

24th ANNUAL NORTHEAST YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

JULY 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2008

**MALLARY COMPLEX, EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION – Home of The Big E
WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

(Please use Gate 9A or 10 Entrances to the Fairgrounds)

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PLEASE BE SURE TO READ AND FOLLOW ALL RULES. THERE WILL BE A LARGE BULLETIN BOARD WITH RULES POSTED, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, CLASS BREAK INFORMATION, ETC. -- IT IS THE YOUTH EXHIBITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ, HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF, AND FOLLOW THE RULES!

Show Chairpersons: Sarah Hopkins & Rolf Rhodes

Camper Reservation Supervisor: Jen Fimbel

Food Booth Chairperson: Nancy Minter

Showmanship Chairpersons: Jill Morton & Chip Hallet

Quiz Bowl Contest Coordinator: Malaree Searle

Announcers: Mike Fimbel & Claudette Choma

Skillathon Coordinator: Shawn Thayer & Kim Lablanc

Rule Enforcement Committee: Dennis Hukowicz, Rolf Rhodes & Sarah Hopkins

Penning Coordinator: John Buffington

Judges: Ed Julian, Steve Taylor and Stacey Taylor

*****PROGRAM*****

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008

6:00PM - NEYSS QUIZ BOWL CONTESTS (Novice, Junior & Senior Divisions) – Mallary Complex North

11:00PM - ALL SHEEP MUST BE PENNED.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008

8:00AM to 10:00 A.M - MANDATORY CHECK-IN OF REGISTRATION PAPERS (this will be the only time to check-in)

10:00AM to 1:00PM - SHEEP SKILLATHON - Mallary Complex North

1:00PM (approximately) - National Dorset Jr. Association - Dorset Breed Standard Workshop – Frank Tiffany

2:00PM (approximately) - PARENT & EXHIBITOR ORIENTATION MEETING to follow the New England Sale Sheep Show-
Mandatory attendance required of all exhibitors.

3:00PM (approximately) - MARKET LAMB SHOW/SUPREME MARKET LAMB SELECTION

5:30PM - Annual Meeting New England Sheep & Wool Growers Association

6:00PM to 8:00PM - NESWGA Family Barbecue, Mallary Complex Rotunda, ESE Fairgrounds. Price: adults = \$12 and
\$6.50 for children under 12. Reservations must be made by July 14th by calling Claudette Choma (860) 684-4315.

8:00 PM - New England Sale Supreme Champion Selections, NESWGA Scholarship Raffle, NESWGA Ice Cream Social,
Skillathon Awards, presenting NESWGA Scholarships & Youth Awards

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008

1/2 hour after the NESWGA Used Equipment Auction: Fitting and Showmanship Classes – shown in three rings. MANDATORY PARTICIPATION REQUIRED - show order to be posted.

Ring 1 - First Year and Novice Fitting & Showmanship Classes (shown by breed, plus one Market Lamb Fitting & Showmanship Class with all breeds combined). Followed by Supreme Showman Selection. (Judge - Ed Julian)

Ring 2 - Junior Fitting & Showmanship Classes (shown by breed, plus one Market Lamb Fitting & Showmanship Class with all breeds combined). Followed by Supreme Showman Selection. (Judge - Steve Taylor)

Ring 3 - Senior Fitting & Showmanship Classes (shown by breed, plus one Market Lamb Fitting & Showmanship Class with all breeds combined). Followed by Supreme Showman Selection. (Judge - Stacy Taylor)

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

8:00AM - Judging of breed classes in three rings (show order to be posted), Selection of Supreme Champion Ram & Supreme Champion Ewe at end of show; FOLLOWED BY Final Exhibitors' Meeting and presentation of Spirit Award Winners. MANDATORY ATTENDANCE REQUIRED OF ALL EXHIBITORS.

FUNDRAISING: A big ***THANK YOU*** goes out to all our T-shirt sponsors this year - please take the time to read the back of your 2008 NEYSS T-shirts for all the names! The proceeds from the Food Booth, donated equipment sold in the Used Equipment Auction and proceeds from The Big E Fiber Nook go directly into the premiums for this show. We need your help and donations! Items must be brought in by Friday July 18 for the Used Equipment Auction. Also, parents or interested parties, please contact Nancy Minter (508) 653-3212 or email JNEN@aol.com to help with the Food Booth during the show.

Baked goods are always needed. There is also a Memorial Fund established to help finance this show, and anyone wishing to donate money should contact Scott Poitras, NESWGA Treasurer (413) 245-4589 or email ppoitras@charter.net .

Did you show in 2007? Pictures are available on the New England Sheep & Wool Growers website: go to www.nesheep.org and click on "2007 Northeast Youth Sheep Show Results" and then click on "Photos" and for more photos click on "For more youth show photos, please click here" back on the home page.

