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Hoosier Gold Medal Lamb Club Rules and Regulations

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Purpose

The Hoosier Gold Medal Lamb Club program is designed to promote efficient production of fast-gaining, highly-desirable sheep by identifying genetically superior individuals through: (1) records of performance and (2) live animal evaluation.

The Indiana Livestock Breeders Association will give recognition by awarding certificates to any resident of Indiana who exhibits one or more lambs or pairs of lambs that have qualified by their performance and show ring records (as herein outlined) in the Hoosier Gold Medal Lamb Club.

Participants

Any sheep producer in Indiana who owns an eligible lamb and who purchases an exhibitor's card for each lamb shown, may exhibit in any approved Gold Medal lamb show.

Breeding of Lambs

Ewe and ram lambs must have been sired by registered rams and be from registered ewes of the same breed. Wethers may be purebred, crossbred or grade but must be sired by a registered ram of a breed recognized by the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association.

Eligibility of Lambs

Only lambs born in Indiana and owned and exhibited by a resident of Indiana are eligible.

All ewe and ram lambs must have been born between September 1 of the preceding year and March 31 of the current year to be eligible for Gold Medal lamb shows during the current year. Wether lambs must be born on or after January 1 of the year shown. All lambs must be identified with tattoo, ear tag or ear notch.

Nomination and Weight of Lambs

Lambs shall be weighed between 70 and 110 days of age in the Indiana Sheep Performance Testing Program. Complete identification of sire, dam and lamb as well as 90-day weight will be reported on Form ISPTP-2, "Indiana Sheep Performance Testing Program—Flock Performance Data." Completion of ISPTP-2 by the owner shall satisfy the nomination requirements for the Hoosier Gold Medal Lamb Club.

Lambs and dams may be identified by flock number or last five digits of the registration number. Sires must be identified by the last five digits of their registration number. Data reported on ISPTP-2 will be verified by the owner's signature.

Completed ISPTP-2 forms must be in the office of the Indiana Sheep Performance Testing Coordinator by June 15 of year of exhibition. Send forms to: Sheep Performance Testing Coordinator, Animal Sciences Department, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907. Lambs may be nominated and qualified free-of-charge to the owner.

Qualification of Lambs

Weight of lambs will be adjusted to 90-day basis. The 90-day adjusted weight will include adjustments of age of lamb, age of dam, sex of lamb, type of birth and type of rearing of lamb. The adjustment factors used are presented in Table 1.

The average adjusted 90-day weight for each sex will be calculated for each flock. Each lamb's adjusted 90-day weight will be expressed as a deviation or weight ratio from the average flock-sex adjusted 90-day weight as shown in Table 1.

Any ewe or ram lamb with a 90-day adjusted weight ratio of 95 or more and which meets the breeding, age and lambing date requirements, will be eligible for exhibition in Hoosier Gold Medal

Table 1. Indiana Sheep Performance Testing Program Adjustment Factors.*

Factor	Age of dam		
	1 year old	2 years old, or over 6 years old	3 to 6 years old
Ewe lamb			
Single raised as single	1.22	1.09	1.00
Single raised as twin	1.33	1.20	1.11
Twin raised as twin	1.33	1.20	1.11
Twin raised as single	1.28	1.14	1.05
Triplet raised as triplet	1.46	1.33	1.22
Triplet raised as twin	1.42	1.28	1.17
Triplet raised as single	1.36	1.21	1.11
Wether			
Single raised as single	1.19	1.06	.97
Single raised as twin	1.30	1.17	1.08
Twin raised as twin	1.30	1.17	1.08
Twin raised as single	1.25	1.11	1.02
Triplet raised as triplet	1.43	1.30	1.19
Triplet raised as twin	1.39	1.25	1.14
Triplet raised as single	1.33	1.18	1.08
Ram lamb			
Single raised as single	1.11	.98	.89
Single raised as twin	1.22	1.09	1.00
Twin raised as twin	1.22	1.09	1.00
Twin raised as single	1.17	1.03	.94
Triplet raised as triplet	1.35	1.22	1.11
Triplet raised as twin	1.31	1.17	1.06
Triplet raised as single	1.25	1.10	1.00

