

MGR Scorecard (Judging Guidelines) for Market Wethers

Category	Points	Ideal Traits	Faults (Moderate to Very Serious)	Disqualifying Faults
General Appearance	30	Balanced, stylish, good length of body, smoothly blended well-muscled, strong bone for size Coat natural short or clipped no more than ½ “ of hair clean Skin: clean, resilient, shiny, pliable Color: all colors & markings acceptable Size: all sizes acceptable, each entry evaluated uniformly via categories on scorecard	Hair: more than a ½” VERY SERIOUS Transmittable skin conditions or parasites: SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS	Genetic Hernias (umbilical)
BASIC STRUCTURE Head & Expression	20	Head: medium length, broad muzzle, concave below eyes (dry) Ears: broad, medium length, carried outward or angled forward Eyes: set far apart, prominent, may bulge Bite: incisors meet dental pad evenly, and all milk teeth must be intact. Horns: equal length, 1.5"between bases Polled and disbudded are also correct Expression: alert and animated Jaw: broad, strong, well-muscled	Roman nose: VERY SERIOUS Ears: erect, drooping to side, too long/short, MODERATE TO SERIOUS (degree) Ears: incorrect attachment VERY SERIOUS Over bite/under bite: SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS (depending on degree) Dangerous, unsightly scurs: MODERATE Horns pointed forward: SERIOUS Horns too close together: MODERATE	Face Crooked Total blindness Disfiguring Malocclusion Any evident of permanent teeth
Neck, Chest & Shoulders	15	Neck extended and blended smoothly into chest and withers Chest floor deep, wide, prominent brisket shoulder blades firmly attached, full at point of elbow	Thin or ewe neck: SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS Narrow chest: MODERATE to SERIOUS Poor shoulder attachment, loose elbows: MODERATE to VERY SERIOUS (degree)	
Legs, Pasterns & Feet	10	Forelegs: muscular, straight (front & side) strong bone, parallel, clean knees Rear legs: well angulated, perpendicular line from pin bones thru rear of hock & pastern, straight from rear, strong bone, Pasterns: strong, flexible, short to medium Legs set wide, square, with straight tracking Feet: strong, toes tight, pointed straight ahead	Crooked legs: MODERATE to SERIOUS (degree) Enlarged knees: MODERATE to SERIOUS Posty rear legs, cow hocked, base narrow, lack of muscle definition (mature animals): SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS (degree) Weak pasterns: SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS Legs set wide, square, with straight tracking	

			Poor tracking: SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS Feet: strong, toes tight, pointed straight ahead Feet splayed, pointing to side: MODERATE to SERIOUS	
Barrel, Back, Loin & Rump	15	Barrel: ribs long, well sprung, deep, blending smoothly into a strong flank. Back: strong, straight, level, wide, muscular Loin: long, wide, well-muscled Rump: strong, wide, slightly angled from back to tail, well defined muscle extending down the hind leg & over the thigh	Barrel: narrow, lacks capacity: SERIOUS Back: weak, swayed, roached, short: MODERATE to VERY SERIOUS (depending on degree) Loin too narrow, lacking length & muscle SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS (degree) Severe dip behind withers: VERY SERIOUS Steep or level rump: SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS Rump: lack of muscle: SERIOUS to VERY SERIOUS Wry or broken tail: MODERATE TO SERIOUS	Hermaphroditism
Condition	10	Exhibiting good flesh and muscle	Emaciation: VERY SERIOUS Over conditioned: MODERATE to VERY SERIOUS (depending on degree)	
Total Points	100			
Attention Judges: Please examine each wether (with hands) to verify that there are no testes apparent in their scrotal area, stomach or groin. If such tissue is discovered, that goat will be disqualified. Do not inspect teats on wethers because goats do not reproduce.				