2026-2027 Market Lamb Rulebook

TO: Market Project Exhibitors
4-H Agents, 4-H Leaders, FFA Advisors

The application form and rules for the 2026-2027 Osceola County Fair & Kissimmee Valley Livestock Market Program will be available online August 1st. You can access forms by going to the KVLS website at www.osceolacountyfair.com.

IMPORTANT: All exhibitors MUST HAVE BEEN ACTIVE member in good standing the prior year (as defined by the governing association guidelines) in the 2025-2026 4-H OR FFA PROGRAMS and must be verified as an active member according to the YOUTH MARKET ANIMAL RULE #1. Please read the Market Lamb Show & Sale Rules.

COMPLETE forms Online between August 1st – 15th at 12:00 midnight. **YOU MUST RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM.**

If a draw is needed it will be held on the first Thursday after registration closes at the Fair office.

Participants are required to review the following:

- Market Lamb Show & Sales Rules
- Please complete and submit the following online:
    - Application Form

    By completing the application form online, exhibitors and parents certify that they have READ and UNDERSTAND the Rules and Regulations set forth in this, and all corresponding documents.

If you should have any questions, please contact your Committee Chairperson(s):

- Chairperson – HyLeigh Pearce (407) 785-4219 – pearcefam25@gmail.com
- Co-Chairperson – Michelle Richards (321) 624-9080 – mrich0831@gmail.com

Please see the Osceola County Fair Event Calendar for mandatory dates.

Please note:
Yellow = New/ Changed

February 12th– 21st, 2027
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GENERAL RULES

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Only active Osceola County 4-H or FFA members are invited to participate; and must be residents of Osceola County and currently enrolled in school.
    a. Anyone having graduated from high school, or currently dropped out of school, shall be ineligible to enter, show, or sell their market animals. All entrants must be active in the 4-H or FFA Programs and meet all their requirements.
    b. The child must be an Osceola County resident OR live/resides on land in a bordering county, which the property continues, into Osceola County, may participate in the market animal programs provided they abide by all other rules and regulations.

    Minimum Exhibitor Age is 8 years old
    (Ages are prior to September 1st of current 4-H/FFA Year)

2. The Market Lamb Show and Sale will be limited to thirty-five (35) lambs with three (3) alternates. Application forms are due on the required deadline date. The drawing will be held immediately after the Market Hog drawing.
3. Applicants will be divided into two (2) groups as follows:
    a. GROUP A: Exhibitors that exhibited an animal in the Market Lamb Show and Sale.
    b. GROUP B: All others qualified to participate. If necessary, Group B applications will be numbered. The corresponding numbers will be placed in a hat and numbers will be drawn until the total number of lamb exhibitors is 35, plus three (3) alternates. Alternates will be telephoned in the event either a Group A or B exhibitor defaults.
4. The Lamb program is accepting lamb entries from those 4-H and FFA clubs, which want to enter a lamb under their club's name as a fundraiser. All club lambs must follow ALL the same rules and procedures as an individual project for Record Books, Skill-A-Thon, show, sale, dress code, etc.
5. Exhibitors are allowed to show a market lamb or goat as a 2nd market project their first year.
6. All Exhibitors are required to complete Ethic Class. If you need to sign up for the class, go to **https://floridastatefairag.com/**.

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AGE DIVISIONS:

Junior: 8-10 / Intermediate: 11-13 / Senior: 14-18

- If your animal does not make weight, or if you do not meet any of the requirements of the market animal department, you are ineligible to compete in the Showmanship, Fitting & Grooming competition, and Premier Exhibitor with the market animal exhibitors. You will be able to compete in the Open Animal Showmanship and Fitting & Grooming provided they are offered.
- Any 4-H, FFA, or Open exhibitors conducting or participating in any illegal or illicit activities including tobacco, alcohol, and vaping around the Fairgrounds shall forfeit all rights to show and/or sell at the Fair. Any monies owed by the Fair for sales, premiums, and awards will be withheld by KVLS for current year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SKILL-A-THON:

