

DIVISION 2: SHEEP

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1. Market and Breeding sheep shall have NO EVIDENCE OF SURGICAL DOCKING, PROLAPES, PURSE STRINGS, SUTURES, ETC. If any of these are evident in any sheep it will be disqualified for the show and will be removed from the grounds.
2. To be eligible for competition, Market Sheep must be the property of the exhibitor and officially ear-tagged 60 days prior to the fair. All sheep must have a scrapies tag at the first weigh-in and to check-in at fair. Each 4-H or FFA member will be charged a \$5.00/ animal fee at first weigh-in for market animals and with pre-entry for breeding.
3. Breeding sheep ownership is 60 days prior to the fair and must have a scrapies tag.
4. *****ALL BREEDING SHEEP WILL BE SHOWN SLICK SHORN (WOOL LENGTH NO LONGER THEN 1/4 INCH) UNLESS THE ANIMAL IS SHOWN AS A WOOL BREED.** This will apply to ALL: Breeding Animals that enter the show ring to exhibit in the breeding show.
5. *****ALL SHEEP ARE TO BE SHEARED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL ON FAIRGROUNDS.** Touch-up and fitting is allowed on the grounds.
6. *****Speckled face sheep and white face sheep may show as a wool breed upon Superintendents' approval.** Superintendents' decision on classification will be final.
7. Lambs may be mouthed for over age. Lambs must be born after Dec. 1 of the previous year. Lambs showing either or both of the first pair of permanent incisors will not be eligible to show in Market Lamb classes.
8. Each exhibitor may enter and show 2 market lambs if they have a complete record book of all animals in that project. Each Exhibitor May also enter 1 lamb for the carcass contest. Each exhibitor may only sell 1 animal in the Livestock Sale.
9. Market Sheep may be divided into meat and wool breeds for judging. Speckled face lambs and white face lambs may show as wool breeds. Superintendent's decisions on classification will be final. (Market Sheep must weigh the following to show: **100 -170 lbs** exceptions are white face and Southdowns **80-170 lbs.**)
10. Homegrown class comprised of market lambs born and raised by the exhibitor.
11. CLEAN UP- All pens and alleys must be cleaned daily before 9:00 a.m. with refuse disposed of as posted.
12. WATER - A water container, with water, must be present in each pen at all times. Mesa County Livestock Leaders or Superintendents reserve the right, at its sole discretion to give water to any sheep while on the Mesa County Fairgrounds.
13. SIGNAGE- All members must have a sign on their pen/s with their name and club on it.
14. Wet towels only will be acceptable. Towels immersed in ice water will not be allowed.
15. RATE OF GAIN - Award the top 10 places.
16. Market lambs must gain a minimum of 20 pounds between first weigh-in and fair weigh-in to be eligible to show and sale.
17. CHECK OUT AND RELEASE - All Market and Breeding Sheep members check out with the superintendent before removing their sheep from the fairgrounds.
18. There will be **NO** wood shavings allowed in the pens.
19. Muzzles may be use in an appropriate manner.

SECTION 1: SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

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| Class #1. | Novice Showmanship |
| Class #2. | Junior Showmanship (ages: 8, 9, and 10) |
| Class #3. | Intermediate Showmanship (ages: 11, 12, and 13) |
| Class #4. | Senior Showmanship (ages: 14 and up) |
| Class #5. | Adult Showmanship |
| Class #6. | Sheep Lead |

Sheep Lead Contest

The contest will be held on Tuesday, July 24th, 2017 in the main show ring.

1. Contestant must be a Mesa County resident.
2. Entries open to any qualified person (girls and boys).
3. Enter with Sherissa Katezenberger (sherissa.arpke@gmail.com or 970-424-2422) or Tammy Hill (46sheplady12@gmail.com or 970-712-8488) by July 1st.
4. Sheep to be led must be a ewe, or wether that is conditioned, fitted to under ¼" of wool, and trained to show at halter. It may be a borrowed sheep. All rules for exhibiting sheep at the Mesa County Fair are applicable, regardless of breed.
5. The contestant will be judged on the suitability of garment selected. The outfit must be at least 50 percent wool and be appropriate to the contestant's age and size. The aim is to present a stylish and attractive picture and to lend elegance to the class. Contestants must provide their own outfit, but it need not be homemade. Contestants should be prepared to show verification of fabric content. Sheep must also be wearing a garment made of wool.
6. The age divisions shall be:

Wee Peep Division—5 and under
Bo Peep Division—6-8 years
Junior Division—9-13 years

Senior Division—14-21 years
(Age determined as of December 31, 2017)

7. Entry shall include a description of the garment to be worn, background of contestant, including name, age, school, and short resume of the contestant's sheep background/interest. This information will be read during contestant's promenade of the ring. The write up should not exceed one-half sheet of paper, typed, and double spaced.