*******CODE OF CONDUCT*******

The NorthEast Youth Sheep Show has become, over the last 24 years, a very successful and large event. In order to ensure the quality of this event, the education of the youth and their families and promote sheep and agriculture to the general public, the show's sponsors are endorsing the National Show Ring Code of Ethics. It is each family's responsibility to read this Code and follow these guidelines. The Rule Enforcement Committee will review any complaints or actions deemed to violate these ethics. **THE RULE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE WILL ONLY RECOGNIZE A COMPLAINT WHICH IS WRITTEN AND SIGNED AND BROUGHT FORTH BY A YOUTH SHOW EXHIBITOR OR A YOUTH SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBER.** It is very important to the show management that youths conduct themselves with respect for themselves, their animals and the people around them. Any action that violates these ethics will be grounds for disqualification from the show and possible immediate dismissal from the show grounds:

- a) 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.
- b) No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this Code of Conduct or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this Code of Conduct. Violation of this Rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.

*******MASSACHUSETTS ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS*******

2008 Fairs Animal Health Rules

NO animal will be admitted to the fairgrounds unless it meets the requirements below. NO animal is to be unloaded or enter a barn or tie-out stall until the animal and its paperwork have been inspected and approved for entry.

A. General Rules for All Animals

1. All animals must be in proper physical condition, be properly identified and free of visual evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease at time of arrival. Specific diseases and conditions which will disqualify an animal for entry are identified for each species in the following sections of the rules. Animals of any species with open or draining wounds will not be approved for entry.
2. Evidence of infectious, contagious or parasitic disease or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination or testing will result in the animal's rejection for entry. **THE INSPECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
3. **REMINDER:** All sheep and goats of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with the requirements of the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program and the Massachusetts Emergency Order I-AHO-06. Information on approved tags, tattoos and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at (508) 865-1421.
4. All livestock must have proper ID. For animals identified by microchip, readers must be available to the Inspectors.
5. SEE INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH SPECIES LISTED BELOW.

B. Out of State Animals

1. All animals entering a Massachusetts fairground from out of state must be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors.
2. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2008 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season in Massachusetts. TB and Brucellosis testing is not required for animals from TB-Accredited and Brucellosis-Free States. Current brucellosis and TB status in the exhibitor's state can be obtained from the state veterinarian's office in each state. If the exhibitor's state is not TB-Accredited or Brucellosis-Free, then the exhibitor must call the Massachusetts Bureau of Animal Health for entry requirements (617-626-1795).

Sheep

1. Sheep entering a Massachusetts fairground must have a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian certifying that the animals are clinically free of infectious or contagious disease and exposure from such disease. Documents of health certification for out of state animals must be written on relevant state or federal health forms only. In-state animals may be accompanied by a certificate of examination on a veterinarian's letterhead stationery which clearly identifies the contact information for the veterinarian signing the certification. Certificates written on plain paper are not acceptable. These certificates must be available upon request to fair inspectors. Health certificates must be dated January 1, 2008 or later. These documents will be acceptable for the entire fair season.
2. No sheep will be allowed entry from flocks in which Scrapie has been diagnosed or in which animals are under surveillance for Scrapie during the previous eighteen months. Based on the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program and the Massachusetts Emergency Order I-AHO-06, sheep of any age or sex brought to show or exhibition from either out of state or within the state must possess a USDA approved individual identification tag, tattoo, or electronic implant consistent with requirements of the Federal Eradication Scrapie Program. Information on approved tags, tattoos, and electronic implants is available from the USDA APHIS office in Sutton, MA at (508) 865-1421.
3. No sheep will be permitted entry from flocks in which Soremouth has existed or in which Soremouth Vaccine has been administered in the previous sixty days.
4. Sheep must be free from visual evidence of foot rot, sore mouth, pink eye, ringworm, and open and draining wounds.
5. While not required, it is strongly recommended that sheep be currently vaccinated against rabies.

