Sheep

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Superintendent: Eric Appel

Beginning in 2022 enter Sheep Exhibits online at PalouseEmpireFair.com
Select: Exhibitors, Select: Animal Entries

General Rules and Regulations

- 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 1st.
- All exhibits are to be on the grounds by 8:00 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.

Division 1 –Breeding Stock
Hampshire, Suffolk, Rambouillet, Columbia, Romney, Cheviot, Dorset, Crossbred
Points Awarded: 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 Awarded: 1st 60, 2nd 40, and 3rd 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

Division 2 – Daddy's Little Shepherd
See section titled: Special Animal Contests - Youth

Division 3 – Educational Displays
Points Awarded (Listed under each Class)

Class:

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

Division - 4 – Open Class Wool Show
Points Awarded: Blue 15, Red 10, White 5

Rules:

- 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 9:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Class:

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

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2. Medium Wool
   - Grand Champion medium wool fleece -
   - Rosette
   - Reserve Grand Champion medium wool fleece – Rosette

Division - 5 – Costume Class

No Points Awarded:

Rules:

- 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.

Division 6 - Parents to the Halter

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.

Rules:

- 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.

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See section titled: Special Animal Contests Youth

Special Contests and Awards

Large Rosettes to be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each Division.