

2024

SHEEP

Exhibitor Handbook



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Thank you for being a part of the 2024 South Dakota State Fair!

We are thrilled to invite you back to Huron for the 2024 South Dakota State Fair on August 28-September 2! You are so important to our fair, whether you are a long-time exhibitor or a first-year competitor. We love to see the livestock shows brimming with your accomplishments and talents for fairgoers of all ages to enjoy.

This year will be very similar to 2023 for Open Class Sheep exhibitors. We will again be showing Open Class Sheep exhibits in the 4-H Livestock Complex the weekend prior to the South Dakota State Fair, August 23-25. We had a very successful show last year and we look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new friends at this year's show! Be sure to check all entry & show dates.

The South Dakota State Fair exists to showcase the best of South Dakota and bring people together. The State Fair has a rich history of livestock showmanship. Your entries highlight the showmanship skills of citizens across the state of South Dakota and beyond. Fairgoers of all ages enjoy seeing your accomplishments and talents.

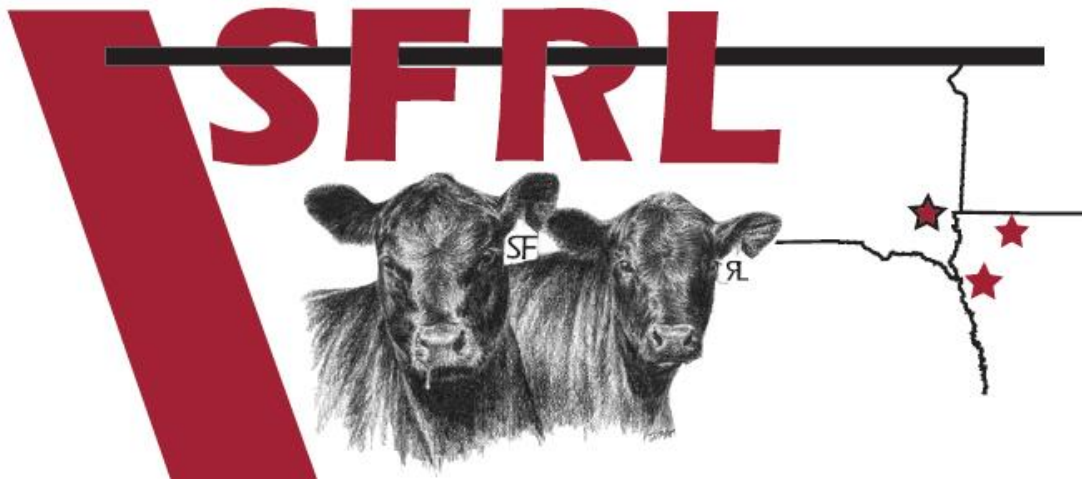
Please review the guidelines for entering your animals and note the deadlines for entering. We thank you in advance for sharing your livestock and talents with us. See you in September!

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The South Dakota State Fair Staff and Commission

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DEPARTMENT 400: SHEEP

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Assistant Superintendents: Patty DeZeeuw & Mary Held
Judge: Skip Anderson, Fargo, ND
Online Entries: <https://sdsf.fairwire.com>
Competition Open to the World

LIVESTOCK ENTERING/EXITING FAIRGROUNDS
 If unloading south of 3rd St - enter Gate 8, then exit Gate 2.
 If unloading north of 3rd St - enter Gate 4, then exit Gate 3.5, 4 or 4.5*.
 *Gate 4.5 will close on Wednesday at noon. Following this time, all trailers entering Gate 4 must exit Gate 3.5 or 4. Gate 4.5 will re-open for outbound traffic only on Monday at 1 PM.

SCHEDULE (subject to change depending on entry numbers within breeds)

Open Class Sheep Shows – 4-H Livestock Complex

<i>Friday, August 23</i>	8 AM	Sheep may begin arriving – 4-H Livestock Complex	<p>QUIET TIME</p> <p>For safety and security of livestock and personal property, the South Dakota State Fair has established a “Quiet Time” in all barns that starts at 2 AM until 5 AM. Large gatherings, parties or excessive socializing will be prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation.</p>
	10 AM – 6 PM	Check In – 4-H Livestock Complex	
	6:30 PM	Complimentary Exhibitor Supper & Activities	
	7:30 PM	Fleece Judging	
<i>Saturday, August 24</i>	8 AM	Dorset Southdown Hampshire Suffolk Polypays Olde English BabyDolls Katahdin All Other Meat Breeds	
<i>Sunday, August 25</i>	8 AM	Targhee Corriedale Rambouillet Natural Wool Breeds Montadales All Other Wool Breeds Supreme Ram & Supreme Ewe Championship Drive	

