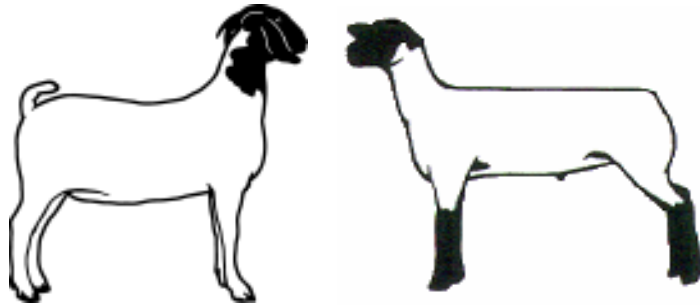


2019 Virginia Youth Sheep & Goat Symposium



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Appalachian Regional Expo Center (APEX)

290 Ready Mix Road, Wytheville, VA 24382

Saturday, June 22, 2019

Judge: Noah Henson, Asheville, NC

SCHEDULE

7:30 – 9:30 AM

9:30 AM

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Lunch (on your own)

11:00 AM

45 Minutes after Show

Inspection and Weighing - All Lambs/Goats*

All Lambs/Goats *MUST* be on-site for Inspection

Sheep & Goat Skill-a-thon Contest

Showmanship followed by Sheep/Goat Show

Awards Ceremony

* Nominations and tagging for the Virginia State Fair will be conducted at this event. If exhibitors choose to nominate their sheep or goats at the Symposium, all of their sheep/goats to be nominated must be brought to the Symposium (exhibitors may not nominate animals at multiple locations).

Registration will be conducted online via FairEntry
Registration/Entry Information is on the last page of this packet.
Online entries are due no later than Friday, June 14th, 2019

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA LAMB SYMPOSIUM LEADERSHIP

Co-CHAIR: Katherine Carter

Co-CHAIR: Dr. Scott Greiner

****Please Note!! We welcome VCE Faculty and Volunteers to serve on committees. Please contact Katherine Carter if you have a volunteer that would like to serve on a committee.**

VIRGINIA YOUTH SHEEP/GOAT SYMPOSIUM - GENERAL RULES

The Virginia Youth Sheep/Goat Symposium represents a comprehensive livestock educational program offered to 4-H and FFA members. The event is comprised of the following components:

- A. **SHEEP & GOAT SKILL-A-THON CONTEST**
Junior, Intermediate & Senior Divisions
- B. **SHOWMANSHIP**
Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Novice Divisions
- C. **CLASS PLACINGS**
Market Lambs, Market Goats, Commercial Ewe, Commercial Doe Classes
- D. **SHEPHERD AWARD**
Points Accumulated from the Sheep or Goat Show, Sheep or Goat Showmanship, & Sheep & Goat Skill-a-thon Contest

1. **Entry Fees are \$10/head.** Please make payment via check to **“VA 4-H Foundation”.** There is not an online credit card payment option for this show. Please process payments promptly. *Late entries will be accepted from Saturday, June 15th – check-in on Monday, June 22nd.* **All late entries will be charged a \$20/head fee.**
2. Entries cannot total more than **four (4)** Market Lamb singles, **three (3)** Commercial Ewe singles (**not to exceed a total of 6 sheep**) and **six (6) total goats** (Market Goats and/or Commercial Does) in the entire show per exhibitor.

The online entry system can be accessed at

<http://valambgoatsymposium.fairentry.com/>

ALL entries must be made via the online system. Payment via check, made **payable to: VA 4-H Foundation, should be mailed and postmarked by June 14th to:**

**VA Lamb and Goat Symposium
Katherine E. Carter
362 Litton-Reaves (0306)
175 West Campus Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24061**

3. Exhibitor Eligibility:
- A. 4-H – Virginia youth between the ages of 8 and 19 who are officially enrolled in the 4-H program in their county. **Exhibitors must be at least 9 years of age by September 30, 2019 and must not have had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2019.**
 - B. FFA – Students who are officially enrolled as Virginia FFA members (paid local, state, and national dues and have not passed their 19th birthday).

