## Market Sheep Project



**Important Dates** 

April 2nd: MQA Testing- Your family will receive an email if you have to take the test

May 9th: LAST DAY to own and have in your possession Market Sheep

May 11th: Weigh Day-8:00-10:30am at Pathfinder Park(for State Fair Must request DNA

Packets from State Fair Website)

**June 5th:** Market Test at Extension Office 8am-10am

June 6th: Market Test at Extension Office 6-8pm

June 10th: Fair Entry Online opens

June 27th: Market Retake Tests at Extension Office 6-8pm

July 1st: Last day to enter Fremont County Fair at NO CHARGE

July 10th: Record Book Workshop 5:30-7:00pm

July 29th: Livestock Check In 8:30 -9:30am

**Mandatory Livestock Exhibitor Meeting- Time TBD** 

July 31st: Market Sheep Show followed by Showmanship 1:00pm

August 3rd: 8:00 am Master Showmanship

2:00pm Buyers BBQ

4:00 pm Market Livestock Sale

August 4th: Fremont County Fair Clean Up

August 22nd: LAST day to turn in Record Books to the Extension Office

Contact the office with any questions! 719-276-7390

## Helpful Tips Straight from the Fair Book!

### What should I wear at the fair?

Long or short sleeved button shirt or blouse, clean dark colored jeans, or slacks. Hard soled closed-toed shoes or boots for safety. NO HATS OR CAPS.

#### **MARKET SHEEP**

Exhibitors are responsible for all health rules that apply to their project. Exhibitors must have taken a written exam and meet eligibility requirements.

Arrival Time: As to be communicated by Fair Board on entry arrival times and weigh-in times on Monday July 29th 2024.

Market Sheep must weigh a minimum of 100 lbs., there is no maximum weight; however, Sheep must be carrying all milk teeth in normal positions. Sheep showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will be disqualified.

All Sheep under 100 lbs. will be shown in a special class and will not be eligible for the Market Livestock Sale, Ultrasound Contest, or Special Awards. They will only be eligible for class ribbons.

An Ewe shown in the Market Class cannot be shown in the Breeding Class.

Market Sheep MUST be shorn to no more than ¼" at weigh in.

Drenching for hydration purposes will be allowed for market sheep, NO Stomach pumping devises will be allowed.

Market Sheep Classes
Classes divided according to weight
Class 5171, Bred by exhibitor

BREEDING & MARKET SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Class 5301, Senior Showmanship (14-18 yrs old)
Class 5302, Intermediate Showmanship (11-13yrs old)
Class 5303, Junior Showmanship (8-10 yrs old)

## **What Goes in the Showbox**

Trimming Stand
Blower

Degreasing Shampoo for Livestock
Conditioner for Leg Wool
Polish Spray
ProPink Sheen Spray
Slicker Brush
Pocket Brush
Drencher
Extention Cord/Power strip

**Gas Pills** 

**Anti D** 

**Mineral Oil** 

**Waterless Shampoo** 

**Feed** 

**Feed Pans** 

**Leg Wraps** 

Pens, Sharpie and a notebook

**Towels** 

**Show Halters with Chain** 

Water Hose with spray nozzle

Show Blanket-Blankets, tubes, and socks can be used to keep lambs clean after shearing and before showtime. Use a blanket with a mesh rear for ewe lambs to avoid urine stains.



Hoof trimmers
Fly Spray
Feed
Buckets for water
Muzzels
Safety Pins

**Manure shovel** 

Show Clothes- 2-3 Long or short sleeved button shirts or blouses, 2-3 pairs of clean dark colored jeans, or slacks, a belt. Hard soled closed-toed shoes or boots for safety.

## **Buyer Letters**

## Why is the 4-H buyer letter and marketing so important?

Each year the community comes out to attend the 4-H auction and spends thousands of dollars supporting 4-H kids in their projects. Without the support of local businesses there would be no stock sale for your kids to sell their animals at. Getting out and delivering market letters to these local businesses is a great way to keep your auction going and to get new buyers to the fair!

## Who should you send/deliver a letter to?

# What should you include in your letter?

Any local business your family patronizes Your families Doctor, Dentist, Eye Doctor, Orthodontist or any other specialist you see

**Previous Buyers of your 4-H animal** 

Relatives, Family Friends, Neighbors

An introduction:
Your name, age, Club, and project

Something you learned raising this animal

An invitation to the auction including:
Fair information
Sales Dates, Time and Location
Extension Office phone number for more information

Thanks for their support in the past if they've previously bought an animal

Picture of you with your project animal

## **What Not to Include**

Any hardships your family is going through.

Having an asking price for your animal.

Asking for a direct donation.

Any threats to not do business with them anymore if they don't buy your animal