



# JUDGE ALONG

## at the Missouri State Fair

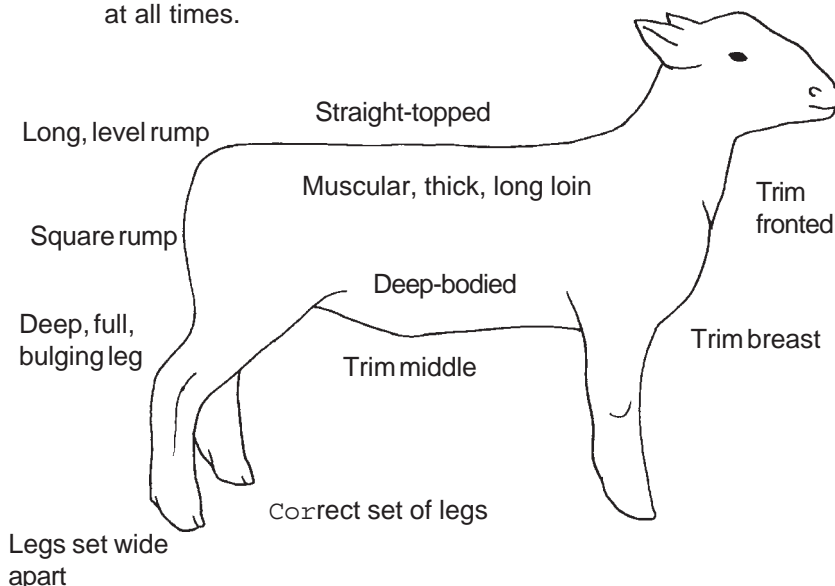
### Sheep

#### What a judge might look for in sheep:

- ◆ Sheep that are long-bodied and level-topped.
- ◆ Good evidence of meatiness/muscle, with adequate growth for the animal's age.
- ◆ Animals that are healthy and alert, with no defects.
- ◆ Sheep that stand up well on all four legs.
- ◆ Wool that is clean and properly prepared.
- ◆ Especially for breeding animals, sheep that conform to the standards of the particular breeds. Consideration is also given to characteristic male and female traits.

#### What a judge might look for in the show ring:

- ◆ Showmanship includes general appearance, especially cleanliness of the animal, and the exhibitor's ability to lead and pose the animal in the ring.
- ◆ The judge observes the animals, checks their mouths for proper alignment of the jaws, and handles the animals to determine the dimensions of the bodies and the degree of meatiness/muscle.
- ◆ The judge lines up the class in numerical order from the last to first place based on his/her judgment of each animal's overall merits.
- ◆ A good showman is polite and courteous to other exhibitors and pays attention to both the animal and to the judge at all times.



#### TERMS

**Ewe:** a female sheep, any age

**Lamb:** a sheep less than 1 year old

**Ram:** a male sheep of any age that is used for breeding

**Wether:** a castrated male sheep, used for market