8. A \$10 entry fee, and the description must be received by the Mesa County Extension Office by July 1st

9. If an animal used is not entered at the fair, please notify the Extension Office by July 1st so stall space will be available.

10. All animals must be checked by the vet before unloading from the trailer when arriving at the fairgrounds.

SECTION 2: MARKET SHEEP

Class #1. Feeders (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

Class #2. Market Lambs - Meat Breeds

Class #3. Market Lambs - Wool Breeds

Class #4. Home Grown (market lambs born on your property, placing in this class will not determine sell order). (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

Class #5. 4-H/FFA Club Groups of Three Lambs. Three entries required for a class, if a club pre-enters, they must show. (*not necessary to pre-enter*)

SECTION 3: BREEDING SHEEP

	Meat Breeds	Wool Breeds
	CLASS#	Class #
Ram Under 12 mo.	1	7
Ram 12 to 24 mo.	2	8
Ram over 24 mo.	3	9
Ewe Under 12 mo.	4	10
Ewe 12 to 24 mo.	5	11
Ewe Over 24 mo.	6	12

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram (Meat)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (Meat)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram (Wool)

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ewe (Wool)

Class #13. Flock (consisting of one ram and two ewes)

Class #14. Get of Sire (consisting of Sire and three offspring)

Class #15. Dam and Produce (Consisting of Dam and up to three of this year's offspring)

Class #16. Ewe Start

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Eligibility

1. Applicants must be in 4-H or FFA and remain in good standing throughout the program.
2. Applicants must be between 9 and 16 as of January 1st.
3. The contest is limited to 4-H and FFA members who have exhibited livestock (horse, beef, sheep, swine, or goats) for at least one year.
4. Applicants must complete an application and interview process in order to be considered for the program.
5. The member and/or parent or guardian must have the facilities necessary to properly house, feed, and maintain breeding ewes and their offspring. Failure to provide may result in elimination from the contest.

Rules

1. Up to 5 new members will be brought into the program each year. Members and parents or guardians will be required to sign a contract at the beginning of the program.
2. In the case of unusual circumstances, members may buy out of the program prior to the two-year requirement with approval of fairboard.
3. Ewe and sponsor will be selected by drawing.
4. The bill of sale for the ewe will be filed with Mesa County Fairboard until the member has satisfactorily completed the requirements.
5. Basic requirements for completion of the program include, but are not limited to
 - a. Ewe and lamb(s) must be exhibited and shown in breeding sheep for 2 consecutive years.

- b. Records must be kept in the 2 years of participation
 - c. Bi-monthly letters must be written to the producers and sponsors which will be collected by the mentors to be mailed.
 - d. Lambs from the member's ewe may be purchased from the program for market price at fair after completion.
 - e. Participants must be show in the ewe start lamb class the first year and in the ewe start dam and produce class the second year.
6. The ewe and lamb(s) must be on exhibit during the same time as all other breeding sheep. They will be brought in Monday for vet check and may leave the fair grounds on Tuesday after the show.

SECTION 4: LAMB CARCASS CONTEST

Superintendent:

1. Wether and ewe lambs are eligible for competition.
 2. All animals must be weighed and tagged at the first weigh-in in May.
 3. Each junior exhibitor is limited to ONE (1) lamb in the program.
 4. Pre-entry is REQUIRED. The proper form must be completed and returned by entry day June 15th.
 5. The actual animal being entered in the carcass program must be designated at the fair weigh-in.
 6. Required weights for carcass entry. All market lambs except Southdowns 100lbs. Southdowns and white face 80 lbs.
 7. Carcass contest lambs will be shown in a separate class or classes to be determined by weights.
 8. Animals entered in the contest will be delivered to the designated processor on Tuesday, July 24th.
 9. Carcass may be observed at D&M Meats at 4:00 p.m., July 25th.
 10. AWARDS:
 - Carcass 1st and 2nd place - cash awards
 11. Fees - \$10/Lamb
 12. Exhibitors must secure their own buyers.
- Class #1. Lamb Carcass Contest (*no ear tag is required on entry form*)