

NAILE BREEDS LISTING

The North American Livestock Exposition displays many breeds of animals. Below you will find a list of breeds that are represented during the exposition. While most people in the livestock industry seem to be striving for the perfect animals, perfection is probably not quite possible today. There are so many different breeds of beef cattle and dairy cattle and swine for a variety of reasons. Different characteristics are preferred in different climates and geographic areas, for example. Human preferences for animal characteristics differ, too. Some farmers may prefer to raise leaner beef cattle to meet the demands of a specific market. Each breed has its own particular characteristics, and shows at the North American usually judge an animal against others in the same breed.

The Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University have developed areas on their Website to give further information and a brief history of many of these breeds, plus much additional information on livestock. (www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds)

BEEF CATTLE

Beef cattle are divided into shows by breed, which are co-sponsored by their breed association. Cattle are judged for breeding characteristics that vary from one beef breed to another. Overall quality and health are also very important. In a funny way, beef cattle competition is similar to human body building competition. Judges look for muscle development and minimal fat. Size is important, but extreme body characteristics are not usually favored. The profitability of the cattle – how much money they are likely to bring at market – is tied into the animal's efficiency: how effectively it can translate grass and hay into quality meat.

American Aberdeen	Miniature Hereford
Angus	Red Angus
Balancer	Red Poll
Belted Galloway	Salers
Charolais	Santa Gertrudis
Chianina	Shorthorn
Chiangus	Shorthorn Plus
Gelbvieh	Simangus / Simsolutions
Hereford	Simmental
Limousin	South Devon
Maine-Anjou	Wagyu
Maintainer	

DAIRY CATTLE

The showing of registered dairy cattle is an important part of the promotion, merchandising and breeding program for many dairy producers. Dairy Cattle are shown by breeds, and judged based on their “dairy character,” the judge’s notion of what that animal should be.

Ayrshire	Jersey
Brown Swiss	Milking Shorthorn
Guernsey	Red & White
Holstein	

SHEEP

Sheep are shown for two purposes: meat production or wool production. Sheep shows at the North American are based on the breed.

Border Cheviot	Montadale
Border Leicester	Natural Colored
Columbia	Oxford
Corriedale	Rambouillet
Cotswold	Romney
Dorper	Shropshire
Dorset (horned & polled)	Southdown
Hampshire	Suffolk
Katahdin	Tunis
Lincoln	

DAIRY GOATS

Seven breeds of Dairy Goats are shown at the North American. Goats are judged on their overall body style, and also on their dairy characteristics.

Alpine	Recorded Grades
La Mancha	Saanen
Nubian	Toggenburg
Oberhasli	All Other Purebreds

BOER GOATS

Boer Goats made their debut appearance at the 2000 North American. Boer Goats are different from Dairy Goats because they are used primarily for their meat. Boer goats are the only meat goat breed that is shown. They are a horned breed with lop ears and show a variety of color patterns.

LLAMAS

Llamas are shown in three types of classes at the North American; pack classes, competitions for cart driving and obstacle courses and wool classes. In the wool categories, the llamas are judged in female and male categories. Then each class is based on age.

There are three wool categories:

- Light (animals in this category have a slick head – similar to a Labrador Retriever)
- Medium (between Light and Heavy)
- Heavy (animals in this category have bangs over their eyes and fuzzy legs)

SWINE

The swine judged at the North American are Market Hog classes. The hogs are judged on their expected meat quality before being sold and going to slaughter. The show is open to gilts (young females) or barrows (males castrated before reaching maturity). All breeds show together in classes divided by weight. Some of the breeds included in the Market Hog Show are listed below.

Berkshire	Landrace
Chester White	Poland
Crossbred	Spotted
Duroc	Yorkshire
Hampshire	

QUARTER HORSE

Quarter Horse is a breed of horse. Quarter Horse shows have many different classes and divisions. Horses are judged on body confirmation (muscular and skeletal structure) and style in the halter classes. Performance is important in the riding classes. Here there are two divisions: Western Pleasure and English Saddle. In Western Pleasure classes, the showman wears western attire and is mounted on the horse with a western saddle. In English Saddle competitions, the rider usually has on a dark jacket, tan pants and an English hat. The saddle is smaller and does not have the horn that the western saddle has. Pole Bending, Barrel Racing and Cutting Competitions are based on time and performance of the horse.

DRAFT HORSE

The Draft Horse show has two categories: Halter and Hitch Performance Classes. In the Halter classes, the horses are judged on body confirmation (muscular and skeletal structure). In the Hitch classes, the horses are judged on their performance while pulling a cart or a wagon.

Belgian	Percheron
Clydesdales	Shire