

Wisconsin Southdown Breeders Announce New Starter Ewe Lamb Program for Youth

The Wisconsin Southdown Association (WSA) is announcing a new program called the "Starter Ewe Lamb Program". The purpose of the program is to promote and encourage Wisconsin youth involvement in Southdown sheep. The program will award a high quality Southdown Ewe Lamb to two Wisconsin youth who do not currently own Southdowns. The breeder of the donated ewe will mentor the youth in feeding and management decisions for the ewe. Youth will be required to show the ewe at two shows and report to the WSA on the progress of the ewe and their sheep project. Wisconsin youth ages 9-16 enrolled in 4-H or FFA who do not already own Southdown sheep are eligible to apply. The application deadline is March 28th, 2009.

"The Southdown breed has become a leader in the sheep industry in the area of youth programming and leadership opportunities. Wisconsin Southdown youth have had a significant impact on a local, state and national level in the breed. This program is a way of developing future leaders and Southdown enthusiasts in the state of Wisconsin and giving more youth a positive Southdown experience," said Amy Jones from the Wisconsin Southdown Association.

The program details as well as an application can be found on the WSA website, www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com. The ewes will be awarded to the two youth selected at the Wisconsin Invitational Sale in April. If you have questions, please see the WSA website or contact Debra McClintock at W2696 Hwy 16, Bangor, WI 54614 or e-mail at dp.mac.111@hotmail.com.