

LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR
2026 MARKET LAMB SHOW RULES

1. Weigh-in of market lamb will be **Sunday, April 26, 2026**, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds from 1 pm to 3pm. They must have a **Scrapie** tag to weigh in. 2. Exhibitors may weigh in from one (1) to six (6) lambs.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) entries in the market lamb class at the Lincoln County Fair.
4. Only those animals that have lamb teeth will be eligible to show in the lamb classes. 5. **Check in** is Tuesday Morning at 8:00am with final weigh in beginning at 9am -10am. ALL lambs **MUST** have a **health certificate** that must have been written within 30 days of exhibition. Paper copies are preferred. Lambs will not be unloaded until the health certificate is viewed and the lamb is cleared free of clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease. **They also must have a Scrapie Tag and a fair tag before they are unloaded.**
6. Market lamb must be slick sheared at the time of check-in, including all areas above hock-knee and from the ears back.
7. Market lamb will be shown at the fair on Wednesday at 5:30pm. Classes will be divided into groups by weight. Market Lambs will be weighed only once. All lambs (4-H and FFA) will show together.
8. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 75 pounds and a maximum of 160 pounds to show and sell at the fair.
9. Muzzles will not be allowed on market lamb.
10. Abuse of animals: Should any physical abuse be observed toward an animal, either in the barn or in the show ring, the superintendent has the authority to eliminate show animals and exhibitors from the show.
11. No ice, ice water, or alcohol may be used externally or internally as a fitting practice for 4-H/FFA market lamb.
12. There will be no withholding of water at any time animals are housed on the fairground.
13. **Pumping** or **Drenching** of any species, unless under a veterinarian's supervision, will not be allowed.
14. Once a lamb has been led into the show holding area, no additional grooming/clipping by show assistants will be allowed. The class closes when the first animal on the class list enters the ring. Late animals will not be eligible for championship drives.
15. Animals are to be groomed/clipped by the 4-H or FFA lamb exhibitor with assistance from the immediate family or other 4-H or FFA lamb exhibitors only.
16. Sheep showmanship winners will be selected during the 4-H and FFA market lamb shows.
17. Showing:
 - a. All 4-H/FFA shows will have an exhibitor meeting prior to the show. b. Owners must exhibit animals registered in their names. Barn Chairman may permit another Lincoln County junior exhibitor to show an animal if one exhibitor owns two animals in the same class or in case of illness or physical handicap. Assistance may be allowed in placing feet and controlling the animal in emergency situations. Assistant must be another Lincoln County Junior exhibitor.

- c. After a class has been placed in the show ring, officials, including the judge, reserve the right to re-inspect any animal.
18. When a judge is handling lambs or when you are waiting to be judged, all four (4) feet must be on the ground. It is acceptable to briefly lift the front end of a lamb off the ground to set the front feet.
19. A Herdsman Award will be presented to the 4-H or FFA sheep exhibitor who presents the best-kept pen area. An anonymous donor makes the award possible. The Herdsman Award is based on observations from Tuesday through Thursday of the fair, the time when the market lambs are in the barn.
- a. The Herdsman Award will be in two categories, ages 13 and under and age 14 and above.
- b. Pen areas are to be kept neat and clean according to the livestock committee rules. c. The pen presentation will be observed with attention given to signs and information given as to exhibitor and breed.
- d. The care and handling of animals will be observed while the animals are both in the pens and as grooming is being done.
- e. Assistance given to other sheep exhibitors will also be observed as part of this award.
20. Sheep project meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Lincoln County Extension Center, 800 West College, Troy, MO 63379. **Meetings are *not* held in December, July, and August.**
21. As part of the Livestock Exhibitor Agreement, every exhibitor is responsible for working a minimum of one (1) work night per livestock project area. (Example: if enrolled in Lamb and Steer you will be responsible for working on the lamb work night and the steer work night.) The work night scheduled by your 4-H club or FFA Chapter does not count as a livestock work night as it is counted as a club meeting night to meet the requirement for club attendance. Work nights for the market lamb project are **May 19, 2026**, and **June 16, 2026**, at 6:00 pm. **Exhibitors not attending and participating in the workday may forfeit the privilege of showing at next year's fair.**
22. Show Me Quality Assurance meetings will be held for members at a date to be determined. The Show Me Quality Assurance is a STATE rule requiring certification from all exhibitors.
23. All Market Lamb exhibitors are required to remain in the barn until sale is finished, and you are released by the sheep barn committee – Sharon, Jamie, Tricia and/or Tim. 24. **All market lambs must be removed from the barns by 8 am Friday morning, unless they are staying for the breed show.**