

Market Lamb Classification Standards AAJS

Market Lambs will be classified and judged by the “**Three Strikes You’re Out**” method. Discrimination and disqualifications for the breeds are as follows:

Cheviot:

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Solid pink nose
2. White hooves
3. Long ears and/or extremely long neck
4. Excessive brown or black hair (more than 25%)
5. Wool cap
6. Wool below the knees

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns or solid scurs
2. Absence of white hair (frosting) on face and legs of black lambs
3. Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double-muscled

Dorper: (all Dorsers show together)

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Excessive wool covering in the lower 1/3 of the body and in front of the ears
2. Numerous black spots on front shoulder, head, neck and underline, not around genital areas
3. Brown tints around eyes
4. White spots in the black color on the head and front shoulder (except for frosting around nose and eyes)
5. Large framed light muscled lambs

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Wool below the knees and hocks and in front of eyes
2. Black spots on the body behind front shoulder and above the underline
3. Continuous black color from the head to below the knees, breast bone and/or behind the front shoulder.
4. No hair on the britch and belly
5. Any other color besides black and white

White Dorper: (all Dorsers show together)

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Excessive wool covering in the lower 1/3 of the body and in front of the ears
2. Excessive black or brown spots in the wool/hair on the front shoulder, head, neck and underline
3. Speckling on face and legs
4. Large framed light muscled lambs

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Wool below the knees and hocks and in front of the eyes
2. Black or brown spots in the wool/hair behind the front shoulder and above the underline
3. No hair on the britch and belly
4. Any other color sheep besides white (no fawn or wheat colors)

Polled Dorset:

ALL POLLED DORSET MARKET LAMBS MUST HAVE REGISTRATION PAPERS AT CHECKIN

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Any dark colored spots in the hair or wool
2. Large drooping ears
3. Fine textured, silky hair covering
4. Absence of hair covering in typical areas
5. All solid black hooves
6. Dark colored septum - dividing tissue between the nostrils
7. Dark colored lining of the nose or mouth
8. All-black, colored or spotted lambs

Horned Dorset:

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3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Any dark colored spots in the hair or wool
2. Large drooping ears
3. Fine textured, silky hair covering
4. Absence of hair covering in typical areas
5. All solid black hooves
6. Dark colored septum - dividing tissue between the nostrils
7. Dark colored lining of the nose or mouth
8. All-black, colored or spotted lambs

Hampshire:

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Broken wool cap
2. Very fine or thin hair on face or legs
3. Scurs
4. Excessive white hair on jaw or legs (more than 25%)

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Steep hip and genetic tendency to be double-muscled
2. Horns
3. Speckled face so that the lamb appears to be a “brockle”
4. Excessively dark or blue hide
5. Inadequate wool covering on head and legs

Montadale:

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Solid pink nose
2. Completely white hooves
3. Excessive wool cap
4. Heavy wool covering below the hock and knee
5. Excessive brown or black hair (more than 25%)

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns
2. Excessive dark coloration that lamb appears to be a “brockle”
3. Absence of white hair (frosting) on face and legs of black lamb
4. Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double-muscled

Natural Colored:

Any animal that is at least 35% Natural Colored excluding head and legs is acceptable

Oxford:

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Long droopy, black ears
2. Bare face
3. Black spots in wool or hair
4. Inverted eyelids

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Speckled face and/or legs
2. Horns or solid scurs
3. Lack of top-knot
4. Long, slick, droopy black ears
5. Steep hip and genetic tendency to double muscle and white spots on the ear

Shropshire:

3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Coarse or long, droopy ears
2. Coarse or roman nose
3. Excessive white on face, ears or legs
4. Legs completely bare of wool below the knee and hock
5. Black arm-pits or black spots in skin or wool

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Horns
2. Lack of wool cap
3. Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double-muscled

Southdown:

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3 of the following will result in disqualification:

1. Solid white hair color on muzzle
2. Pink nose
3. Excessive white on face, ears or legs
4. Completely slick ears
5. Pink or striped hooves
6. Black spots in the fleece
7. Open pool on the head

Absolute disqualifications:

1. Speckled face or legs
2. Horns or solid scurs
3. Solid black lambs
4. Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double muscled

Tunis:

Tunis Market lambs will be sifted at weigh-in if necessary

Columbia:

Lincoln:

Romney:

will have a **BEST FLEECE CLASS** in place of or in addition to the market lamb class.

Cotswold:

Natural Colored:

Shetland: