

Youth Sheep Production Division Overview

Mid America Dorper Show & Sale, Duncan, Oklahoma

April 19-20, 2019

PURPOSE- The goal is to showcase production Dorper and White Dorper females and their offspring, as applicable to sheep production, along with instilling good record keeping skills, money handling skills and public speaking in youth. The goal is to involve more youth who may not have the means to own and exhibit “show” sheep but still have good females that consistently produce and raise lambs. The Dorper sheep, having its roots in a commercial setting, is ideal to use for this type of project. Exhibitors must own the ewe and her lamb(s) and must be an ADYS Member in good standing.

RECORD BOOKS: Record forms are to be kept on the ewe from breed date on documenting costs and include questions on feeding, etc. Forms should be put in a folder or binder with a cover sheet with the exhibitor’s name. Charts and photographs are encouraged, be creative! Record books will be judged by a panel of individuals and scores averaged together. Exhibitor names will be hidden during judging.

INTERVIEWS: Each exhibitor will be interviewed by a panel of individuals and scored based on knowledge of project, neatness of book, business mindedness and the productivity of their project. Topics and potential questions will relate to sheep husbandry, agriculture, their own animals, record books and any questions the judges would like to add at their discretion.

LIVE SHOW: the ewe and her lamb(s) are shown loose. Judging will be based off of conformation, soundness and overall production traits. Cull traits will still be looked for. The lambs may be ewes, rams or wethers.

Final placing and determination of “Champion producer” will be based off a point system. The live show points will be doubled.

Point schedule

1st-7 points. 2nd-6 points. 3rd-5 points. 4th-4 points. 5th-3 points. 6th-2 points. All others-1 point.

Rules

1. The ewe and her lamb(s) must be owned by the youth and must be Purebred or Fullblood registered Dorper or White Dorper.
2. Youth must be members in good standing with the ADSBS (2019 dues paid)
3. Entry Deadline: April 10, 2019
4. Record books will be turned in at check in and judged.
5. Interview times will be designated after all entries are received
6. Ewes must be properly washed and sheared, but will be shown loose, individually. Lambs weaned from the ewe will also be washed and sheared. Young lambs on their dam’s side will be shown naturally.
7. Animals will be judged from a production standpoint but will also follow breed standard.
8. Lambs may be ewes, rams or wethers.
9. Live animals will be divided into workable classes at management’s discretion
10. Youth will be allowed to show no more than two (2) production projects per show

A similar program will be conducted at the Southern States Show & Sale in July

For further information, contact Sarah Rogers at blessedtxgirl@gmail.com.

Production Ewe Form

Tag # or Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Sire of Ewe: _____ Dam of Ewe: _____

Sire of Lamb(s): _____

Birth date of Lamb(s): _____ Birth weight of Lamb(s): _____

<i>Month & Year</i>	<i>Feed Type</i>	<i>Feed Cost per pound</i>	<i>Monthly Feed Cost</i>	<i>Veterinary & HealthCare</i>	<i>Misc</i>	<i>Monthly Cost</i>
Totals						

Average Cost per month to maintain ewe thru birth of lamb: _____

About Your Project

1. What type of feed and/or forage did you feed your ewe and lamb(s)? what made you choose this feed/forage?
2. Tell us alittle bit about why you chose to keep records on your dorper ewe and her lamb(s)? What do you hope to accomplish with this project?
3. Who helped you with this project? (parent, grandparent, Ag Teacher, Extension Agent)
4. Did anything interesting happen while you kept your records on your ewe and her lamb(s)? Feel free to elaborate
5. Looking at the final cost of your project, would you change anything next breeding season?
6. Pictures of your project