

PEN OF 3 CARCASS COMPETITION

Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

September 12, 2021

What: Pen of 3 Commercial Carcass Competition / Q & A session to follow judging

When: 10:00 am Sunday, September 12, 2021

Where: Indoor Arena at Jefferson Co. Fair Park, Jefferson, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival.

Why: The Pen of 3 Carcass Competition is an opportunity for sheep producers including 4-H and FFA members to receive both a live evaluation by a commercial lamb buyer and indexing measurements taken after harvest to determine loin eye, back fat, and leg score to assist them with genetic, breeding and feeding decisions for their respective flocks.

How: Lambs are entered through ShoWorks on the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival website, www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com, click on Education - Pen of 3 and follow entry instructions.

Who: Open to members of the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Breeders Cooperative.

Entry Cost: \$25/pen

We would like to invite 4-H and FFA members and any interested producers to participate in this unique educational experience.

During the live evaluation, the lamb buyer will be available to answer questions regarding factors important for placing, purchasing, and transport of lambs. At 10:30 am, following the completion of the live evaluations, there will be a presentation The Lamb Market - A Reality Check which will take place in the Indoor Arena. There is no cost to attend.

Sheep producers participating in the event will be also on hand to discuss their sheep, the breed and breeding program, feeding, management, and their views regarding this reality-based competition.

Participation by the public is also encouraged. Interested festival goers can place pens according to their preference and to estimate the loin eye size of a lamb of their choice. Results of this portion of the event will be posted in the online version of the Wisconsin Shepherd (wisbc.com) and on the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival website.

Payouts will be based on live and carcass evaluation. UW- Madison meats lab is buying the lambs at market price.

The Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival is a function of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative. For information on membership and the activities of the co-op, please visit www.wisbc.com or call 608 743-9080 (weekdays after 5:00 pm).

PEN OF THREE COMMERCIAL CARCASS COMPETITION

Sponsored by Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative

Indoor Arena

Entry Deadline – September 1

HOW IT WORKS

- * Exhibitors enter a pen of 3 lambs at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival.
- * Lambs are judged in their pens, as a PEN OF 3 - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
- * All lambs will be harvested and carcass data taken at UW-Madison Meats Lab
- * Carcasses judged as a PEN OF 3. (Payments for lambs harvested will be made directly to exhibitors.)
- * Live placings will be announced 1:00 p.m. Sunday in the Activity Center.
- * Carcass awards, along with data and indexing, will be listed online - www.wisbc.com.
- * Premiums will be mailed directly to recipients.
- * Participants should be available for photos when placings are announced at Festival.

HOW TO RESERVE A PEN

Go to:

www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com

Click on:

Classes - Education – Pen of 3 Commercial Carcass Competition

Membership in Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op required.

To join: Go to www.wisbc.com – Membership Application

- 1. RESERVE PENS ONLINE** – Pen reservations accepted until pen limit of 6 pens is reached. Entry Fees \$25 per pen. Entries accepted on a first-come-basis until pens are filled based on online entries. Limit – two pens per person making entry. Only those sheep for which pen fees have been paid will be permitted to be penned. Individual exhibitors receive one (1) gate pass to the festival.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY** - Pen of Three Commercial Carcass Competition is open to wether and/or ewe lambs, commercial or purebred. The weight of each lamb at entry must be between 115 and 150 pounds.
PENNING: Lambs to be penned by 9 a.m. Sunday. Pens assigned by Coordinator.
FLEECE LENGTH: #1 pelts - (3/8" to 1" wool).
GENERAL: No muzzles, drenching, cold water baths, ice wraps, blanketing, patch shearing, coloring, or fitting permitted, (including legs). Lambs may not be tied in the pen.
- 3. HEALTH CERTIFICATES & INSPECTION** - All sheep will be inspected prior to unloading. Sheep originating from outside Wisconsin must be accompanied by a current certificate of veterinary inspection for interstate movement, to be submitted at check-in. Sheep showing any symptoms of contagious or infectious disease (sore mouth, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, wool or club lamb fungus) will not be permitted to be unloaded or penned. All sheep entries must be identified with official, individual scrapie eartag ID.
- 4. DRUG WITHDRAWAL** - Persons entering lambs in the Pen of 3 Competition will be responsible for observing withdrawal times for all feed additives, antibiotics, de-wormers and vaccines. Evidence to the contrary at any stage of this competition may result in disqualification of lambs and/or carcasses and may cause an exhibitor to be banned from future competitions and the forfeiture of any and all premium or payments.
- 5. IDENTIFICATION** - All lambs entered must have birth dates recorded upon arrival. Only lambs born in exhibitor's flock in the year of event are eligible. Official scrapie/premise ID required.
- 6. ALL PENS ASSIGNED** - Pens assigned by Carcass Competition Coordinator. Plan accordingly, no tack pens available. Pen cards will be provided. Entries accepted until limit of 6 pens is reached.

7. FEEDING/CARE - Feeding and care of lambs until they leave the grounds for harvesting is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor. Bedding (shavings) provided.

8. JUDGING - Lambs will be evaluated in their pens Sunday morning by a Judge appointed by the Pen of 3 Carcass Competition committee. Lambs are judged as a pen in both live and carcass evaluations.

9. PAYMENTS - Payment for lambs will be made by processor directly to exhibitor at the address on the entry form. Provide phone number.

10. CONTEST RESULTS

LIVE PEN PLACING – Will be determined by the live judge based on an evaluation of all three lambs in the pen and will be announced at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival.

CARCASS PEN PLACING – Will be based on the average carcass placing of each carcass within a pen. Carcass pen placing ties will be broken by the average carcass index of lambs in the pen.

11. AWARDS

A traveling trophy for the 1st place pen will be awarded at the next Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative. Monetary premiums will be paid on both live and carcass pens. If the 1st place carcass pen is also the 1st place live pen, an additional premium will be awarded.

12. RIGHT TO USE DATA - The Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative reserves the right to record, photograph or otherwise utilize and/or share data and information from any and all Pen of 3 Carcass Competition entries.

13. TRANSPORTATION - Transportation of lambs to the processor will be provided by the Festival, arranged by the Pen of 3 Carcass Competition Committee, unless any disqualification shall cause an exhibitor to be required to remove entries from the Festival grounds.

14. LIABILITY - All Festival regulations shall apply.

15. QUESTIONS - Carcass Competition Coordinator: Lisa Paskey 608-669-3996, email: lrpaskey@gmail.com.

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