

# GCLPA Newsletter

*Exhibitor Edition*

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Dear GCLPA Exhibitor,

The 2008 GCLPA Board of Directors worked very hard last year to make your show experiences in the Junior Market Lamb Project both memorable and enjoyable. In an attempt to carry on this task, the 2009 Board wants to make absolutely certain that you are recognized for all your effort and hard work. Therefore, the 2009 GCLPA Board of Directors voted to extend the deadline for turning in 2008 points until **February 27, 2009**. This decision was made for two reasons. First, some exhibitors wanted to turn in points but did not know where to go or who to contact to get point sheets, and there was uncertainty about the deadline. Second, there were some misunderstandings as to the definition of a “novice exhibitor” during transition from the 2008 Board of Directors to the 2009 Board of Directors. Some exhibitors turned in novice points based on documentation found on the 2008 Points Tally Sheet and others turned in novice points based on verbal explanations from board members. For this reason and for the 2008 points season, **a novice exhibitor is defined as any exhibitor who is turning in GCLPA points for the first time regardless of number of years of experience.** Please understand, this deadline extension is a **one time opportunity** as the GCLPA Board feels this is the only way to be fair to each and every exhibitor. All exhibitors who turned their points in by the November 15, 2008 deadline and qualified for the top ten will be recognized. In addition, if an exhibitor turns in a point tally sheet during the extension period and their point total is as high as or higher than the original top ten, they will also be recognized. This will be a win/win for everyone. Again, the Georgia Club Lamb Producers just want to be sure that we have acknowledged the effort of all the exhibitors who show Georgia lambs.

If you have already turned in your GCLPA Points for 2008 as an experienced top ten exhibitor and need to be reclassified as a novice exhibitor based on the definition above, please call or email me. My phone number and email are listed at the bottom of this letter. If you are comfortable that your points have been sent and received, then you do not need to do anything. However, if for any reason you are interested in turning in your 2008 GCLPA Points, and have not already done so, you can download the necessary documents from the GCLPA Website. The GCLPA Website can be found at [www.clublambpage.com](http://www.clublambpage.com). When the page opens, scroll down the list of breeders and click Georgia Club Lamb Producers. When this page opens, click on the “Point System” tab. When the tab opens, you will find the GCLPA Scoring System and also you can get a Points Tally Sheet by clicking on the words that say “[if you need a point sheet click](#)

[here](#)” Fill out the point tally sheet and put it in the mail to me. **Please remember your envelope must be postmarked no later that February 27, 2009.**

Upon visiting the GCLPA website, I am sure you will notice that it has a new look. Shannon Porter has spent a great deal of time working on the website. Shannon and her family are GCLPA members and live in Morgan County. In addition to raising and showing lambs Shannon also raises Labradoodles. Please help us express our thanks to Shannon for doing such a great job on the website. While you are on the website take a minute to browse through the photo gallery and look at all the winners from GCLPA lambs in 2008. Hopefully, you will see yourself in one of the pictures. Also, please go to the “Contact Us” tab and enter your contact information including your email address. This will make you part of the GCLPA mail list and you will receive the most current information related to shows and sales and other GCLPA related business.

The Georgia Club Lamb Producers Association is looking forward to great things in 2009. 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
- GA Born & Bred Division Champions and Reserves 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

Finally, 2009 lambs are already hitting the ground and from what I see and hear from breeders around the state, they look outstanding. In order to make it more convenient for you to purchase a GCLPA lamb, many of the breeders have agreed to come together and put their best lambs in the GCLPA Sale of Champions. **The sale will be held May 2, 2009 at the Big Pig Jig in Vienna Georgia.** The 2009 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 this strong commitment from the breeders, this will be 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. In order to ensure only the highest quality offered for you to purchase, breeders consigning lambs to the sale have agreed not to sell any lambs off their farm prior to the sale. Please mark your calendar now for May 2, 2009, because you will not want to miss this event. GCLPA is very excited to offer you this opportunity to choose your 2009 show lambs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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