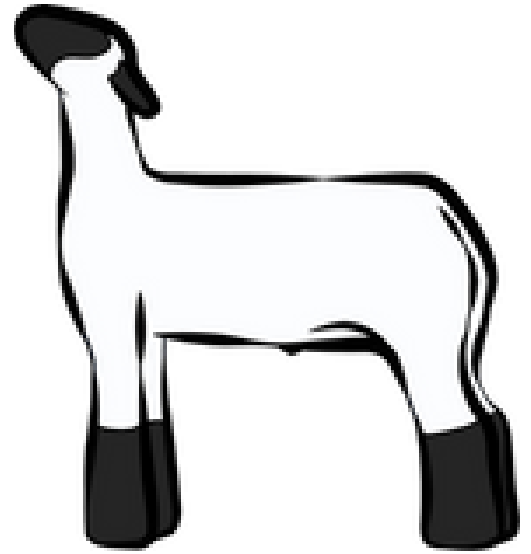


Market Sheep Project

Important Dates



April 3rd: MQA Testing- Your family will receive an email if you have to take the test

May 7th: LAST DAY to own and have in your possession Market Sheep

May 10th: Weigh Day-8:00-9:30am at Pathfinder Park

(for State Fair Must request DNA Packets from State Fair Website)

June 9th: Fair Entry Opens All Fair Entries will be done on paper this year!

June 11th: Market Test at Extension Office 5:30pm-7:30pm

June 12th: Market Test at Extension Office 8:00am-10:00am

June 26th: Market Retake Tests at Extension Office by appointment only

June 30th: Last day to enter Fremont County Fair at NO CHARGE

July 2nd: Late Entry Deadline with fee by 5:00pm

No Entries will be accepted after this date!

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

July 28th: Livestock Check In 8:30 -9:30am

July 29th: Mandatory Livestock Exhibitor Meeting at the show ring 1:00

immediately followed by Mandatory Livestock Ultrasound

July 30th: Market Sheep Show followed by Showmanship 1:00pm

August 2nd: 8:00 am Master Showmanship Mandatory Meeting Followed by Master Showmanship
2:00pm Buyers BBQ

4:00 pm Market Livestock Sale

August 3rd: Fremont County Fair Clean Up

August 21st: 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 28th, 2025.

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 devices will be allowed.

No Accessories during weigh in.

**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

Slicker Brush

Pocket Brush

Extension Cord/Power strip

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?

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

What should you include in your letter?

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