Junior Association Specials - 4-H Livestock Complex, South Ring

<i>Friday, August 30</i>	5 – 6 PM	Jr. Suffolk Show Registration
	6 PM	Pizza Party Social
	7 PM	Jr. Suffolk Show
<i>Saturday, August 31</i>	5 PM	Jr. Southdown Show Registration
	6 PM	Jr. Southdown Show
<i>Sunday, September 1</i>	8 AM	Jr. Wool Classic Registration
	8:30 AM	Jr. Wool Classic Show
	1 PM	Jr. Hampshire Registration
	1:30 PM	Jr. Hampshire Show
	2:00 PM	Jr. Katahdin Registration
	Following Hampshire	Jr. Katahdin Show

JUNIOR SHOW COORDINATORS

Jr Suffolk Show:	Wesley Linke	605.770.9626	Jr Southdown Show:	Mark Bullington	605.691.3216
Jr Hampshire Show:	Kelsey Schnetzer	605.350.0013	Jr Wool Classic:	Kristin Marshall Scott Kilber	605.770.0132 605.380.5262
Jr Katahdin	Keith Larsen	605.350.5517	Junior specials held in the 4-H Livestock Complex		

ENTRY FEES

Sheep Fees
\$7 - Single Entries
\$10 - Ladies Lead/Decorator *NO LEAD LINE IN 2024*
\$7 - Fleece Show
\$10 - Tack Pen (select on Page 3 of the online entry site)

All fees shall be paid online by credit or debit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). Each transaction will have a \$5 processing fee.

All entries are due by August 6, 2024. Late entries submitted online Aug 7-14 will be charged a late fee of \$10/head in addition to regular entry fees. NO entries will be accepted after August 14, 2024.

There will be no fee to enter in group classes - but on-line entry in group classes is required.

Feeding/Unloading Permit: A feeding/unloading permit may be purchased at the State Fair Administration Office or online upon submission of livestock entry for \$20 (only 1 permit per family/address allowed). This permit allows entry on the fairgrounds before 9 AM and after 6 PM to feed animals and then exit immediately. This is NOT a parking permit and will be subject to towing if vehicle is left unattended for an extended amount of time. Permits will only be valid during the designated hours. **FEEDING/UNLOADING PERMITS ARE ONLY NEEDED FOR THOSE THAT WILL BE STALLING BETWEEN THE DATES OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.**

Refund Policy: The fair may refund entry fees paid by an exhibitor if the exhibitor requests the refund in writing by August 15 and states the reason for requesting the refund. Following that timeframe, NO refunds will be issued.

PREMIUM SCHEDULE

Prize money in each individual Sheep Class will be paid on the following scale:									
\$18	\$15	\$13	\$13	\$11	\$11	\$10	\$10	\$8	\$8
Prize money in each group Sheep Class will be paid on the following scale:									
\$16	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$8					

ADDITIONAL PREMIUM & AWARD INFORMATION

Grand & Reserve Champion Fleece Awards: \$30 and \$20 premium awards for both the Purebred & Commercial Fleece Grand and Reserve Champions will be presented

Breed Division Grand & Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe Awards: In each Breed/Division, the following premium awards will be presented; Grand Champion Ram (\$40), Reserve Champion Ram (\$20), Grand Champion Ewe (\$40), and Reserve Champion Ewe (\$20)

Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe Awards: \$150 and \$75 awards for the Supreme Champion Ram and Supreme Champion Ewe will be presented.

Premier Exhibitor Awards: \$40 awards for Premier Exhibitor will be presented to the exhibitor on no more than eight animals owned & exhibited by the same individual in each breed in individual classes (no group class placings used). No limit on number exhibited, but award automatically figured on top eight animals.

Scoring: 1st – 8 pts, 2nd – 7 pts, 3rd – 6 pts, 4th – 5 pts, 5th – 4 pts, 6th – 3 pts, 7th – 2 pts, 8 – 1 pt.

