

Due to Covid-19, check in, weigh in and other rules listed below are subject to change. Up to date changes will be posted in the NC State Fair Livestock newsletter and the NC State Fair livestock Facebook page. Any such updates take precedence over statements in premium book.

JUNIOR EWE MEAT BREEDS

Dept 016

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CHECK IN: Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 12:00 pm. Weigh Cards will be used for Divisions 1,2,3 & 4. Registration papers will be reviewed at check in. Weigh Card will be due by 5:00 pm.

NOTE: Exhibitors will receive an email after entry deadline concerning pen assignments. Exhibitors will need to check-in with personnel located at a design-ated area prior to unloading their sheep to receive pen assignment.

There will be no reserving pens, and any sheep penned without prior approval may be ejected from the fairgrounds and not allowed to show. Animals will not be allowed to enter the barns until inspected and passed by health officials. An approval card will be issued after inspection, prior to entering the barn.

SHOW DATE: Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 8:00 am in Exposition Center.

RELEASE TIME: Ewes will be released after the show.

Weigh Back Guidelines

- Livestock will be allowed a variance around declared weight based on species
- The scale head will only be visible to the designated scale operator
- If an animal weighs outside of the allowed variance, the exhibitor will be given one opportunity to reweigh. The animal must exit the scale and immediately reenter the scale. If the animal weighs outside of the allowed variance a second time, the animal is disqualified
- Once an animal leaves the ring, there will be no reweighs
- The scale in the ring is the OFFICIAL scale. The official scale will be available to weigh livestock in the ring until 15 minutes prior to the start of the show. Scales in the barn can be used as reference but are not considered official.

COMPETITION:

Open to NC residents
21 years of age or younger as
of January 1, 2022

ENTRY DEADLINE:

September 15, 2022
Online entries begin August 1
at www.ncstatefair.org
Online Entries Only

Entry Fee: \$10 per head

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Enter online at www.ncstatefair.org ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY. Entry fee of \$10 per head.
 2. Exhibitors must be residents of North Carolina 21 years of age and younger as of January 1, 2022. Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any assistance.
 3. No substituting of animals will be allowed, and exhibitors cannot switch animals at check-in.
 4. Exhibitors must have worked with the sheep they are showing for at least 60 days before the show date.
 5. Major fitting should be done prior to arrival at the fair. Sheep must have been recently shorn prior to arrival to accommodate veterinary inspections. Fleece length shall not exceed 1/4 inch at arrival (exemption provided for breeding sheep shown in fleece or with fitted fleece)
 6. The health regulations of the Veterinary Division of the NCDA will be strictly enforced. Be sure to read these under "Rules and Regulations of the Livestock Division" before entering. Any questionable health problems will be referred to the livestock director and/or the State Veterinarian. Animals with obvious abscesses (opened or unopened), ringworm, soremouth or any other contagious disease will not be allowed in the barn. All sheep must be appropriately identified and comply with USDA and NCDA&CS Scrapie Eradication Program guide lines. Call 1-866-USDA TAG (873-2824) or 919 855-7707 for more information.
 7. Each exhibitor may show up to a total of three ewes but no more than 2 ewes per division.
 8. Ewes must be shown as individuals. If a junior exhibitor has more than one ewe per class, the second ewe will be shown by a junior exhibitor approved by the superintendent prior to the show. Substitute exhibitors must wear a special exhibitor number card issued by the superintendent. If someone other than the exhibitor listed in the program (or an approved substitute exhibitor) brings a sheep to the ring, they will not be allowed to show (the lamb will be deleted from the class). Once the ewe is set-up, the feet shall remain upon the ground.
 9. Class size will be limited to 20 head. If the number of entries exceeds 20 head, additional classes will be formed based on weight in commercial classes and age in register classes.
 10. All non-registered sheep will be mouthed for age at check in. Ewe lambs must have all baby teeth present. Yearling ewes may have a pair of permanent incisors present but a third permanent tooth must not have broken the gum line.
 11. Purebred ewes are eligible to show in appropriate classes in the open sheep show provided they:
 - (a) Are entered in the open show. Use a separate entry form for the open show.
 - (b) Are accompanied by an official health certificate as required in the open show.
 12. Ewes may be shown either with or without a halter. Exhibitors with Purebred Southdowns, Purebred Dorset, Purebred All Other Meat Breeds, Purebred Hampshires may choose to show their ewes with an assistant setting the hind feet. The exhibitor of the ewe in class must be controlling the head of the ewe and the assistant must be a youth with an entry in the Jr. Ewe Meat Breeds Show.
 13. The Junior Wool Breed Show is a different department.
 14. The Junior Ewe Meat Breeds/Junior Market Lamb Showmanship Champion contest can be found in Junior Showmanship, Division 103. Exhibitors must enter showmanship by September 15, 2022.
 15. All Classification disputes will be decided by a three member classification committee.
 16. **Animal should be owned/possession as well as nominated and DNA submissions by July 15th.**
- Any questions not covered by these rules will be ruled on by the Junior Ewe Meat Breeds Superintendent.
- Except as noted, all general rules of the fair and the livestock division will apply and govern this department.***

Nomination Program Changes

In an effort to eliminate the need for families to have to travel to validation sites, as well as enhance the livestock projects they are involved with, the following changes have been implemented for the 2022 **Jr. ewes, market lambs, Jr. gilts., market barrows, Jr. does, and market goats shows.**

