



Jr. Market Lamb Show

Superintendent: Margaret Ciriza

Assistant Superintendent: Greg Lara

Judge: Lucas Tuck

Check In: Tuesday, of fair week, 7:00am-12:00pm

Show: Thursday, of fair week, 8:30 am

****Entry Deadline: Friday September 4, 10:59pm****

Division Rules

See Junior Division General Livestock Rules

All **in-state** junior livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, and swine) showing at New Mexico shows must have an NMLB approved 840 tag and a Form 1 inspection issued by the NMLB before entering any county or state Fair. All **out of state** livestock must comply with New Mexico import requirements. The Form 1 inspection will be issued at the time the NMLB approved tag is placed in the animal. The application of the tag will be done by the extension agent, FFA advisor or Fair personnel. The purpose of these requirements is to keep on file a record of animals that are commingled at Fairs and shows.

Ownership

Any animal shown in this department must continuously have been owned and personally cared for by the exhibitor since June 30th of the current year. Market sheep must be tagged with an 840-ear tag. All market sheep will be tattooed with a 4-H in the left ear or an A in the right ear (required by NMLB if the exhibitor does not have a registered brand). Any animal that has been sold through a non-premium sale in any state or county may not be exhibited at the SNMSFR.

YQCA Certification

All exhibitors of junior market animals are required to submit a YQCA Certificate number at entry. No junior market animal will be allowed to show without the number.

Entries

The entry deadline is Friday September 4, 2026, 10:59pm. All entries will be entered and paid online.

Late Entry Fee: Late entries will be accepted until September 15, 2026, 10:59, with a late fee of \$25 per animal.

Entries will only be accepted on-line through the Southern New Mexico State Fair website. The entry fee is \$15 per lamb. The entry fee for Showmanship class is \$5. There is no limit on the number of sheep each exhibitor may enter. Only wethers and ewes may be exhibited in market sheep classes. Only sheep under one year of age, milk teeth required, are eligible to show in this division.

Arrival

Jr. Market Sheep entries must be on grounds by 12pm on Tuesday of Fair week. At check-in, market lambs head and legs must be washed, and be slick shorn with a uniform fleece no longer than 1/4" upon arrival.

Classification

Breeds must be entered during online registration. Sheep classification will take place at check-in. Each breed or type classification will be equally divided among the number of classes designated in each breed or type classification. The decision of the classifier shall not be subject to protest or appeal.

If you have any questions about inspection requirements, please reach out to the superintendent or assistant superintendent **BEFORE** check in.

Show Weight

Minimum weight for Southdown is 60 lbs. and all others minimum weight is 80 lbs. There is no maximum weight.

Pens/Stalling

Depending on the number of entries, sheep will be placed 2 to 3 per pen. Wood Shavings will be permitted but must be cleaned before release. To prevent animals from ingesting wood shavings it will be up to the exhibitor to muzzle their animal(s). Sheep stands will not be allowed in the beef fitting area due to space limitations. Shavings will not be furnished by the SNMSFR.

Fitting

The following materials are **prohibited** and include, but are not limited to, painting, powdering, oiling, artificial coloring, or adhesives. **No** painting, powdering, or artificial coloring is allowed. Only water may be used on sheep. Any dressing other than water will be cause for immediate removal from the show ring and face disqualification by the superintendent or judge. The showgrounds electrical grid power is limited, generators are allowed. All generators must be placed in approved areas only and equipped with G.F.I.

Box Fans

Due to the heat, and the limited power grid of the showgrounds, box fans will be allowed with the following rules.

- Fans can only be powered by generators.
- Generators can only be placed in approved areas.
- Generators should be equipped with G.F.I. outlets.
- Fans must be equipped with a ground wire
- Attaching or extending an extension cord in an unsafe manner is prohibited
- Any cords may not obstruct alleyways, pens, or are in the way for animals to reach.
- Fans must be mounted in such a manner safe for the animal.
- No fans will be permitted in aisles and walkways.
- Fans may be inspected by any show staff. Any violations will be cause for removal of fan.

Junior Livestock Sale

A total of 24 junior market sheep will be eligible for the sale. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion are required to sale.

****New for 2025** Exhibitors are allowed to sell 2 animals in the Livestock Sale, but they must be of different species.**

Release

Sheep will remain in place until the official check-out times as provided in the schedule of events. Release/destination sheets can be picked up in the livestock office at any time and are due back by 10:30 am Saturday of Fair week.

NOTE – if requesting early release for sheep entered in other shows (county, national, or state shows) you must have proof of entry.

Showmanship

A Showmanship contest will be held following the Grand Drive. The class is open to all Junior Market Sheep exhibitors and must be entered at the time your online entries are made. The fee for the Showmanship class is \$5 and is paid with online entries.

Champion Showman:

Novice.....Buckle & Banner

Junior.....Buckle & Banner

Senior.....Buckle & Banner

Reserve Champion Showman:

Novice.....Banner

Junior.....Banner

Senior.....Banner

Peewee Showmanship

A Peewee Showmanship class will be held following Senior Showmanship. The class is open to all youth who are under the **MINIMUM** eligibility to show in the market sheep show as of January 1 of the current year. 1st place Peewee Showman will receive a buckle.

Classes

Note* All breeds must have at least six (6) lambs entered to have a breed class. If a breed has more than six (6) lambs entered but an individual predetermined weight break has less than six (6) lambs, classes will be combined within the breed so that no individual class has fewer than six (6) lambs. If a breed does not have at least six (6) lambs, then those lambs will be combined.

Only 1st & 2nd place animals in each class are eligible for breed champion and reserve champion awards. Only champions and reserve champions in each breed are eligible for top 5 overall placings.

Breeds:

Speckled Face

Lambs that are crosses of wool breeds and medium wool breeds.

- Must be a cross with evidence of a percentage white face and percentage black face.
- Significant spotting must be present for at least two of the following areas: face, ears, and/or legs below knees and stifle joint.
- Hide must be pink in color.
- All Weights

Whiteface

Wool breeds and other Whiteface including Rambouillet, Debouillet, Moreno, Columbia, Corriedale, Targhee, Dorsett and crosses of these breeds.

- Must be completely white faced and white legged.
- All Weights

Hair Sheep

- Must follow breed type.
- All Weights

Southdown and Shropshire

- Small to medium sized breed with gray to mouse-brown face and lower legs and is polled.
- All Weights

Blackface/Medium Wool

- Suffolk and Hampshire breed and crosses
- Lambs that do not fit into the other color/breed divisions.
- All Weights

Awards

- Classes
 - 1st – 6th place in class.....Ribbons
- Breed
 - Breed Champion.....Buckle, Rosette, Banner
 - Reserve Breed Grand Champion.....Rosette, Banner
- Grand Champion Drive
 - Grand Champion.....Buckle, Rosette, Banner
 - Reserve Grand Champion.....Buckle, Rosette, Banner
 - 3rd – 5th Overall.....Banner



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