Sheep Herdsmanship Award: To be awarded to the exhibitor in Open Division sheep barn with the most attractive pens and neatest aisles. The award will be chosen by the Sheep Superintendent. This award is sponsored by Bill & Jody Fuller, 17557 434th Ave, Clark, South Dakota 57225. Phone: 605-532-5152

Montadale Special Awards: The Dakota Montadale Association will sponsor monetary awards of \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10 etc. for the Top Junior Ewe Division and the Top Junior Ram Division. *To be eligible to show, Junior dues of \$5 must have been paid by show time. Top Jr. Ewe and Top Jr. Ram will also receive a plaque.*

Trophies for the “Bill Poppen Memorial Montadale Show” are sponsored by: Dakota Montadale Association, De Smet Farm Mutual, Fritz and Bruckner Montadales, Myrta Wold, Miller Montadales, Bruckner Family Montadales, and Nancy Webb.

Rambouillet Special Awards (traveling trophies):

- Premier Rambouillet Exhibitor is sponsored by South Dakota Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.
- 1st place winner of Wool on a Live Animal in the Rambouillet Division is in memory of Murl Patrick by his family.
- Top Rambouillet Yearling Ram is in memory of Elden Tompkins, for his many years of interest and support of the Rambouillet breed.

ADDITIONAL PREMIUM & AWARD INFORMATION CONTINUED

Hampshire Sheep Special Awards:

- South Dakota Hampshire Sheep Association sponsors traveling trophies for Grand Champion Ram, Grand Champion Ewe. All exhibitors are eligible.
- Leonard Fuller Memorial Award – awarded to the 1st place Hampshire flock

HEALTH REGULATIONS

A completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, listing individual animal official identification must accompany all animals exhibited at the South Dakota State Fair. All sheep exhibited must have an official scrapie tag. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued within 30 days of entry to the State Fairgrounds. Certificates of Veterinary Inspection written for animals originating from outside the State of South Dakota must meet all state import requirements as listed on the [SD Animal Industry Board website](#). The consignee must be listed as:

South Dakota State Fair, 1060 3rd St. SW Huron, SD 57350

Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) Collection Process Has Changed.

- 1) Exhibitor presents CVI to Livestock Superintendent, or their designee, at check-in to verify they have a CVI.
NOTE: If exhibitor is showing multiple species, they need a separate CVI for each species.
- 2) Exhibitor gets stall assignment and is responsible for writing the stall number on the CVI and then puts the CVI in the CVI collection box.
- 3) AIB collects CVIs from the collection box several times throughout the day to inspect animals.
- 4) It is the exhibitor's obligation and responsibility to ensure their animal(s) are healthy and that they have obtained a CVI within 30 days of bringing the animal(s) onto the fairgrounds. **Any exhibitor found bringing an animal with obvious issues pertaining to animal health and well-being will be asked to leave immediately and will not be allowed to show at the 2024 South Dakota State Fair.**
- 5) Electronic CVIs will be accepted. Exhibitors may show their electronic CVI upon check in and fill out the provided form to file in the CVI collection box.

Animals must be free of signs of communicable and infectious disease at the time of entry onto the Fairgrounds. Any determination of the health status of an animal will be at the discretion of the State Veterinarian or official representative. All animals will be subject to testing for foreign substances by the State Veterinarian at the discretion of the State Fair Commission.

B. ovis testing: Livestock from outside of South Dakota: A ram, six months of age and older, must have a negative ELISA Test for Brucella ovis within 30 days of entry to the fairgrounds, or originate from a certified Brucella ovis free flock with a current test date. The flock certification number or test result and laboratory must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

SD livestock (new 2023): *B. ovis testing is required for a ram from a South Dakota flock ONLY if the ram will be sold, loaned or leased.* All animals will be subject to testing for foreign substances by the State Veterinarian at the discretion of the State Fair Commission.

2024 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sheep that are also being shown in 4-H or FFA will be able to stay on grounds between the Open Class Show period and the State Fair – but exhibitors may have to switch pens.
2. Trailers may be parked at Lot F (east of Gate 4) during the Open Class Sheep show period. All trailers must be vacated from this lot by the evening of Sunday, August 25. After August 25, livestock trailer parking is only available at Huron Continental Marketing (Bales) located west of Huron.
3. Exhibitors may park in the Armory parking area north of the 4-H beef barn or west of the Norby Center – no trailers! No parking north of the 4-H Livestock Complex.
4. On Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25, no traffic will be allowed on any of the roads immediately surrounding the 4-H Livestock Complex. Traffic will resume as normal on Sunday evening.
5. Camping: Open Class Sheep Exhibitors that camp on South Dakota State Fairgrounds property will be allowed to start their camping package on Friday, August 23 for no extra charge. Please signify if you camp on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds on your Open Class registration. Those that are not registered exhibitors will have to pay \$25/night until their camping packages begin on Tuesday, August 27 as stated in their camper letter.
6. Exhibitors may leave after their show only if traveling to another show. Early releases must be approved by the Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT RULES