4. AGE DIVISIONS (Using 4-H year, age as of September 30, 2019)
For Sheep & Goat Skill-a-thon Contest, Showmanship, and Shepherd Awards **(no novice division for Shepherd Awards or Skill-a-thon)**, divisions are based on age of exhibitor. These age divisions follow those of the State Fair of VA Youth Livestock Shows.

- A. Age 9 – 12 **Junior Division**
 - B. Age 13 – 15 **Intermediate Division**
 - C. Age 16 – 19 **Senior Division**
 - D. Age 12 and under **Novice – exhibitors in their FIRST year of showing the respective species – ONLY APPLIES TO SHOWMANSHIP**
- **Take Note: Youth ages 9 - 12 participating in the Virginia Showmasters Circuit Program must participate in JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP to earn points on the Circuit. NO POINTS ARE AWARDED FOR NOVICE CLASSES.**



5. There will be 10x10 metal pens available for stalling livestock inside the arena. Please indicate during the entry process how many pens you would like to reserve. Exhibitors may also choose to keep entries on your trailer or bring pens to set-up outside your trailer. **Please note- Trucks and trailers will NOT be allowed inside the APEX arena but will be parked outside and adjacent to the building.**
6. **All exhibitors are expected to leave the event center, ring, and exhibitor area clean before leaving the show. This includes the wash rack area.**
7. Exhibitors must show their own entries unless the exhibitor has more than one animal in the same class or permission is given by the show superintendent. Substitute show persons must be eligible 4-H or FFA member WITH ENTRIES IN THE SHOW.
8. **Exhibitors must show their own animal in showmanship. The animal must also be entered in the show in the name of the exhibitor showing said animal in showmanship.**
9. **Animals are to be shown clean and dry. No additional fitting of animals is allowed and the use of adhesives or appearance altering additives is prohibited.**

10. Each animal should be properly trained to show.
11. Market lambs may be wethers or ewes. Market goats may be wethers or does. Wethers must show no evidence of testicular tissue and be completely healed from castration.
12. Market lambs must be exhibited shorn slick to the skin above the knee and hock joints.
13. **No shearing allowed on the arena floor.**
14. When determined by the show inspectors, any sick or unhealthy lambs/goats on your trailer with foot rot, sore mouth or club lamb fungus, will not be allowed to show. **The decision of the Veterinary Medical Officer will be final.**
15. **All animals must have the scrapie ID tag or a flock/herd identification tattoo.**
16. Market lambs will be shown by breed type. Breed type will be determined at the time of official weighing by a classification committee. The classification committee will apply breed standards to evaluate and place lambs in the proper class. The decisions of the classification committee will be final. Market lambs will be divided into four breed-type divisions as follows:
 - a) White-Face: Generally includes lambs of white-face breeds and crosses of those breeds (Dorset, Cheviot, Columbia, etc.). Lambs should exhibit characteristics of these breeds. Face, ears, and legs should be white. Excessive black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body, or freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin are not acceptable
 - b) Speckle-Face: Must be a cross with evidence of a percentage white-face and percentage black-face breeding. Significant spotting must be present for at least two of the following areas: face, ears, and/or legs below knees and stifle joint.
 - c) Southdown: Lambs must exhibit characteristics of Southdown breed. Hair color should be mouse colored, grey to brown. Nostrils may be black to purple-grey, and ears should be moderate length, covered with short hair or wool.
 - d) Black-Face: Generally includes lambs of Suffolk and Hampshire breeding and their crosses along with other black-faced breeds. Also includes all lambs that do not fit classification requirements for Speckle-Face, White-Face, and Southdown classes.
17. Lambs/goats exhibited in the market classes may not be shown in the commercial breeding ewe/doe classes or vice versa.
18. Commercial ewes will be shown by breed type. Breed type will be determined at the time of official weighing by a classification committee. The decisions of the classification committee will be final. Commercial ewes will be divided into the following 3 breed classes as follows:
 - a) White-Face: Generally includes lambs of white-face breeds and crosses of those breeds (Dorset, Cheviot, Columbia, etc.). Lambs should exhibit characteristics of these breeds. Face, ears, and legs should be white. Excessive black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body, or freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin are not acceptable.
 - b) Speckle-Face: Must be a cross with evidence of a percentage white-face and percentage black-face breeding. Significant spotting must be present

for at least two of the following areas: face, ears, and/or legs below knees and stifle joint.

