



**2025 Hillsborough County Fair
October 30-November 9, 2025
MARKET LAMB SHOW & SALE**

Entries Available: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Entries Due: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Drawing: 5/1/2025 @ 6 PM

Check-in: Thursday, November 6, 2025 @ 8-9AM

Meeting to follow check-in at 10

Show and Showmanship: Thursday, November 6, 2025 @ 6 PM

Showmanship first followed by the Show

Sale Day: Saturday, November 8th, 2025 @ 5 PM

Check Out: Following Sale

Contact Information for Committee:

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Please be sure to also read the “General Livestock Rules of the Hillsborough County Fair”

Eligibility

1. Youth enrolled in a Hillsborough County 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, YLPA, youth who live in Hillsborough County, OR youth who attend school in Hillsborough County.
Ages will be determined as of September 1, 2025
Novice 5-7 years old
Junior 8-10 years old
Intermediate 11-13 years old
Senior 14+ years old
Committee may move age breaks if need be due to numbers of exhibitors in a category.
2. *The number of entries will be limited to 55 exhibitors and 5 chapters, determined by a drawing to take place on May 1st, 2025 @ 6 PM at the Hillsborough County Fair Grounds. Payment MUST be paid the night of the drawing if selected to show.
3. If you have previously entered the Market Lamb show by completing an application and paying an entry fee but didn't tag a lamb at the initial tag-in, you may not apply for this years' show without a 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, or Committee Members recommendation.

4. No claims for injury to any person or damage or loss of any property on account of fire, theft, or any other cause shall be made against The Greater Hillsborough County Fair, its agents or officers, by or on behalf of an exhibitor.
5. Lambs must be primarily of Hampshire, Suffolk, Southdown, Shropshire, Dorset, or Dorper descent.
6. Wethers and ewes are eligible (rams must be castrated by the initial tag-in.)
7. A non-refundable \$30 entry fee is required by each exhibitor.

General

1. Chapter and Club animals may be shown, one animal per chapter/club.
2. Exhibitors may enter one lamb in the Market Show (this does NOT include breeding animals for the Breeding Show.)
3. *Exhibitors may tag a back-up lamb. Siblings/families (who reside together at least part time) may share or have their own back-up lamb.

Initial Tag-In

1. The initial tag-in will take place on Saturday, 7/26/25 beginning at 9am, at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds. (Goats will also be checking in so please follow the signs.)
2. It is recommended that lambs be approximately 3-4 months old at this time.
3. Animals will be owned and housed by the exhibitor at this time.
4. Animals will be assigned a Hillsborough County Fair ear-tag.
5. All animals must also have a scrapie tag or microchip (If your animal is microchipped, please bring your reader.)

Record Books

1. Record books will be required of exhibitors and will be available online by the initial weigh in.
2. Record books will be turned in at the final check-in on Thursday, November 6th, 2025.
3. Graded record books will be returned to exhibitors at the Livestock Awards Dinner.

Final Weigh-In and Check-In

1. The final weigh-in and fair check in will be Thursday, November 6th, 2025.
2. Lambs will be a minimum of 100#.
3. Lambs will be weighed one time.
4. Lambs should not be over one year old at this time.
5. A mandatory exhibitor meeting will be held at the conclusion of check-in.
6. Any and all medicines given while at the Fair must be done under the supervision of a veterinarian.
7. Exhibitors are expected to keep their animals' area clean and animal fed and watered regularly. Please bring your own supplies to clean animal pens.

Market Show and Showmanship

1. Showmanship will begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 6th, 2025. Show will follow.
2. Exhibitors must use their own animal in showmanship.
3. Market classes will be determined by weight.
4. All breeds will show together.

5. Exhibitors will show and sell their own animals. Exceptions can/will be made for accidents, injury, or illness by the committee.
6. Exhibitors will wear Official FFA, 4-H, or YLPA Dress.

Auction

1. The sale will be held Saturday, November 8th, 2025, beginning at 5PM.
2. Exhibitors will wear Official Dress.
3. All animals will be sold at the live auction and transported to a fair designated facility upon completion of the show.
4. Removal of ear tags is prohibited.
5. Exhibitors are expected to communicate with local businesses and are strongly encouraged to bring new buyers to the fair.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for their animal until after the conclusion of the entire sale.
7. Thank you letters or gifts MUST be mailed or delivered to your Buyer by December 15, 2025.
Acceptable proof of delivery: copy of thank you letter mailed to the Fair office, photo with your Buyer texted or emailed to Ms. Brittany are due 12/15/24. We strongly encourage you to NOT give a Buyer Gift the night of the sale.

This is a TERMINAL sale. No live animals that are purchased in the Youth Market Animal Sale will leave the fair with the buyer or exhibitor. Animals will be transferred from the fair straight to the processor designated by the Hillsborough County Fair. In no instance shall an animal be purchased back from the processor by the exhibitor, exhibitor parents, or anyone associated with the exhibitor. All animals will be slaughtered immediately following the sale. No animal shown/sold will be shown elsewhere after the sale date of Nov. 8, 2025. The Hillsborough County Fair has an agreement with the processors and no animal will leave the processor facility unless slaughtered.

The Hillsborough County Fair is responsible for selecting processors for resale animals. Exhibitors are prohibited from reaching out to processors to purchase resale animals.

***Please note that the committee reserves the right to change, add, or omit guidelines at any time as deemed necessary. Exhibitors, parents/guardians, and advisors/leaders will be notified of any changes.**

**** Please be sure to read ALL General Livestock rules as they will apply also.**

Final interpretations of all the above rules will be made by the Hillsborough County Fair Market Lamb Show and Sale Committee and all decisions are final.