1. All entries must be made online at <https://sdsf.fairwire.com>. You must show the Division and Class numbers, the name, registry number, ear tag number, date of birth, sex and name and number of sires and dams of each animal. Entries must give exhibitor's name, address, social security number or Federal ID number.
2. No animal shall be entered in the name other than proven owner or owners; and should any prove to be entered otherwise the premiums will be forfeited.
3. The name of the exhibitor as entered online must correspond and be the same name as on breed registration papers.
4. Maximum number of pens that can be assigned to any one exhibitor is ten, for any one breed. Pens will be assigned by the superintendent according to availability. Due to overrun, hay and straw should be stored in livestock trailers and brought in as needed.
5. Exhibitors will be permitted two entries in each individual Class and two awards will be allowed except in group Classes where only one entry is allowed and one premium will be paid. All animals occupying pens must be entered in competition.
6. Exhibitors must have their stock in place Friday unless detained from another fair. The same must remain in place until their release time. Release will depend upon distance to be traveled. Release forms must be obtained from Superintendent before leaving the grounds. Late arrivals and early releases must be approved by the Superintendent.
7. **Check in entries with Superintendent on Friday, August 23. Substitutions must be made at this time (see Rule 12). If not checked in prior to show, entrant will not be allowed to participate. Registry certificates must be provided at check-in and must match the name of the exhibitor.**
8. GROUP and PAIR ENTRIES: Division number for group entries must be entered. Animals must be entered and shown in individual Classes. One group or pair per exhibitor. Exhibitors will only be paid on one exhibit. **Group classes (pairs, pen of, flocks) will not have entry fees but must be entered on-line by deadline. Only the top 5 groups will be placed. PAIR classes may be composed of mixed age lambs (Fall, Jan, Feb/Mar).**
9. One member from any family, household or business establishment may make entry in any Class.
10. Exhibits which have been incorrectly entered may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be transferred to their proper Division at check-in. No changes may be made once judging has begun.
11. Substitution of animals within Class, already entered, will be permitted prior to the opening day of the fair provided the animal asked to be substituted was owned by the exhibitor 30 days prior to the opening day of the Fair.
12. Exhibitors will be required to keep their stalls and pens clean and alleys free from obstruction.
13. Exhibitors of livestock should inform themselves when their stock will be judged. Stock must be in the show ring promptly after being called. Any person failing to comply with this order will be ruled out from competing.
14. The basis for computing age will be: **Yearling**, born Sept 1, 2022 – Aug 31, 2023; **Fall lambs**, September 1 to December 31, 2023 (fall lambs must show lamb teeth); **Jan lambs**, after January 1, 2024; **Feb/Mar lambs**, after February 1, 2024. No sheep shall show more than 4 permanent teeth.
15. Sheep must be owned by exhibitor 30 days prior to opening day of Fair. Certificates of registry association approved transfer or in case of market lambs a notarized bill of sale showing the exhibitor to be the owner must be presented upon demand. These certificates must be dated by the association 30 days prior to opening day of Fair.
16. Do not make entries in Association Specials as awards will be made in accordance with the awards in the Open Class.
17. Any breed not having three or more exhibitors with at least 15 animals in this breed will be taken out of premium books next year. *superintendent's discretion for 2023 & 2024
18. New breeds of sheep must show for two years in all other meat or all other wool breeds and then have three exhibitors and 15 exhibits to establish a Breed Show with premiums. *superintendent's discretion for 2023 & 2024
19. The South Dakota State Fair has adopted and will enforce the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics. A copy of this code can be found in the back of this book. All exhibitors will be required to sign an agreement to abide by this code when completing the online registration.
20. The South Dakota State Fair has adopted and will enforce an Animal Welfare Plan. A copy of this can be found at <https://www.sdstatefair.com/participate/competitive-exhibits/open-class-livestock/>.
21. Trailers may be parked at Lot F (east of Gate 4) during the Open Class Sheep show period. All trailers must be vacated from this lot by the evening of Sunday, August 25. After August 25, livestock trailer parking is available at Huron Continental Marketing (Bales) located west of Huron at 39763 US Hwy 14. Free vehicle parking is available at 7th St. and Nevada Ave.
22. On-grounds parking is prohibited without permits. Parking passes issued to campers are valid only for the campsites. They are not a valid anywhere else. If the vehicle does not fit within the boundaries of the campsite, the vehicle must be parked off grounds. Any vehicle found on-grounds without the proper credential for the area in which it's parked is subject to towing. There will be zero tolerance for parking violations; we will no longer be making PA announcements or giving warnings. Violators will be towed.
23. The South Dakota State Fair has an electronic system at the gates for admission. All exhibitors must have an admission pass when entering the fairgrounds during the fair. It is recommended to purchase passes in advance to make for efficient entry into the fair. The majority of admission passes will have bar codes on them that will be scanned upon entry. Parking passes will be checked upon entry to the fairgrounds. Passes are only valid for the area and terms listed on the pass.
24. Fire Lanes: For safety purposes, any vehicle blocking a fire-lane will be towed at owner's expense. There will be zero tolerance.
25. Premium checks will be mailed to exhibitors within 60 days of the State Fair. If an exhibitor's earnings total \$600 or over, a W-9 must be completed by the exhibitor before their check will be issued. Premium checks for the amount of \$5 and under will not be mailed out (some exceptions apply). Affected exhibitors will receive instructions on how to collect premium winnings.
26. Woodchips will be available for purchase for \$8/bag. They can be purchased at the Feed and Forage Building by the 4-H Beef barns.

