling - A yearling is an animal between 1 and 2 years of age that may or may not have produced offspring. In other countries, a yearling ewe is called a hogget, shearling, gimmer, theave, or teg.
- ♦ Flock - A group of sheep is called a flock. Larger groups of sheep are called bands or mobs.

Did you know...

- ♦ Sheep are classified as either a wool breed or market breed. Wool breeds produce higher quality wool, while market breeds produce higher quality meat.
 - ♦ There are more than 200 distinct sheep breeds worldwide. The American Sheep Industry Association recognizes 47 different breeds of sheep in the United States.
 - ♦ Sheep have excellent peripheral vision. Their large, rectangular pupils allow them to see within 270 to 320 degrees. In fact, they can see behind themselves without turning their heads!
 - ♦ Sheep have scent glands in front of their eyes and between the digits of their hooves that produce smelly secretions used to communicate with one another!
 - ♦ Sheep are able to experience emotions such as fear, anger, rage, despair, boredom, disgust, and happiness.
 - ♦ Sheep have an amazing memory. They can recognize up to 50 faces of other sheep and remember them for up to two years. They can also recognize human faces.
 - ♦ One wool sheep can produce anywhere from 2-30 lbs. of wool per year.
 - ♦ Wool is flame resistant, which means it cannot catch fire.
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- ♦ Top 5 states ranking the highest total number of sheep and lambs as of Jan. 31, 2023:
 1. Texas675,000
 2. California550,000
 3. Colorado415,000
 4. Wyoming335,000
 5. Utah280,000



Test Your Knowledge

Match the word with the meaning.

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| 1. Yearling ____ | a. male sheep over one year old |
| 2. Lamb ____ | b. castrated male sheep |
| 3. Ewe ____ | c. refers to sheep |
| 4. Ram ____ | d. less than one year of age. |
| 5. Wether ____ | e. group of sheep |
| 6. Flock ____ | f. between 1 and 2 years old |
| 7. Ovine ____ | g. female sheep |