

Nov. – Dec. 2009
Boer Wether Meat Goats
Placing 3-4-2-1
Cuts: 3-4-2

I place the Boer Wether Meat Goats 3-4-2-1.

In my initial appraisal of the class, I sorted the wethers into 2 pairs. The #3 and #4 wethers being in the top pair as they appear rounder in their rib shape and more market (or show) ready in terms of maturity and condition.

I choose to start the class with the #3 wether. He is easily the most attractive in his design; being taller fronted, longer sided and more extended through his front 1/3 than any of the other wethers in the class. It is difficult to tell how powerful he is over his rack, loin and through his leg, but from this view, he simply excels the class in terms of look and design.

I follow #3 with what appears to be the most powerful (heaviest muscled) wether in the class, that being #4. #4 has the most expression of muscle through his forearm and from these photos, appears to be the widest based wether in the class.

In a close bottom pair, I choose to place #2 over #1. The #2 wether is longer sided and more tubular in his design than #1. I criticize #2 as being steep through his hip as well as appearing to be the narrowest based wether in the class.

The #1 wether certainly has positive features. He is stout made and nicely balanced. However, he is the smallest framed, shortest bodied, deepest sided wether in the class and places last.

Thank you,

Mike Wallace