- c) Black-Face: Generally includes lambs of primarily Suffolk and Hampshire breeding, plus all lambs that do not fit Speckle-Face and/or White-Face classes.
- 19. Commercial ewe and market lamb breed classes will be divided according to weight. Commercial ewes and does must be born after 1/1/18 (both yearling and ewe lambs/doe kids may be shown). Market goats and commercial does will be shown by weight.
- 20. Breed classes in the market lamb or commercial ewe shows may be combined at the discretion of show management based on entry numbers. The market lamb show may be further designated into appropriate weight divisions for recognition purposes.
- 21. **All Lambs and Goats must be inspected and weighed upon arrival.**
- 22. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines. Application of ice or iced water in any form is prohibited (sprays, packs, blankets, or towels). The use of muzzles, drenching, and use of coloring agents is prohibited.
- 23. All youth and adult leaders working with those youth will be expected to:
“Show with Character.”

SHEEP & GOAT SKILL-A-THON CONTEST RULES

- 1. The Skill-A-Thon Contest will include Sheep & Goat Information. This information could be in any component of the contest. The Skill-A-Thon will contain information similar to a Stockman's contest but presented in the same format as the SFVA Skill-a-thon Contest.
- 2. There will be junior, intermediate, and senior divisions for the Skill-a-thon contest. This will be an individual competition, no team awards given.
- 3. Contestants should bring their own pencils/pens, and free-of-notes clipboard. No contestant will be allowed to bring any books, notes, or pamphlets into the contest. No communication among contestants is allowed. Contestants will be furnished with any forms or answer sheets needed.
- 4. The contest will be available for exhibitors from 9 – 10:30 am and will be set up in stations for completion at each exhibitors own pace (contest will be proctored but not timed). Different contests or portions of contest may be designated for Juniors/Intermediates vs. Seniors.
- 5. The quiz questions will be limited to the following areas of focus (including both goats and sheep); breeds, reproduction, nutrition, animal health, and current events. (Some suggested resource materials – VCE publications, Ensminger *The Stockman's Handbook*, Ensminger *Sheep and Goat Science*, Ensminger *Feeds and Nutrition*. Extension offices should have access to these resources. Material may come from other sources as well.)
- 6. The Sheep & Goat Skill-A-Thon Contest may consist of the following components.
 - 1. Written Quiz
 - 2. Sheep and Goat Nutrition
 - 3. Sheep and Goat Genetics and Reproduction
 - 4. Sheep and Goat Products
 - 5. Sheep and Goat General Management
 - 6. Judging sheep and/or goat class(es) with questions
- 7. The Skill-A-Thon may include traditional stockman's components such as breed/meats/feed identification, hay/meats judging, etc. to assess exhibitor knowledge in the above listed areas. However, knowledge-based activities unique to the Skill-A-Thon may also be utilized.
- 8. First level tie breaker is the quiz, judging class questions will be used next.
- 9. Please note – Any exhibitor's lamb or goat may be selected for use in a judging class.

CONTEST PREMIUMS FOR INDIVIDUALS:

Showmanship & Skill-A-Thon Contest

<u>Prize Money</u>	<u>Placing</u>
\$20.00	First
\$15.00	Second
\$12.00	Third
\$10.00	Fourth
\$ 5.00	Fifth

Class Placings

<u>Prize Money</u>	<u>Placing</u>
\$20.00	First
\$15.00	Second
\$10.00	Third
\$ 5.00	Fourth
\$ 5.00	Fifth

SHEPHERD AWARDS

The Shepherd Award will be based on an overall points system. Points will accumulate from Lamb / Goat Show Placings, Lamb / Goat Showmanship, and the Sheep & Goat Skill-A-Thon Contest. Youth must participate in all three contest areas to be eligible for the Shepherd Award. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be the Sheep & Goat Skill-A-Thon Contest Individual Score.

