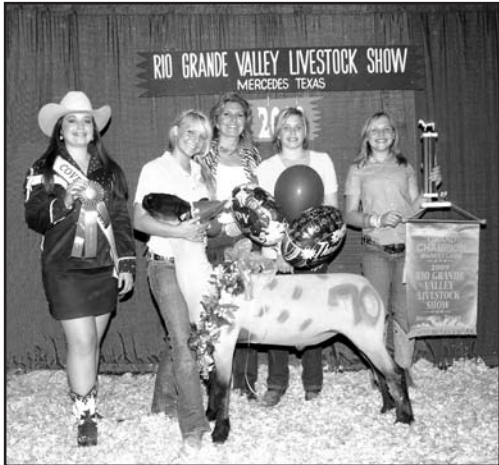




# MARKET LAMB DIVISION



Hailey Fitting, an Arroyo4-H member, exhibited the 2009 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grand Champion Lamb. Champs for Champions purchased the Lamb for \$6,000.

Entry Deadline .....	January 15
Entry Fee .....	\$10.00
Delivery to Show Grounds.....	
.....	12 Noon to 6:00 PM, Monday, March 15
.....	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, March 16
Weighing/Sifting/Classifying.....	
.....	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Tuesday, March 16
Judging.....	8:00 AM, Wednesday, March 17
Load Out .....	2:00 PM, Sunday, March 21

## MARKET LAMB DIVISION RULES

**Notice to Exhibitors:** All Market Lambs, including sifted Lambs, must be consigned by the exhibitor to the processing plant, individual, etc. who places the highest bid with the Show Management. Violation of this rule will result in exhibitor being barred from future shows.

**Sexually intact goats or sheep brought to the show grounds must have a Premise ID Tag issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission. If an exhibitor has purchased a project from a breeder the breeder should supply the Premise ID Tag.**

- Each exhibitor must be a member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter and be enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school in Cameron, Willacy, Starr or Hidalgo County and in their respective FFA chapter or 4-H club from November 1, 2009, through the Show period.
- Exhibitors must be in third grade or nine years old but under 20 years of age as of January 1, 2010.
- All lambs must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and continuously fed and cared for by the exhibitor from October 31, 2009, thru Show date under the supervision of an AST, CEA or adult 4-H leader.
- Lambs may be wether or ewe lambs. All lambs must have been validated by the Texas Lamb Validation Program by October 31, 2009.
- An exhibitor can enter only one lamb.
- Any animal found to have been entered in another show under a different exhibitor's name other than the name entered in this Show and/or any animal which has gone thru the auction at another show will be ineligible for this Show. Lambs found to have evidence of more than one validation, will be ineligible to show unless the proper Change of Ownership forms are received, reflecting why there is evidence of more than one validation and that the previous validation(s) have been canceled.
- Lambs must meet the following requirements or be sifted.
  - All Lambs must weight at least 80 pounds. There will be no top weight.
  - Any lamb that has had its natural musculature or weight altered by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of lambs or marketability of lamb carcasses will be sifted.
  - All lambs must be slick shorn from knee and hock up at time of sifting. Lambs with excessive wool will be sifted.
  - Lambs must be creditable from standpoint of types, quality, finish and breed characteristics.
  - Lambs that have been mutilated in any way will be sifted.
  - A lamb, which in the opinion of the sifter or classifiers does not have predominant breed characteristics of the class in which it is entered, may be sifted from the Show or, with the approval of the Division Superintendent, moved to another class.
- Exhibitors will be allowed a substitute at check-in for those showing at other shows or taking school exams.
- The decision of the sifter and/or classifiers will be final. Protests will not be accepted on sifter's opinion.



## MARKET LAMB DIVISION CONTINUED....

10. After sifting, lambs will be divided into weight groups by breeds as nearly equal in number as possible but all lambs of the same weight will be in the same weight group. The number of classes per breed will be determined by the Superintendent of the lamb division.
11. All Market Lambs will be sold to the person or company submitting the highest bid. Sifted lambs will not be allowed to leave the showgrounds and will be sold with lambs that compete. Exhibitors of sifted lambs must feed and care for their lambs during the entire Show until they are loaded out with all other market lambs.
12. Lambs may be re-weighted during judging at a time determined by the Superintendent. Any lamb weighing more than 5 pounds above his initial show weight will become ineligible for any award or placing.
13. No one but exhibitors and Show Officials will be allowed in the show ring or on the Arena Director's Stand during judging.
14. No painting, powdering or artificial coloring can be used on lambs.
15. The Lamb Committee may collect hair and/or blood samples from any lamb entered in the Show for the purpose of conducting a DNA analysis. Any lamb not having a positive match from the DNA analysis of the samples compared to the DNA analysis of the hair and/or blood samples taken from it at the time of enrollment in the state validation program will be disqualified.
16. Pens: Pens will **NOT** be taken apart or altered in any way without approval of the Superintendents. No lights are to be strung on the pens. Superintendents reserve the right to pen a minimum of three head per pen.
17. Trimming Tables: Trimming tables will not be allowed in the barn and must be placed in locations designated by the Superintendents. All trimming tables will require a Identification Tag of the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

## MARKET LAMB CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

### I. FINE WOOL

#### A. Acceptable Breed Characteristics

1. Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or a cross between these three breeds
2. Soft pelt
3. Silky, white face that is narrow and clean cut
4. Silky, medium size ears
5. White hooves and legs