1. All exhibitors are required to attend the Skill-A-Thon event. (Bring a copy of your 1st semester report card.) Any exhibitors with a (1st semester) GPA of 3.25 may opt out of taking the Skill-A-Thon unless competing for Skill-A-Thon competition or Premier Exhibitor.
2. **All other exhibitors with a GPA lower than 3.25 will be required to take the Skill-A-Thon and pass with a minimum of 70% to be qualified to show their market animal.** If a 70% or above is not attained, the exhibitor will be given the opportunity to re-take the Skill-A-Thon. The first score will be used for the Skill-A-Thon competition and Premier Exhibitor.
3. See the event calendar for Skill-A-Thon date and time.
    - **Incentive.** All exhibitors that have a 3.5 GPA for the first semester (not weighted or cumulative) or score at least 95 on Skill-A-Thon will receive one (1) Funcard. Any exhibitor that achieves both the 3.5 GPA and scores at least 95 on Skill-A-Thon will receive two (2) Funcards. This is to be used only for the exhibitor it was issued to. Any exhibitor abusing this will have the privilege taken away.

RECORD BOOKS:

- Record books must be completed and turned in if the animal is to be shown at the Fair.
- Records books will be graded from 1-100+ points. **Exhibitors must have a minimum of 70 points OR pass to be able to show his/her animal.** The Record Book must be kept in

the exhibitor's own handwriting (no typewriting). The only exception to this is the auctioneer's statement, which must be typed.

- Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place BLUE RIBBON Record Books.
- At the time of official Record Book turn-in, the exhibitor must declare if the Record Book enters the competition or pass/fail category. No matter the decision, the books must pass in order to show.
- For the current fair year: If an exhibitor applies, qualifies, and intends to show a market animal at the Osceola County Fair, a record book must be completed and turned in to KVLS in January and 4-H in May. If an exhibitor starts a market animal project (animal has an official weigh in), regardless of whether the animal meets the minimum weight requirement at final weigh-in, health or behavior issues hinder it from being shown, or the animal dies prior to the record book turn-in date, a record book should still be turned into both KVLS and 4-H for the exhibitor to qualify for the market program the following fair year. This requirement applies to the exhibitor's primary and secondary animals, when applicable.
- In any of these circumstances, the exhibitor should complete the record book to the best of their ability, providing all pertinent animal information in the applicable sections. The record book must receive a passing score (or a 'pass' if entered in the pass/fail category) from the KVLS Record Book Committee in order to fulfill this requirement.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- Exhibitor Scholarship rules and application forms may be obtained online.
- The applications would be accepted via email submitted no later than midnight the date of the market animal Skill-A-Thon competition. This will allow us to have an electronic record of the applications submitted and eliminate any misplaced or not submitted applications. The email is kvlsscholarship@gmail.com.
- You must be age 14 by September 1st of current 4-H/FFA Year.
- The scholarship committee will provide a review process to select the top 15 applications which will then continue to the next level of completion which will include an illustration talk/demonstration on leadership or citizenship within the project area and an interview.
- The fifteen (15) youths selected to compete for the interview/illustrated talk portion of the competition will be notified via email.
- Memorial scholarships are only eligible for those who compete for the KVLS scholarships.
- See the Event Calendar for complete details.

ELIGIBILITY OF ANIMAL:

- Limited to Market Lambs (open ewe or wether). Each exhibitor will be responsible for obtaining his or her own lambs. The lambs may be purchased in or out of Osceola County. There will be no preconditioned or pre-shown lambs allowed. **There will be a mandatory meeting date we will determine.** All exhibitors must attend this meeting. If there are any questions or problems, please contact the Lamb Committee Chairpersons.
- All lambs will be tagged with a KVLS tag at the 1st weigh-in, including spare animals. All lambs must have a Scrapes tag on the animal at first weigh-in. Animals not displaying a Scrapes tag will not be permitted to be unloaded.
- Weight will be recorded on a certified scale.
- If your animal is injured at weigh-in, please notify the chairman before you leave the premises.
- Exhibitors may purchase and tag a spare animal and can only show one (1) Market Lamb. A spare lamb can be shown in the Open Class at the Breeding Sheep Show.
- Primary animal must be declared when Record Book is submitted.

