

# GCLPA Newsletter

*Producer Edition*

*Fall 2009*

GCLPA Members,

What a great year 2009 has been for GCLPA. This success is a direct result of all the hard work from the producers in the association.

GCLPA producers set the bar really high for the year at the 2009 Sale of Champions by selling 66 lots for an average of 367.00 per lot. I have been told that both of these numbers were possible sale records. These lambs went on to be successful at shows throughout the southeast. Each of you deserves a huge pat on the back for your efforts towards this achievement. **This is a huge step forward and a great foundation on which the sale can build in 2010.**

As producers it is imperative that we recognize what a great job the exhibitors who purchased our lambs did of feeding and showing them. Exhibitors showing Georgia bred lambs had champion and/or reserve at 70% of the 2009 point shows. It is important to remember here that all point shows had to be open to the entire state as a minimum. Many of these shows were not only open to GA exhibitors with "out of state lambs", but also to exhibitors from outside Georgia who were showing GCLPA lambs. At the 2009 State Market Lamb Show 82% of the lambs exhibited were GA born and bred, as were, all five of the division winners in the final drive. Just take a minute and think about that last statement. That's pretty remarkable. **Again, congratulations to each of you for a job well done.** Remember, lambs do not have to be GCLPA tagged to be considered GA born and bred. Let's spend some time trying to recruit those producers who are not members of GCLPA. The more members we have the stronger we can become as an association.

I would like to take this opportunity to say "THANKS" to Shannon Porter for her continued efforts with the GCLPA website. She has spent many hours working to make this site informative and easy to follow. Now our website is always neat, professionally done and up to date. Because of Shannon's efforts, traffic to the website has increased dramatically. If you have not had an opportunity to see the most current updates, I invite you to browse through the GCLPA website. The website can be found at [www.clublambpage.com](http://www.clublambpage.com). Once the website opens scroll down the list of alphabetical breeders to Georgia Club Lamb Association. Please send pictures you have of winnings with any of your GCLPA tagged lambs. We want to share all our success stories with everyone.

With respect to calculating points, the following are the **2009 Point Shows:**

Atlantic Coastal Classic	Sylvania Georgia
West Georgia Lamb Classic	Carrollton, Georgia
Farm Credit Lamb Classic	Perry, Georgia
GCLPA Futurity	Perry Georgia <b>(Double Points)</b>
UGA Summer Lamb Classic	Athens, Georgia
UGA Bulldog Bonanza	Athens, Georgia
Heard County Lamb Show	Franklin, Georgia
Moultrie Show	Moultrie, Georgia
Gwinnett County Fair	Lawrenceville, Georgia
GA National Fair	Perry, Georgia

From these ten shows, exhibitors will choose their 4 highest shows to calculate points. Official results from these shows, along with "point tally sheets" can be found on the website. In order to be a point show, it must be open to the entire state and the superintendent of each show must agree to submit an official copy of the show program to GCLPA. I have already started receiving point sheets, however, it would be good to contact all exhibitors who purchased your lambs and remind them to turn in points.

Premiums paid to Georgia Born and Bred lambs at the State Market Lamb Show as passed at the annual membership meeting are as follows:

Division Champion	\$ 60.00
Reserve Div. Champ	\$ 40.00
Champion Georgia Born & Bred	\$ 500.00
Reserve Georgia Born & Bred	\$ 400.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall	\$ 300.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Overall	\$ 200.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Overall	\$ 100.00

Congratulations to the following exhibitors who took home GCLPA prize money:

Ty McDermitt	Div 5 Champ & Overall Grand Champ
Camille Odom	Div 4 Champ, Div 5 Res GA B&B & Res Overall GA B&B
Mikalah Potts	Div 4 Res GA B&B Champ, 4 <sup>th</sup> Overall GA B&B
Taylor Cross	Div 3 Champ
Meredeth Webb	Div 3 Res
Taylor Waldrop	Div 2 Champ & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall
Kandice Hooper	Div 2 Res GA B&B
Hannah Morgan	Div 1 Champ & 5 <sup>th</sup> Overall
Jamie Webb	Div 1 Res GA B&B

**CONGRATULATIONS not only to these exhibitors but to all that showed GCLPA lambs.**

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The board will have its winter board meeting on December 12, 2009 at the Agricenter in Perry. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and will conclude around noon. If you have items or ideas you would like discussed in the meeting, please send them electronically or in writing to any officer of board member by December 5, 2009. I have already received agenda items on tag fees and adding a "For Sale" section to the website. Please keep the ideas coming.

**Important Dates To Remember**

December 1, 2009	Entry Deadline for State Breeding Ewes
December 12, 2009	Winter Board Meeting
February 18-21, 2009	State Breeding Ewe Show

Sincerely,

Steve Morgan; Secretary/Treasurer