

Market Lamb Classification Rules

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

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

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

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

Dorset Advantage:

ALL DORSET ADVANTAGE MARKET LAMBS MUST HAVE REGISTRATION PAPERS AT CHECKIN
Dorset Advantage Market lambs will be sifted at weigh-in if necessary

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

Southdown:

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:

Lambs will be sifted at weigh-in if necessary

If your breed is not listed on this page, there will more than likely be a BEST FLEECE CLASS, check the breed entry form for your breed.



Staff Honorees...

The **Blome Pizza Party** is named in honor of **Harry & Mary Blome**, IL.

In 2013, both were victims of a car accident where Mary lost her life and Harry was severely injured. In 2017, Harry also passed away. Mary was past secretary of the American Oxford Sheep Assn.

They had never missed an AAJS and devoted their time not only to the Oxford show but also to serving pizza each year at the Friday night event.

The All-American thanks them both for all their years of service, and they are greatly missed!

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