SHEEP DAY-- 2012

PICTOU-NORTH COLCHESTER EXHIBITION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

SCHEDULE

We will begin to set up the tent and pens at 10.00 am. We can always use another hand !!

Sheep Shearing Demonstration TBA

All entries on Exhibition Grounds <u>no later than 12.00 noon.</u> (sheep tent next to the beef barn where the sheep are penned)

Judging begins -- 2:00 pm in the following Classes

Market Lamb

Ewe lamb conformation

Ram lamb conformation

Wool breed

Showmanship

Pen of three replacement ewe lambs

Pen of three yearling ewes

Single yearling ewe

Dress a lamb

It should be noted here that some exhibitors have asked if they could enter the classes with different breeds. It was agreed that, although not necessarily purebred, each class should have the breed characteristics to distinguish the class.

In the pens of three class, the judge will look for the usual conformation as well as a group similar in size ,age, and breed.

Trophy and Prize Presentations

Potluck Supper 4:00pm

Reminders:

Potluck supper under the Sheep Tent begins around 4 pm. Each family is asked to bring a salad or main dish and/or dessert. Last year's winners who have trophies are reminded to return them on Sheep Day. Please don't forget. All animals MUST have a pink Canadian Sheep ID tag (or those tags approved)

At the meeting of Northumberland Sheep Breeders in April, the president announced that he had asked Paul McNutt to judge them show. Paul is well known to many as a breeder of purebred Suffolks and as a judge in many shows held locally- as well as province wide and in neighbouring provinces. He also has much experience in judging commercial ewes and will be able to discuss desirable or otherwise, the traits that he will observe. As in previous years it will be an opportunity for the exhibitor to avail of his expertise with information that will help personal farm decisions.

There will be an entry fee for each class or group. The entry fee will be \$5.00 for a group of three class Individual classes of single animals will be \$2.00 per animal. 4H members will not be charged an entry fee for their exhibits.

Prizes. First place prize for each class of animals shown \$20.00 Second place prize \$10.00 Third place prize if applicable (TBA)

Market lambs must be slick shorn and weigh 80 - 120 lbs.

Entries can be washed and fitted but it is not necessary.

Wool breed competition accepts any wool breed; any age ; either sex; but must be in full fleece.

Any questions - call Richard Hines at 902 351-2027 (President)

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Melvyn MacKay at 902 396-4351 (member of the Exhibition committee)

(Sheep Day at the PNC Exhibition is organized by the members of the Northumberland Sheep Breeder's Association. For more information about this organization contact Richard Hines, Association or Melvyn MacKay at the phone numbers listed above)

Although this is listed as "Sheep Day" it is really another occasion for the sheep breeders to get together to share ideas and to see other breeds of sheep. It is also meant to be a "fun" day and a social get-together of like minded people. Even if you don't plan to enter sheep in any of the classes you can still share in the activities. (Bring along your neighbor. He or she may become interested in this growing industry). Your interest and support will be appreciated by those who organize this event. Hope to see you there. As this is one of the few SHEEP DAYs held in Nova Scotia we feel that anyone, anywhere, will be welcome to attend.