VET REQUIREMENTS:

- It shall be the responsibility of each exhibitor to have his or her Market Lamb entry vetted. Each exhibitor must present an official and current health certificate at the final weigh in, it must list permanent identification and free of evidence of disease.
- Vet Day is to be determined. Please see Event Calendar.

FINAL WEIGH-IN & ANIMAL ELIGIBILITY:

- Minimum weight at final weigh-in is 80 pounds. Please note: if an animal does not make weight, it can be shown in the Open Class during the Breeding Sheep Show. There is no maximum weight; however, the lambs must exceed their beginning weight from the October weigh-in. Exhibitor will not be paid for any weight over 180 pounds. Lambs will be weighed on certified scales and this will be the official weight.
- A mandatory meeting will be held the day of final weigh-in.
    - See the event calendar for date and time (Exhibitor or their parent must be present for weigh-in and the mandatory meeting.)
- Lambs will be placed in a class based on weight. Once the classes are posted to the board in the barn, they are final.
- Lambs must be carrying milk teeth and be under 14 months of age at the time of the show.
- The market animal may be re-weighed only once. The animal will be led off the scales. The scales will be balanced and the animal led immediately back on the scales without leaving the site of the scale-man.

- There will be only one STANDARD SIZED halter and lead rope allowed per animal.
- No animal food or water allowed in scale area.
- All livestock market weigh-in scales will be positioned so the weight displays are clearly visible to the public.
- NOTE: In the event the number of applications exceeds the number of pens available for housing the lambs, management reserves the right to assign more than one lamb to a pen or make whatever arrangements are deemed necessary. All pens are assigned.

SHOWING:

- All lambs must be trained for show and to be controlled by the exhibitor. Animals that cannot be handled properly will be asked to be haltered or be disqualified.
- Filling of sheep with any substance is prohibited. All sheep must be shown in their natural confirmation and structure without alterations or modifications, except for the grooming and treatment of the wool and trimming of the hooves.
- The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 parent will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with wristband will only be allowed in the barn during the exhibitors designated weight division/showmanship division. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined $100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitors premium check.
- Market lambs may not be shown in breeding show or showmanship. Breeding sheep may not be shown in market show or showmanship.
- Please see the dress code (page 8).
- Exhibitors will be showing their lambs as registered. Switching lambs or sharing lambs is not allowed. The same lamb cannot be shown twice by two different exhibitors. If two (or more) exhibitors are signed up to show the same lamb, they will be disqualified. This includes both show and showmanship.

SHOWMANSHIP:

- See Calendar for Showmanship/Fitting & Grooming Awards. There will be a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Class. Rules will be discussed at the mandatory meeting.
- The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 parent will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with wristband will only be allowed in the barn during the exhibitors designed weight division/showmanship division. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined $100.00 which will be deducted

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FITTING AND GROOMING COMPETITION:

- The Fitting and Grooming event is a timed competition that evaluates participants' skill and efficiency in preparing lambs for the show ring.
- Participation is optional. Sign-ups will be during registration and at the final weigh-in.
- Exhibitors have 45 minutes to complete the Fitting and Grooming event. Once the timer ends, the exhibitors must put cleaning and shearing tools down.
- Classes will be divided into Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors.
    - Juniors: Wash/clean lamb to be show ready.
    - Intermediates: Shear lamb to be show ready.
    - Seniors: Shear lamb to be show ready.
- Exhibitor numbers will be distributed during the mandatory meeting. The numbers must be worn during competition.

