



# 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
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- 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
  - Romney
  - 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.