- It is the producer/breeder's responsibility to have Got to Be NC tags in qualified animals; they will need to be in the animal's ear when that animal is nominated (by July 15)
 - Exhibitors must request DNA/Tag kits by June 1st using the online request form that will be posted by April 15 here: <https://go.ncsu.edu/ncsfnomination>
 - DNA kits need to be requested for both Got to Be NC and non-Got to Be NC animals; kits will be sent out accordingly; you will need to specify how many of each you need when ordering the kits
 - Exhibitors will be responsible for validating through electronic nomination form, photo submission, AND DNA submission by July 15th. There will NOT be validation sites to take animals
 - Exhibitors will use the kits to collect a DNA sample from each animal being nominated (following the guidelines, videos, and instructional media that are posted here: [NC State Fair Junior Livestock Information | NC State Extension \(ncsu.edu\)](#))
 - Once collected, DNA kits are to be turned into any local N.C. Cooperative Extension Center by July 15th
 - Animals whose DNA samples and electronic nomination forms, and picture have not been submitted by July 15 may not be shown at the NC State Fair.
 - Completing the nomination process does not enter you in the State Fair, you must enter the State Fair online entry by Sept. 15th. Entries open online at www.ncstatefair.org on August 1st.
 - Exhibitors that are in the same household may share nominations on animals, not to exceed the maximum number allowed (i.e. 2 siblings nominating market lambs can nominate a maximum of 12)
 - FFA and 4-H program animals – will be allowed to be nominated under the FFA Chapter or Program/Club name
 - Each exhibitor is allowed to nominate up to 6 animals per species per gender (i.e., 6 market barrows and 6 gilts)
 - Please only request the actual number of DNA/Tag Kits that you will need
- NCDA staff, as well as local N.C. Cooperative Extension agents, are resources to call on should you have questions or need assistance in this process.

GOT TO BE NC AWARD

In 2016, the NC Born and Bred program began using the “Got to Be NC” slogan to recognize the award winning livestock originating in NC. In order for livestock to be eligible for the program, the animal exhibited must be conceived and born in NC. The producer of the animal must be a NC resident and a member of the “Got to Be NC” program. Livestock must be identified with an official “Got to Be NC” tag purchased by the producer before they are sold. All producers will be required to maintain records on their “Got to Be NC” tags placed in each animal. A copy of this record should be submitted to NCDA Livestock Marketing division by July 15th.

JUNIOR EWE SHOW CLASSES

Ewes will be placed in class according to weight.

PREMIUMS

1st Place - \$75	2nd Place - \$70	3rd Place - \$65	4th Place - \$60	5th Place - \$55
6th Place - \$50	7th Place - \$45	8th Place - \$40	9th Place - \$35	10th Place - \$30
11th Place - \$30	12th Place - \$30	13th Place - \$30	14th Place - \$30	15th Place - \$30

Division 101 – SOUTHDOWN, PUREBRED

01 – Yearling ewe, born September 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021

02 – Junior ewe lamb, born after October 31, 2021

CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN

RESERVE CHAMPION SOUTHDOWN

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC SOUTHDOWN

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC SOUTHDOWN

Division 102 – DORSET, PUREBRED

01 – Yearling ewe, born September 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021

02 – Junior ewe lamb, born after October 31, 2021

CHAMPION DORSET

RESERVE CHAMPION DORSET

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC DORSET

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC DORSET

Division 103 – HAMPSHIRE, PUREBRED

01 – Yearling ewe, born September 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021

02 – Junior ewe lamb, born after October 31, 2021 CHAMPION

HAMPSHIRE

RESERVE CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC HAMPSHIRE

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC HAMPSHIRE

Division 104 – ALL OTHER **REGISTERED SHEEP BREEDS**

01 – Yearling ewe, born September 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021

02 – Junior ewe lamb, born after October 31, 2021

CHAMPION ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS

RESERVE CHAMPION ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC ALL OTHER MEAT BREEDS

Division 105 – DIV 1 ALL OTHER BREEDS (non-registered)

- 01 – Southdown Influenced Yearling ewe
- 02 – Southdown Influenced Ewe lamb
- 03 - White-Face Influenced Yearling ewe
- 04 - White-Face Influenced Ewe Lamb
- 05 - Speckle-Face (white-face influenced) Yearling Ewe
- 06 - Speckle-Face (white-face influenced) Ewe Lamb
- CHAMPION ALL OTHER BREEDS
- RESERVE CHAMPION ALL OTHER BREEDS
- CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC ALL OTHER BREEDS
- RESERVE GOT TO BE NC ALL OTHER BREEDS

Division 106 - DIV 2 HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCE

- 01 - Katahdin Influenced Yearling Ewe
- 02 - Katahdin Influenced Ewe Lamb
- 03 - Dorper Influenced Yearling Ewe
- 04 - Dorper Influenced Ewe Lamb
- CHAMPION HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED
- RESERVE CHAMPION HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED
- CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED
- RESERVE GOT TO BE NC HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCED

Division 107 - DIV 3 NATURAL COLORED

- 01 - Natural Color Yearling Ewe
- 02 - Natural Color Ewe Lamb
- CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED
- RESERVE CHAMPION NATURAL COLORED
- CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC NATURAL COLORED
- RESERVE GOT TO BE NC NATURAL COLORED

Division 108 - Div 4 BLACK FACE CROSS

01 - Black Face Cross Yearling Ewe

02 - Black Face Cross Ewe Lamb

LIGHT WEIGHT

CHAMPION

RESERVE CHAMPION

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC

MEDIUM WEIGHT

CHAMPION

RESERVE CHAMPION

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC

HEAVY WEIGHT

CHAMPION

RESERVE CHAMPION

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC

CHAMPION BLACK FACE CROSS

RESERVE CHAMPION BLACK FACE CROSS

CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC BLACK FACE CROSS

RESERVE GOT TO BE NC BLACK FACE CROSS

Sheep Classifications can be found at:

<https://youthlivestock.ces.ncsu.edu>

Listed under - NC State Fair Junior Livestock Information