

ARKANSAS MEAT GOAT ASSOCIATION

ARKANSAS BRED WETHER PROGRAM

The members of the Arkansas Meat Goat Association are sponsoring the Arkansas Born and Bred Wether Program to promote the Arkansas meat Goat Industry. The Arkansas Bred Wether Program Committee will determine the official payout based on the number of entries in the show.

Rules for the ArMGA Wether Program

1. Breeders participating in this program **MUST** be a member in good standing for the ArMGA. Breeders participating in the program must nominate their wethers by filling out an ABW Breeders Form and submit it to the ArMGA address listed on the form, along with your payment for the number of ear tags you requested. Once the office receives the official form, a representative of the tagging committee will call to make arrangements to come verify the listed wethers on the form and tag them.
2. The purpose of the Arkansas Born and Bred Wether Program is to promote the showing of wethers born and bred by Arkansas producers. Does will not be allowed to show.
3. Breeders that were a member of the ArMGA by January 1st of that show year will pay a nomination fee of \$10.00 per head. If you join the ArMGA **after January 1st of that show year, you will be charged a nomination fee of \$15.00 per head.** By filling out the breeders form and paying your nomination fee, you are stating the animal meets all requirements to participate in the ABW program. This form must be completely filled out and must include the scrapie tag number. Breeders forms and payment must be postmarked no later than June 2, 2014.
4. **All wethers participating in the program must be tagged by July 15th of that show year, by a member of the tagging committee.** Wethers must be tagged by the tagging committee **prior to leaving the breeders farm with the official ABW ear tag and the herd of origin scrapie tag # that was submitted on the form.** Members of the tagging committee cannot tag their own animals.
5. **July 15th is the ownership deadline for exhibitors.**
6. Exhibitors may nominate up to 6 wethers but only show 3. There will be a **\$25.00 per head fee for each wether nominated.** Exhibitors of these wethers will be the only ones allowed to exhibit them at County, District, or State Fairs. Exhibiting them at any other Fair in the name of another individual or family member could make them ineligible to participate in the program. An exhibitor cannot apply to participate in the program until after the wether has been verified by the tagging committee at the breeder's farm. A member of the tagging committee will place an official ABW ear tag in the animal's ear when all the requirements have been met.

7. It is recommended that wethers be dehorned but that is not mandatory. However, wethers with horns must be blunt tipped to the size of a dime.
8. The minimum weight is 50 pounds. There is no maximum weight limit. All wethers must be clipped to 3/8 inch or less above the knees prior to official weigh-in. Entries will be examined to assure they have all their baby teeth, and show no symptoms of disease, external parasitism, or active ringworm lesions in accordance with Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission requirements. Top 4 placing in each class will be subject to weighback.
9. Exhibitor age requirements. Open to youth of any age. Can show 1 year after graduation. Exhibitor must be able to show animal unassisted. Unruly animals will be asked to leave the show ring.
10. Official protest of exhibitor's fraud or misrepresentation of IAFE rules shall be submitted to the ArMGA along with a \$100.00 fee, in the form of a money order or cashier's check within 24 hours of the alleged incident or conclusion of the show. If the protest is upheld the fee will be refunded. If the protest is without merit the fee will be forfeited to the ArMGA. The ArMGA Board of Directors and ABW committee will have full authority to determine this issue with no further appeal rights.
11. Exhibitor's entry and full payment must be postmarked by September 2, 2014. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

Forms Available at: www.arkansasmeatgoatassociation.com

Mail Forms and Payment to: ArMGA
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