*Example: To find *adjusted 90-day weight* and *adjusted 90-day weight ratio* of a single born and reared ram lamb from a 4-year-old ewe that weighed 75 pounds at 87 days of age, when all ram lambs in flock have an adjusted 90-day weight of 66 pounds, make the following calculation:

- (1) WPDA = 75 lbs./87 days = 0.862 lbs./day
- (2) Act. 90-day wt. = 0.862 lbs./day x 90 days = 77.6 lbs. = 78 lbs.
- (3) Adj. 90-day wt. = 77.6 lbs. x 0.89 (adjustment factor) = 69.1 lbs. = 69 lbs.
- (4) Adj. 90-day wt. ratio = 69 lbs./66 lbs. (ram lamb average) = 104.5 or 105

shows, provided the owner obtains an exhibitor's card from the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association as outlined below. Wether lambs may have an adjusted 90-day weight ratio below 95.

If a lamb is sold before being weighed and qualified, it is the responsibility of the new owner to weigh the lamb between 70 and 110 days of age, complete Form ISPTP-2 and forward same to the Indiana Sheep Performance Testing Coordinator by June 15 of the year of exhibition.

Lambs qualified in other recognized sheep performance testing programs may qualify for the Hoosier Gold Medal Lamb Club by meeting the requirements outlined above. Eligibility will be dependent upon receipt of the verified copy of the official performance record of said lambs by the Indiana Sheep Performance Testing Coordinator by June 15 of the year of exhibition.

Showing of Lambs

Any qualified lamb having an official exhibitor's card is eligible for exhibition in any approved Gold Medal show. Lambs whose owners are not able to present the official exhibitor's card certifying eligibility will not be admitted to Gold Medal classes.

The exhibitor's name on the Gold Medal show report must be exactly the same as the owner's name on the official exhibitor's card. Willful exhibition of any animal by a person or firm other than the bonafide owner(s) will result in disqualification for awards for said animal and forfeit of all awards by owner.

Classes at approved Gold Medal shows will be as follows:

1. Single senior ram lambs.
2. Single junior ram lambs.
3. Pair of ram lambs.
4. Champion ram lambs.
5. Single senior ewe lambs.
6. Single junior ewe lambs.
7. Pair of ewe lambs.
8. Champion ewe lambs.
9. Supreme champion ram lambs.
10. Supreme champion ewe lambs.
11. Single wether lambs.
12. Pair of wether lambs.

The pair of ewe lambs and pair of ram lambs may or may not be sired by the same ram. However, both lambs in a pair must be sired by the same ram for point consideration in determining the Ram-of-the-Year award (Quakenbush trophy).

The show management or committee in charge, at approved county, regional or state Gold Medal shows, shall arrange Gold Medal classes for all breeds if the show records are to be used in determining Ram-of-the-Year awards.

Obtaining Exhibitor's Cards

Owners of qualified lambs must designate by July 15 those lambs for which they wish an official exhibitor's card prepared. These cards can be obtained from the secretary of the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association at a cost of \$1.00 each and entitle the owner to exhibit in any Gold Medal show.

Transfer of Qualified Lambs

If lambs already qualified for Gold Medal exhibition are sold, the original owner must enter the new owner's name and address on the official exhibitor's card and forward it to the new owner.

The new owner of the lamb already qualified for Gold Medal exhibition need not reweigh or requalify the lamb, since the official exhibitor's cards remain with the lamb.

Show Reports

All Gold Medal show reports must be forwarded to the secretary of the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association on or before September 15. The show report must indicate:

1. Name of the show.
2. Total number in each class.
3. Placing of each animal.
4. Name and address of exhibitor.
5. Flock code, identification number, sex, date of birth, adjusted 90-day weight and sire's registration number of each lamb shown.

Basis of Awards for Ram and Ewe Lamb Classes

In Gold Medal classes, awards (G, gold; S, silver and B, bronze) will be as shown in Table 2.

Awards shall be made on the basis of Gold Medal show reports of lambs as herein provided; but no award will be made unless all requirements set forth under nomination, qualification and exhibition are complied with.

Awards will be made by the executive committee of the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association under the conditions outlined herein.