FITTING AND GROOMING QUALIFICATIONS:

- Junior, Intermediate, and Senior exhibitors lamb wool cannot be shorter than 1/2 inch (minimum) prior to the Fitting and Grooming competition. If the wool is shorter than 1/2 inch, the exhibitor will be disqualified from Fitting and Grooming. If a Junior, Intermediate, or Senior exhibitor is found shearing their lamb on the fairgrounds prior to competition, they will be disqualified from Fitting and Grooming. The wool will be measured upon arrival to fairgrounds.
- Intermediates and Seniors may rinse their lamb prior to the competition for shearing purposes only. There should be no thorough cleaning prior to the competition, this includes fluffing leg wool, wiping ears, and using grooming or trimming tools.
- Intermediate and Senior exhibitors can have 1 helper to "spot" the lamb during competition. Their purpose is to keep the lamb from falling off the stand. The spotter cannot assist physically or verbally. If the spotter is seen helping clean or shear, the exhibitor can be disqualified from the Fitting and Grooming competition.
- Junior exhibitors are not allowed a helper/spotter during Fitting and Grooming.
- Please see the dress code (pages 7-8).
- Once awards are completed and lambs are returned to pens, all exhibitors must return

to the Fitting and Grooming area to help clean. Put away chairs, sweep wool, put grooming/trimming tools away, move stands back, etc.

BEDDING & CARE ON FAIRGROUNDS:

- All animals will be bedded on sawdust. If exhibitor is not participating in Fitting and Grooming, Market Lamb must be show ready before their arrival at the Fair. Show ready lambs should have wool no longer than 1/2 of an inch except on the boots. Lambs are to be kept clean and in show condition until official release time. The animal must be fed, cared for and their beds/grooming area cleaned daily by the exhibitor for the entire time they are on the Fairgrounds. If this is not done, a $50.00 fine will be deducted from the sale of your animal.
- Please make sure all lambs are free of worms.
- Exhibitor and/or a representative will be present to assist in setting up the pens per the assigned date and time.
- Failure to assist in the set-up of the pens will result in a fine deduction of $25.00 will be deducted from the gross amount of market animal check.
- Any exhibitor that fails to assist for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show any animal species the next year.
- Exhibitor will be fully responsible for providing feed, water, and keeping their animal's pen clean until the official release time or at a time the Fair closes on Sunday at 5:00pm.

DRESS CODES

FITTING & GROOMING DRESS CODE:

- All exhibitors must wear the exhibitor shirt and jeans (with no holes).
- Juniors: please bring a change of clothes for after washing lamb.
- Boots or leather closed toed shoes. Juniors are allowed to wear rubber boots.
- No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.
- THERE WILL BE NO EXECEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

SHOW DRESS CODE:

- All exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeved, collared dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with dark blue or black western trousers or western jeans (jeans cannot have any holes).
- Boots or leather closed toed shoes.
- Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
- No other jackets, vests, or ties will be allowed.

- All exhibitors are required to wear show numbers on front and back of shirts.
- THERE WILL BE NO EXECEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

SHOWMANSHIP DRESS CODE:

- All exhibitors must wear a white, long-sleeved, collard dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers (jeans cannot have any holes).
- Boots or leather closed toes shoes.
- Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA jacket. A 4-H or FFA tie may be worn if the exhibitor desires.
- No other hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.
- THERE WILL BE NO EXECEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

SALE DRESS CODE:

- All exhibitors must wear a long-sleeved, collard dress shirt or blouse, tucked in with nice clean jeans or western dress trousers (jeans cannot have any holes).
- Boots or leather closed toes shoes.
- Hats, jackets, ties, vests, will be allowed.
- THERE WILL BE NO EXECEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

JUDGING:

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will be selected. Second place animal in the class that produces the Grand Champion will be eligible for Reserve Champion.
- Exhibitors will receive ribbons; however, since the exhibitor will profit from the sale of their animal, no premium monies will be awarded. Points will be awarded to those competing for the Scholarships.
- ALL JUDGE'S DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.

SALE:

- All animals must be considered for sale and considered terminal projects.
- The order of sale will be Grand, Reserve, followed by all first, second, third, etc. places in each class. Buyback prices will be pre-established by the packer's bid.
    - No riding animals
    - No animal will be sold more than once during the sale.
    - Buybacks will only go to the pre-approved packer.
    - