



#### Lamb Classification

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# Classifying

- Families make best guess
- Official classifying at scale at State Fair
- Please refer to the Market Lamb Breed Classification Standards document for more specific explanations.
- Photos courtesy of Brad Anderson

### **Dorset**

- Solid white
- Prominent wool cap
- Small ears w/ no wool
- No black hooves
- No dark septum



# Hampshire

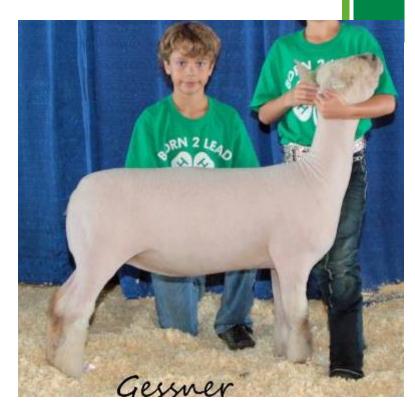
- Black head and legs
- Prominent wool cap extending from neck to base of poll
- Small ears w/ no wool
- Wool on legs

Hair must be black not brown



#### Southdown

- Hair on muzzle
  must be brown or
  grey, not white or
  approaching black
- Ears should be short and thick with wool
- No speckled faces or legs
- No total white hooves



#### Suffolk

- Hair on head and legs should be black and free of wool.
- Ears should be long and bell-shaped
- Less than 10% black fiber in fleece
- Small ears w/ no wool
- No wool on legs
- No brown fiber allowed



#### **Natural**

At least 50% of the fleece must be composed of fibers that are not white excluding hair on face and legs



### Speckled

- For lambs whose genetic makeup is 50% white-face and 50% black-face
- Must have at least 1/3 white fiber on face and legs



#### **Wool Breeds**

- Lambs meeting breed characteristics of wool breeds.
  - Columbia
  - Corriedale
  - Merino
  - Rambouillet
  - Rommey

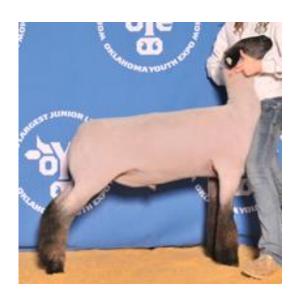
- Targhee
- Border Leicester
- Cotswold
- Lincoln
- Any cross between these breeds

### Crossbred

- Any lamb with disqualifying characteristics in the above divisions
- Suffolk lambs with 11-49% non-white fibers
- Southdowns with black hooves
- Hampshires with white wool cap not extending from neck to poll, etc



### Crossbred, con't





### **Any Other Breeds**

- ■Katahdin
- Dorper
- Shropshire
- Other meat or hair breeds not specifically mentioned above.