HOME-RAISED CLASS

Exhibitors can enter one of their lamb/goat in the Home-Raised Class. Home raised entries are animals that were born on the exhibitor's farm and raised, shown by the exhibitor. This class will be a market lamb/goat class. The class winner in both the lamb and goat Home-Raised Class will win an award. Premiums will not be awarded in this class.

YQCA TRAINING

The YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program is required for all youth planning to show Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, or Beef Cattle at the 2019 State Fair of Virginia Youth Livestock Shows. This training must be completed by August 15th, 2019 via a face-to-face, instructor led training. A YQCA training will be offered on Friday night, June 21st from 6 – 8 pm at the APEX Center. Pre-registration for this training is REQUIRED and must be completed at this link <https://tinyurl.com/YQCA-Wytheville> Dates and locations of other YQCA training offerings in Virginia can be found at <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/yqca.html>

For questions or more information on the VA Lamb & Goat Symposium please contact: Katherine Carter, Assistant Youth Livestock Programming Specialist, carterke@vt.edu or 540-231-2257



2019 Virginia Lamb/Goat Symposium Registration Information

The entries for the Virginia Lamb/Goat Symposium will be accepted on-line only (entry deadline is June 14). Please visit:

valambgoatsymposium.fairentry.com

to enter the on-line entry system.

We are utilizing FairEntry to capture entries. This system is tied to 4-HOnline. Please see the tips below for more information on how to best utilize the system. A help sheet with screenshots can be found at:

ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/other-contests.html

If you are a 4-H Member:

1. **CLICK THE GREEN SIGN IN WITH 4HONLINE button FIRST!**
2. Sign-in using your 4-HOnline Family information.
 - a. If you forgot your password, there is a link to reset it.
 - b. If you reset your password, please remember to reset it in 4HOnline. Please contact Katherine Carter with any questions.
3. Please choose your family member (exhibitor). Only one child can be entered at a time.
4. Please verify your contact information, including mailing address. **This step is very important, as premium checks will be mailed to this address.**
5. Be sure to enter **ALL EXHIBITORS** within the family prior to clicking submit.
 - a. Once you click submit, your entries **are locked** until they are approved. Additional family member entries cannot be accepted until they have been approved.
6. Once all family members and exhibitors have been entered, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.



Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

If you are a FFA member:

1. You will need to either:
 - a. Enter your credentials, if you have created an account at the State Fair of Virginia or Junior Beef Roundup; or
 - b. Create a new account under FairEntry.
2. Please use a valid email account, as you will be receiving confirmation messages about your entries.
3. Once you have completed the entry process, make sure you click submit to finalize your entries. Entries are not final until you have clicked submit.

ENTRY PROCESS

For 2019, we will not be asking for individual sheep/goat information. Please pay particular attention to the Class selections. You will be able to enter the TOTAL number of sheep/goats that you plan to enter within that class.

Department / Division: Sheep / Commercial Ewe [Change](#)

Make your Club, Animal, and Class selections to continue. [Continue](#)

Club [Change](#)

Montgomery County Livestock 4-H Club **4-H**
(Primary Club)

When entering into an Open Class, your club selection will be treated as *No Club (Open)*.

Class or Classes

☒ 501: White-Face Commercial Ewe Quantity: 1

☐ 502: Speckle-Face Commercial Ewe

☒ 503: Black-Face Commercial Ewe Quantity: 1

Animal(s) [Add Animal](#)

Allowed Animal Types:

- Commercial Female

☐ Enter a single animal

☐ Enter a pen of animals

☒ I will specify animal(s) later

Animal information will be added at the show.

Enter the total number of lambs that you plan to enter in this class.

FairEntry

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You will receive a confirmation email with your entries and invoice. Please make sure that you complete the following to finalize your entry into the Symposium:

1. **Print a copy** of the email from FairEntry.
2. Enclose a \$10/head registration fee (**check payable to VA 4-H Foundation**)
3. Mail printed entry form and **payment payable to VA 4-H Foundation** to the following address:
ATTN: Katherine Carter
VA Lamb/Goat Symposium
362 Litton Reaves Hall (MC 0306)
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0306

LATE REGISTRATIONS will be charged \$20/head.

**On-line registration, printed receipt, and
registration fee due by Friday, June 14, 2019
(postmark date.)**