#### B. Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

1. Black or brown spots in the skin or wool on the body of the lamb.
2. Freckles or pigmented areas of black or brown skin may be permitted on the face and ears if other breed characteristics are in order.
3. Freckles or brown or black spots above the hooves.
4. Coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, down the back of the hind legs, and above the hooves.
5. Black pigmentation in the hoofs.
6. Black lambs should be classified as medium wool

### II. FINE WOOL CROSS

#### A. Acceptable Breed Characteristics

1. Must be a cross with evidence of at least 50% fine wool breeding
2. Soft pelt that is characteristic of ½ blood fine wool
3. Mottling or some spotting on face and ears
4. Mottling and/or spotting of legs below the knees and stifle joint
5. Face and ears should be soft and silky

#### B. Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

1. Face, ears and legs should not be extremely dark or solid in color
2. Coarse, chalky white hair on the face, ears, legs and in the flanks
3. Colored fiber (black or brown spots) in the wool

### III. SOUTHDOWN

#### A. Acceptable Breed Characteristics

1. Hair color on muzzle and nose should be gray to dark brown, not approaching black. White is acceptable around muzzle and eyes
2. Wool on the legs should correspond to hair color on the muzzle. A few colored spots on the body are acceptable.
3. Ears should be of moderate length and size with a pointed end and may be approaching slick.
4. Noses should be a colored pigment other than solid pink. A spotted nose is acceptable.
5. Muzzle should be broad with a head of medium length.
6. Hooves should be solid black.

#### B. Discriminatory Breed Characteristics

1. Face, ears and legs should not be extremely dark or solid in color
2. Pink nose
3. Coarse, chalky hair around the eyes and in the flank



**MARKET LAMB DIVISION CONTINUED...**

- 4. Completely slick ears
- 5. Pink or stripped hooves
  
- 6. Black spots in the fleece
- 7. Open poll on the head
- C. Absolute Disqualification
  - 1. Speckled face or legs
  - 2. Horns or scars
  - 3. Solid black lambs
  - 4. Steep hip and a genetic tendency to be double muscled

IV. Medium Wool - All other breeds not mentioned in sections I, II and III above.

**CLASSES**

- 1. Southdown
- 2. Fine Wool
- 3. Fine Wool Cross
- 4. Medium Wool

Breed Champions .....Rosette  
 Reserve Breed Champions.....Rosette  
 Grand Champion.....Belt Buckle, Trophy & Banner  
 Reserve Grand Champion .....Trophy & Banner  
 (Reserve Champion of the breed that furnished the Grand Champion will compete with remaining Breed Champions for Reserve Grand Champion.)

**General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 42 also apply.**



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**SCHEDULE OF PREMIUM AWARDS**

Premium will be based on the number of head showing in each class:

- 1 - 10 Entries .....To 5th Place
- 11 - 20 Entries ..... To 10th Place
- 21 - 30 Entries .....To 15th Place
- Over 30 Entries .....To 20th Place

<u>PLACING</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
1 .....	\$35
2 .....	\$34
3 .....	\$33
4 .....	\$32
5 .....	\$31
6 .....	\$30
7 .....	\$29
8 .....	\$28
9 .....	\$27
10 .....	\$26
11 .....	\$25
12 .....	\$24
13 .....	\$23
14 .....	\$22
15 .....	\$21
16 .....	\$20
17 .....	\$19
18 .....	\$18
19 .....	\$17
20 .....	\$16



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# MARKET LAMB DIVISION SHOWMANSHIP

Immediately following judging of lambs, showmanship contests will be held as follows:

## A. EXHIBITOR SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors of lambs are eligible to compete. They will be divided into three age groups. Exhibitors entered in showmanship must show the lamb they exhibited in the Show.

- 8 to 11 years of age
- 12 to 14 years of age
- 15 years old and over
- As of day of contest

Awards will be made on the basis of showmanship, neatness of exhibitor, show condition and behavior of animal.

Prizes will be awarded in each age group as follow:

- 1st place.....\$75.00 and Belt Buckle
- 2nd place .....\$65.00 and ribbon
- 3rd Place.....\$55.00 and ribbon
- 4th Place .....\$45.00 and ribbon
- 5th Place .....\$35.00 and ribbon

## B. PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP RULES:

1. There will be two age groups 3-5 years old, 6-8 years old.
2. Exhibitors must have not shown in the 2010 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show as a Jr. Showman.
3. Lambs being shown must be bona fide exhibits at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
4. All lambs must be led.
5. Judge's decision will be final.
6. Sign up at announcer's stand through out the lamb show.
7. Limited to first 30 entries.
8. Trophy & Belt Buckle awarded to First Place Winners

**PEE WEE SHOWMANSHIP  
BELT BUCKLES SPONSORED**

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## C. JACK POT "OLD TIMERS" SHOWMANSHIP RULES

1. Exhibitors must be over 18 and no longer an official 4-H or FFA Member.
2. Lambs being shown must be a bona fide exhibit of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
3. Judges decision will be final.
4. Sign up at announcer's stand through the lamb show.
5. \$5.00 entry fee to be collected at sign up.
6. Top prize only — Trophy awarded to First Place Winner

