

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.

017 JUNIOR MARKET LAMB

SUPERINTENDENT: Bill Sparrow, Jr. – Durham, NC

JUDGE: BJ Rule - Lafayette - IN

CHECK IN: Lambs will be checked in between 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Weigh Card will be turned in by 5:00pm.

NOTE: Exhibitors will receive an email after entry deadline concerning pen assignments. Exhibitors will need to check in with personnel located at a designated 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, 2:00 pm, in the Exposition Building.

RELEASE TIME: Conclusion of show. Truckload sales will not be offered.

It is the expectation that all junior exhibitors be involved in the care of their livestock project(s) during the ownership time frame specified for each species. Project animals must be housed near enough to the exhibitor to be cared for regularly by the exhibitor. Market and breeding animals should be housed at the same location. Housing location of project animals entered at the NC State Fair should be the same location as other project animals exhibited by the junior participant throughout the year in county and other local and regional circuit shows.

All market animal exhibitors need to complete the State Fair Animal Housing form at <https://apps.ncagr.gov/EventRegistration/Pages/Statefair/Livestock/NominationForm.aspx>.

The Junior Market Lamb Showmanship Champion Contest can be found in Junior Showmanship, Section 103. Exhibitors must enter showmanship by September 15, 2022.

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 re-enter 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
18 years of age as of
January 1, 2022

ENTRY FEE:
\$10 PER HEAD

ENTRY DEADLINE:
September 15, 2022
Online entries begin August 1
at www.ncstatefair.org
**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE
ONLINE. PAPER ENTRIES
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

HEALTH REGULATIONS:
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Exhibitors must be residents of North Carolina and 18 years of age or younger as of January 1, 2022. Exhibitors must be able to exhibit animal on their own without any assistance.
2. Animal should be owned/possession as well as nominated and DNA submissions by July 15th.
3. Lambs shown must be wethers.
4. Lambs will be shown as individuals. Each exhibitor is limited to three entries provided the entries are in two or more classes (divisions) and meet the classification of those classes or division. While there is no minimum age, exhibitors are expected to be capable of showing their own lambs in the show ring.
5. If a junior has more than one lamb in a class, the second lamb must be shown by a junior approved by the show Superintendent.
6. Lambs must have all temporary (baby) teeth in place at the time of the show.
7. Lamb weights will be declared by the owner following check-in by completing a weight declaration form for each entry. Lambs in all classes must weigh between 90 and 160 pounds except Hair Influence lambs which must weigh between 80 and 160. Selected weigh backs will occur following individual class placings at the discretion of the superintendent. Weigh backs that exceed 7 pounds automatically disqualify that lamb from the show, placings, and any premiums, ribbons, plaques, or trophies.
8. Each exhibitor will be allowed to RFID tag a maximum of 4 lambs in each of the market lamb class and Jr ewe class. Only three of each of those lambs can be entered into the show so long as no more than 2 are in are in the black face division.
9. Enter online at www.ncstatefair.org. The closing date for entries shall be September 15, 2022. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE! Paper entries will not be accepted.
10. Class size in the show ring will be limited to 20 head. If the number of entries exceeds 20 the entries will be divided to form additional classes at the discretion of the Superintendent.
11. Major fitting should be done prior to arrival at the Fair.
12. 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).
13. No pens can be used for equipment or feed storage. Please put at least three sheep per pen.
14. Animals are expected to be humanely treated at all times. Any acts of mistreatment will not be tolerated and will result in expulsion from the show and forfeiture of premiums. Any questions not covered by these rules will be ruled on by the Junior Market Lamb Superintendent. ***Except as noted, all general rules of the fair and of 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.

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 Champions:

Div 1 All Other Breeds
Div 2 Hair Influence
Div 3 Natural Color
Div 4 Blackface Cross Lightweight
Div 5 Blackface Cross Medium Weight
Div 6 Blackface Cross Heavy Weight
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Reserve Division Champions

Div 1 All Other Breeds
Div 2 Hair Influence
Div 3 Natural Color
Div 4 Blackface Cross Lightweight
Div 5 Blackface Cross Medium Weight
Div 6 Blackface Cross Heavy Weight
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GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET LAMB
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JR. MARKET LAMB
THIRD OVERALL
GRAND CHAMPION GOT TO BE NC JR. MARKET LAMB

JUNIOR MARKET LAMBS

101 - Div 1 All Other Breeds

Class: 101 - Southdown

102 - White-Face (Dorset, Columbia, Cheviot, etc)

103 - Speckle-Face (White-face influence)

102 - Div 2 Hair Influence

Class: 201 - Katahdin, St Croix, Blackbelly (Caribbean Origin)

202 - Dorper

103 - Div 3 Natural Color

Class: 301 - Div 3 Natural Color

104 - Div 4,5,6 Blackface Cross

Class: 401 Div 4,5,6 Blackface Cross

**Sheep Classifications can be found at:
<https://youthlivestock.ces.ncsu.edu>**

Listed under - NC State Fair Junior Livestock Information