SHEEP DIVISIONS

DIVISION 1 -- TARGHEE

DIVISION 2 -- RAMBOUILLET

DIVISION 3 -- CORRIEDALE

DIVISION 4 -- NATURAL WOOL BREEDS

DIVISION 5 -- ALL OTHER WOOL BREEDS

DIVISION 6 -- MONTADALE

DIVISION 7 -- SOUTHDOWN

DIVISION 8 -- SUFFOLK

DIVISION 9 -- DORSET

DIVISION 10 -- HAMPSHIRE

DIVISION 11 -- ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS

DIVISION 12 -- OLDE ENGLISH BABYDOLL

DIVISION 13 -- POLYPAY

DIVISION 14 -- KATAHDIN

Wool Breeds – Border Leister, Columbia, Corriedale, Olde English Babydoll, Rambouillet, Targhee

Meat Breeds – Dorset, Hampshire, Katahdin, Montadale, Polypay, Shropshire, Suffolk, Southdown

All Other Wool or Meat Breeds – must be purebred breeds with registry papers

CLASSES

1. Yearling Ram
2. Fall Ram Lamb - born 9/1- 12/31, of previous year (must show lamb teeth)
3. January Ram Lamb – born 1/1- 1/31, of current year
4. February/March Ram Lamb – born after 2/1, of current year
5. SUFFOLKS & HAMPSHIRE ONLY - Slick sheared spring ram lamb class. Not elig to participate in class 3 or 4
6. Pair of Ram Lambs – mixed age pairs allowed
7. Champion Ram
8. Reserve Champion Ram
9. Yearling Ewe
10. DORSETS ONLY - Slick Sheared Yearling Ewe - no butt wool
11. Pair of Yearling Ewes
12. Fall Ewe Lamb - born 9/1- 12/31, of previous year (must show lamb teeth)
13. January Ewe Lamb – born 1/1- 1/31, of current year
14. February/March Ewe Lamb – born after 2/1, of current year
15. SUFFOLKS & HAMPSHIRE ONLY - Slick sheared spring ewe lamb class. Not elig to participate in class 13 or 14
16. DORSETS ONLY - Slick Sheared fall or spring ewe lamb. Not elig to participate in class 13 or 14. No butt wool
17. Pair of Ewe Lambs – mixed age pairs allowed
18. Champion Ewe
19. Reserve Champion Ewe
20. Pair of Lambs – mixed age pairs allowed – one ewe lamb & one ram lamb.
21. Young Flock - Three head - one ram lamb and two ewe lambs owned by the exhibitor.
22. Pen of 4 Lambs – Pen of 4 lambs, both sexes represented and owned by exhibitor. Dorsets, Hampshires & Suffolks are excluded from this class.
23. Exhibitors Flock - One ram, two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs, owned by the exhibitor.
24. WOOL BREEDS ONLY - Wool on a live animal: One animal previously shown exhibitor displaying the best fleece. One animal per exhibitor.
25. Southdowns, Montadales, and All other meat breeds. - Best Breed Character: One animal previously shown displaying the best breed character: One animal per exhibitor. Dorsets, Hampshires & Suffolks are excluded from this class.