Basis of Awards for Wether Classes

In county and regional shows which have no carcass contests, wethers will qualify for gold, silver and bronze awards as single wethers and as pairs of wethers in on-foot classes on the same basis as ram and ewe lambs (see Table 2). Points toward the Ram-of-the-Year award will be granted at county and regional shows only as shown in Table 3, provided both wethers in the pair are sired by the same ram.

Table 2. Gold Medal Class Awards.

No. in class	Placing											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	G, S or B at discretion of judge											
2	G, S or B at discretion of judge											
3	G, S or B at discretion of judge											
4	G	S	B									
5	G	S	B									
6	G	S	B	B								
7	G	S	S	B	B							
8	G	G	S	S	B	B						
9	G	G	S	S	B	B						
10	G	G	S	S	B	B	B					
11	G	G	S	S	S	B	B	B				
12	G	G	G	S	S	S	B	B	B			
13	G	G	G	S	S	S	B	B	B			
14	G	G	G	S	S	S	B	B	B	B		
15	G	G	G	S	S	S	B	B	B	B	B	
16	G	G	G	G	S	S	S	S	B	B	B	B

In county, regional and Indiana State Fair shows where wethers are slaughtered and evaluated on a carcass basis, awards will be given on carcass placings only. To qualify, carcasses must accumulate 90-100 points for a gold award, 75-89 points for a silver, and 60-74 for a bronze in the five standards categories listed in Table 4.

Limitation of Awards

Each exhibitor in Gold Medal classes is limited to two awards in single lamb and pair-of-lamb classes. In any on-foot classes where the exhibitor furnishes his own competition, the judge may award a gold, silver or bronze ribbon if the animals are worthy.

Ram-of-the-Year Award

The Quakenbush trophy will be awarded to the owner of the ram (sire) whose progeny earn the most points in any one year at county and/or regional Gold Medal shows and the Indiana State Fair Gold Medal show.

Table 3. Ram-of-the-Year Award Point System.

Award	County show		Regional show		State Fair	
	Indiv.	Pair*	Indiv.	Pair*	Indiv.	Pair*
Gold	40	60	60	90	80	120
Silver	20	30	30	45	40	60
Bronze	10	15	15	23	20	30

*Same sire.

Table 4. Gold Medal Wether Carcass Standards.

Category	Standard to be awarded*—		
	20 pts.	15 pts.	10 pts.
1. Hot carcass weight (lbs.) per day of age	0.35	0.30	0.25
2. Min. loin eye area (sq.in.) when hot carcass weight is:			
Less than 50 lbs.	2.6	2.4	2.2
50.0 to 54.9 lbs.	2.7	2.5	2.3
55.0 to 59.9 lbs.	2.8	2.6	2.4
60.0 to 64.9 lbs.	2.9	2.7	2.5
65.0 to 69.9 lbs.	3.0	2.8	2.6
70.0 lbs. or more	3.1	2.9	2.7
3. Quality grade	High choice	Average choice	Low choice
4. Yield grade	Up to 2.5	2.51 to 2.75	2.75 to 3.00
5. Fat thickness (in.) over loin eye	0.10 to 0.15	0.16 to 0.20	0.21 to 0.30

* No points will be awarded if the carcass fails to fall within the limits of each category.

Rams are awarded points based on the placings of their progeny at : (1) the highest two county and/or regional Gold Medal shows, and (2) the Indiana State Fair Gold Medal show, as shown in Table 3.

Points will be credited to the sire if both lambs in a pair are sired by the same ram as shown in Table 3. These additional points are credited to the sire regardless of ownership of the lambs exhibited.

From wether carcass shows, points toward the Ram-of-the-Year will be credited to the sires of the award-winning carcasses as follows: gold—100 points, silver—75 points, and bronze—50 points.

General Regulations

Regional Gold Medal shows include a larger area than county shows and are open to any qualified Gold Medal exhibitor. They are supported with funds from the Indiana Livestock Breeders Association to be used for premium money.

All shows are requested to weigh Gold Medal lambs prior to exhibition; and judges must agree to use the performance data on the exhibitor's card as well as show weights in making placings.

All Gold Medal shows must be held separately from any open class, 4-H Club or other show. Ribbons will be furnished to Gold Medal shows by the Livestock Breeders Association upon request.

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