*******RULES & REGULATIONS*******

**EACH EXHIBITOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS
AND BEING FAMILIAR WITH THEM.**

1. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury and/or damages done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and shall indemnify the New England Sheep & Wool Growers Association and the NorthEast Youth Sheep Show against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. Upon this condition only are entries accepted.
2. This show is open to all youths 21 years old and under **as of January 1** of the current year.
3. All sheep must be registered in the name of the exhibitor, or leased through an Official Lease Agreement Program with a copy of both sides of the registration papers attached to lease form, or owned in a Youth Partnership where all names are on the registration papers. No Partnerships with a farm or adult(s) are accepted. Partnerships are considered one exhibitor but any party in the partnership may enter in a Fitting & Showmanship class with a different sheep than the other partner(s). At least one partner must enter a Fitting & Showmanship class.
4. All sheep shown in group classes must be registered under the same name. Individuals in group classes must have been shown in single classes. Premiums limited to two per individual class and one per group class.
5. **Registration papers must be checked in between 8AM and 10AM on Friday BY THE YOUTH EXHIBITOR** with the individual breed secretary (specific tables will be set-up for checking in papers). HEALTH AND REGISTRATION PAPERS AND LEASE AGREEMENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND TO BE SHOWN UPON REQUEST. Sales receipts may be used on recently purchased sheep. All sheep must be owned by July 1 of the current year except for sheep that are purchased in the New England Sale, which will be allowed to be shown in the respective breed class, BUT NOT FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make a post entry or substitution with the breed secretary immediately following the Sale. THE ONLY POST ENTRIES ALLOWED ARE NEW ENGLAND SALE SHEEP. Exhibitors are still limited to two entries per individual class. EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO PRE-ENTER THE SHOW, AND MAY PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SHEEP THROUGH THE NEW ENGLAND SALE, WHICH MAY BE POST-ENTERED AND SHOWN IN BREED CLASSES ONLY.
6. All sheep must have the required identification as per order of their particular national breed organizations and the federal identification regulations. Registration papers and ear tag/tattoo numbers must match.
7. All market lambs need not to be purebred but must be-sired by one of the sponsoring breeds. Market lambs may be used in Fitting & Showmanship. Only wethers and ewe lambs will be accepted - NO RAMS. Market Lambs will be shown by sire breed.
8. Humane treatment of animals is required at all times. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, use of muzzles, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited. Any complaints will be addressed individually. Sheep should be properly handled at all times, including loading and unloading of animals, and leading on halter.
9. All animals entered in this show will be subject to the inspection for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases, i.e. foot rot, fungus, sore mouth, pinkeye, etc. Evidence of these or other contagious/infectious diseases will result in animal's removal from the barn. Committee's decision will be final. If disputed, the veterinarian expense will be covered by exhibitor. ALL SHEEP MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN APPROPRIATE INTERSTATE HEALTH CERTIFICATE FROM THE STATE OF ORIGIN. Prior entry permits are not required for show purposes.
10. Showing sheep on a halter is optional. (Breed Secretaries do encourage inexperienced and younger showman to use halters.) All animals must be washed, except for wool breeds which must be properly prepared for show.
11. All exhibitors must be clean and neat. Proper attire for the show rings: FOR FRIDAY MARKET LAMB CLASSES AND SATURDAY FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES will be a solid white shirt or 4-H solid white shirt tucked in at all times, with long solid-colored pants in good repair (no sweats, tank tops or revealing attire allowed). NOTE: ON SUNDAY THE PROPER ATTIRE FOR SHOWRING WILL BE 2008 NEYSS ISSUED T-SHIRTS, WITH LONG SOLID-COLORED PANTS IN GOOD REPAIR – THIS SHALL BE WORN BY ALL EXHIBITORS ALL DAY. Proper foot attire must be worn at all times.
12. Non-refundable entry fee is \$2 per head. No entry fee is required for Fitting & Showmanship. Fees are forfeited if animals do not show. Entry fee MUST ACCOMPANY entry form. Any entries received with no payment will be subject to double entry fees paid at time of check-in. **MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: NESWGA.**
13. **ENTRY DEADLINE IS JULY 17, 2008**, except for New England Sale post entries (see item #5). **ALL ENTRIES AND FEES ARE TO BE MAILED TO: SCOTT POITRAS, 95 HOLLOW ROAD, BRIMFIELD, MA 01010.**
14. Grain, hay, bedding and water pails *MUST BE* furnished by the exhibitor. All animals must be properly bedded and watered at ALL TIMES. No carpeting allowed. Limited amount of shavings will be available.
15. All lambs must have lambs teeth. Yearlings cannot have more than 4 permanent teeth in use.
16. A breed must meet the minimum requirements to show as an individual breed of three (3) exhibitors and ten (10) breeding sheep as of Thursday, July 17, at 11PM
17. Fitting & Showmanship Class participation is MANDATORY for all exhibitors. All age divisions will show individually by breed **EXCEPT** Market Lamb Fitting & Showmanship which will be shown separately, one Market Lamb Fitting & Showmanship Class per age group. Classes will be split as follows: FIRST YEAR - showmen who are showing sheep for the first year, ever, anywhere; NOVICE - 9 years old and under as of January 1; JUNIOR - 10 years old through 14 years of age as of January 1; and SENIOR - 15 years old through 21 years of age as of January 1. There will be an overall