DIVISION 15: LEAD LINE

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO LEAD LINE CLASSES IN 2024

The objective of this division is to present a division of sheep in the most attractive manner to give spectators a real opportunity to view a division with beauty and to improve the image of a sheep show. Sheep must be registered yearling ewes or ewe lambs, conditioned, fitted and trained to show at halter. All rules for exhibiting sheep at the South Dakota State Fair pertain. Exhibitors chosen by exhibitors to participate in this division must have a sheep background or sheep interest. The exhibitor will be judged on the model of garment selected, which must be attractive and lend elegance to the division. The garment, purchased or made, must be of American Wool or American 50% Wool Blend. Entrants must furnish own costume, the animal's blanket and resume describing costume and giving general information about the entrant. Resumes must accompany entry form due August 1.

FIVE CLASSES

- 1) **Decorator:** 10 and Under, Boys or Girls
- 2) **Junior – Junior:** 8 and Under
- 3) **Junior:** 9-12 Years
- 4) **Senior:** 13-17 Years
- 5) **Adult:** 18 Years and Older

PREMIUMS

1st - \$23 & Plaque 2nd - \$21 3rd - \$20 4th - \$16 5th - \$15

Scoring:

DECORATOR DIVISION

POSSIBLE SCORE:	
Originality	25
Presentation	15
Neatness	10
TOTAL POSSIBLE	50

LEAD LINE DIVISION

POSSIBLE SCORE:	
General Appearance, Neatness & Grooming	15
Poise, Posture, Grace & Charm	15
Handling of Animal	10
TOTAL POSSIBLE	40
POSSIBLE DRESS SCORE:	
<i>Priority will be given to exhibitors who construct their own garment</i>	
Outfit: Fit and Color (Is it becoming?)	15
Style: Is it appropriate; is it a good use of wool	15
TOTAL POSSIBLE	30
POSSIBLE SHEEP SCORE:	
<i>Priority will be given to animals that handle easily with halter</i>	
General Appearance (training)	15
Handles Easily <i>(steps right out, appears to have been worked with)</i>	15
TOTAL POSSIBLE	30
OVERALL TOTAL SCORE POSSIBLE	100

DIVISION 16: PUREBRED BREEDERS FLEECE EXHIBIT

Sponsored by Moser Sheep Shearing, SD Sheep Growers Assoc. and Center of the Nation Wool

Only purebred breeders' fleeces eligible to enter. Exhibitors may only enter two fleece per class.

1st - \$22.50 2nd - \$18 3rd - \$15 4th - \$12 5th - \$7.50

Classes

1. Cheviot
2. Columbia
3. Corriedale
4. Dorset
5. Hampshire
6. Montadale
7. Polypay
8. Rambouillet
9. Southdown
10. Suffolk
11. Targhee
12. Olde English Babydoll

DIVISION 17: COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS FLEECE EXHIBIT

Sponsored by Moser Sheep Shearing, SD Sheep Growers Assoc. and Center of the Nation Wool

Entries made in breeder's exhibit are not eligible for entry in this division. Exhibitors may only enter two fleece per class.

1st - \$22.50 2nd - \$18 3rd - \$15 4th - \$12 5th - \$7.50

Classes

1. South Dakota Fleece, fine (22 micron or lower)
2. South Dakota Fleece, 1/2 blood (22 - 25 microns)
3. South Dakota Fleece, 3/8 blood (25 - 27.8 microns)
4. South Dakota Fleece, 1/4 blood (27.8 - 34.4 microns)

Division 16 & Division 17 – Special Rules:

- All fleeces should be exhibited in clear plastic bags.
- Fleeces must have been shorn in fall of 2023 or in 2024. No fleeces with more than 15 months growth.
- No "purchased" fleeces allowed – fleeces exhibited must be from animals owned by the exhibitor.

***2024 – Fleece exhibits will be released immediately after judging.**

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- 1) All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- 2) Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3) Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- 4) Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of, consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory, to which it is sent, is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

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- 5) Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6) The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7) Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9) The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10) The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
- 11) The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.