

## **Dorset Advantage**

(info added to the Rules Guide)

### **-Premise**

-The Dorset Advantage percentage registry has been established to showcase the positive influence of purebred Dorset genetics when they are included in planned crossbreeding scenarios. And, help to provide producers with a label and genetic record of these hybrid sheep who are superior based on the genetic potency of their purebred Dorset ancestry.

### **-Privileges of Registration are the same as for purebred sheep**

### **-Eligibility**

- The sire OR dam must be a registered purebred within the Continental Dorset Club.
- The purebred parent may be horned or polled; male or female.
- A Dorset Advantage sheep may be 50% Dorset or higher (ex. a Dorset Advantage registered sheep bred back to a Dorset can also be registered as a Dorset Advantage)
- Dorset Advantage sheep can not be bred up to Purebred status, no matter the percentage.

### **-Rules for Registration**

-Same as purebred sheep, EXCEPT, sire OR dam must have CDC purebred registration number along with flock name and private ID. Non-purebred parent will either be designated as "Unregistered" in place of a registration number OR will include a CDC Dorset Advantage registration number (ex. DA-123456) with a private flock name and ID.

### **-Guidelines for Membership, Ownership, Transfers, and Fees are the same as for purebred sheep.**

### **-Shows / Sales**

- The CDC will endeavor to include a Dorset Advantage division for females/rams at the six sponsored Regional Jr. Shows, the All-American Jr. Show and the NAILE.
- To be eligible to show the animal must carry a CDC Dorset Advantage paper showing 1/2 blood or higher Dorset percentage.
- Dorset Advantage sheep will show slick shorn.
- If a separate Dorset Advantage division is not offered at a show, then they are to be shown in the AOB Division. They are never to be shown with the other purebred, registered Dorsets.