

GCLPA Newsletter

Exhibitor Edition

Spring 2010

Dear GCLPA Exhibitor,

I hope that each of you has enjoyed your time off from showing and working your lambs. I trust that as we move closer to the 2010 show season you have already started thinking about your **NEW** show lambs. Producers have reported that the majority of the 2010 lamb crop has been born and everybody that I talk to tells me that the lambs are generating a great deal of excitement!!!

GCLPA Sale of Champions:

In order to make it more convenient for you to purchase a GCLPA lamb, many of the breeders have agreed to come together once again and put their **BEST** lambs in the GCLPA Sale of Champions. **The sale will be held May 1, 2010 at the Big Pig Jig in Vienna, Georgia.** For lodging and food accommodations, you can go online to www.bigpigjig.com. This facility is located less than a mile off interstate 75 at exit 109. This is about 25 miles south of the Agri Center in Perry.

The 2010 GCLPA Sale of Champions will have the largest selection of show lambs of any sale in Georgia. Our goal is to have 100 lambs from the top breeders in the state consigned to the sale. Because of the quality of animals offered at the 2009 Sale of Champions and success those animals went on to enjoy throughout the show season, consignors for 2010 have strengthened their commitment to offer only the highest quality animals. Our goal is to make this sale a “**one stop shop**” where you will be able to evaluate, analyze and compare the highest quality lambs from the different producers, all in one place, all at the same time. **GCLPA is very excited to offer you this opportunity to choose your 2010 show lambs. Please mark your calendar now for May 1, 2010, because you will not want to miss this sale!!** As we move closer to the date, please watch for more advertisements concerning this event. You can also find out more information about the sale by visiting our website at www.clublambpage.com.

Advantages of Showing Georgia Born & Bred Lambs:

The Georgia Club Lamb Producers Association is looking forward to great things in 2010. Some of the many benefits of showing a GCLPA tagged lamb are:

- Participation in the GCLPA Futurity – pays some of the highest premiums in GA
- Participation in the GCLPA Top Ten Points
- Additional Premiums for GA Born & Bred Division Winners at the State Show
- Top Five Overall Georgia Born and Bred Champions at the State Show
- Get your picture posted on the GCLPA Website “Winners” page

2009 High Point Champions:

Congratulations go out to the following exhibitors:

(Novice Exhibitors)

Kendall Cross -- High Point Novice
Lea Barrow
Will Parish
Elise Webb

(Experienced Exhibitors)

Ty McDermitt – High Point Champion
Kaitlyn Cawley
Taylor Cross
Kandice Hooper
Kate Josey
Scout Josey
Hannah Morgan
Camille Odom
Taylor Waldrop
Jamie Webb

In 2010, we will again have 2 categories for points. They are “experienced” and “novice”. **A novice exhibitor is defined as any exhibitor who is showing for the first year regardless of age.**

2010 Point Shows:

As we move into the 2010 show season, I do hope each of you will keep up with your GCLPA points. All information concerning points and the requirements for calculating points can be found on the GCLPA website. The following shows are point shows for the 2010 season:

Atlantic Coast Classic	Moultrie Lamb Show
West Georgia Lamb Classic	UGA Block & Bridle
Farm Credit Lamb Show	UGA Bulldog Bonanza
GCLPA Futurity	Gwinnett County Fair (Lawrenceville)
Heard County	Georgia National Fair

The official placings of these shows will be posted on the GCLPA website along with the rules and point tally sheets. The GCLPA Website can be found at www.clublambpage.com. Please be sure that exhibitor's names are spelled correctly on the points tally sheets because this is where we gather the needed information to order high point awards.

Georgia born and bred lambs were very competitive in 2009! At the 2009 State Market Lamb Show, 6 out of the 10 division champion and reserve winners were Georgia born and bred lambs!

Please help me congratulate the following exhibitors for their outstanding achievements at the 2009 State Market Lamb Show:

Ty McDermitt – Overall Champion Market Lamb – Champion Division 5

Camille Odom – Champ GA B&B Division 4 – 2nd Overall

Taylor Waldrop – Champion, Division 2 – 3rd Overall

Mikalalah Potts – Res Champ GA B&B Division 4 – 4th Overall

Hannah Morgan – Champion, Division 1 – 5th Overall

Jamie Webb – Res GA B&B, Division 1

Kandice Hooper – Res GA B&B, Division 2

Taylor Cross – Champion Division 3

Meredith Webb – Res Champ Division 3

Camille Odom – Res GA B&B Division 5

Other notable achievements:

Ty McDermitt -- Champ GCLPA Futurity

Bryson Potts – 2010 Champ GA B&B Breeding Ewe

Kaitlyn Cawley – Reserve GCLPA Futurity

Bryson Potts – 2010 Res GA B&B Breeding Ewe

GCLPA Website and Facebook:

I encourage you to visit the GCLPA website at www.clublambpage.com and to become a fan of Georgia Club Lamb Producers on Facebook. While you are on the website or the Facebook page, take a minute to browse through the photos and look at all the winners from GCLPA lambs in 2009. Hopefully, you will see yourself in one of the pictures. If not, make this one of your goals for 2010. Also, while on the GCLPA website, I invite you to join our mailing list. If you will click on the “Contact Us” tab and enter your contact information, including your email address you will be added to the GCLPA mail list. You will then start receiving the most current information related to shows, sales and other GCLPA related business.

Shannon Porter has spent many hours working on the website, creating a Facebook page for GCLPA and improving our overall social networking media. Shannon is a GCLPA Board Member and serves as the board advisor for the Georgia Junior Club Lamb Association. She and her family live in Morgan County where they raise and show lambs and Labradoodles. **Many thanks to Shannon for doing such a great job!**

Georgia Junior Club Lamb Association:

The following is an update from Shannon on the junior association: We had a good response to the debut of our Junior Association in Perry at the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show. We received 15 membership forms and since then I have received a few in the mail. We have also received a few officer applications. I plan to have the GJCLA display at the Sale of Champions in Vienna. I also plan to attend as many other sales as possible to set up the display and spread the word. If you are interested in joining GJCLA, please see me at one of the sales or feel free to email me at shannon@doodlehouselabradoodles.com.

The GJCLA is raffling a really cool show box made by R&J Boxes. You can see a picture of the show box on the Jr. web page at www.GCLPA.com. We sold right at 100 raffle tickets at the Georgia Junior National Livestock Show. We need to sell 100 more. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the proceeds from this raffle will go to the GJCLA scholarship that will be awarded to a graduating senior. If you would like to buy tickets you can see any GCLPA Board Member, or get in touch with me. I am very excited about the GJCLA and I want it to become a strong youth organization in our state. All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to join and help us grow. I think the GJCLA is going to give our junior exhibitors some great opportunities to help the future of the sheep industry in the state of Georgia.

Finally, the Junior Association wants to sell t-shirts as a fundraiser; if you go to the web site you will see the details on how to enter the contest for best design. We hope to have these t-shirts ready for July when we have our GCLPA Futurity and our Ice Cream Social for voting in our new Junior Board. Everyone please plan to attend the social and join GJCLA, it's going to be fun and I need your ideas. You can find all the information you need about GJCLA on the GCLPA web site. You do not have to raise sheep or be a member of the club lamb producers association to become a member of GJCLA so **JOIN JOIN JOIN!**

Sincerely,

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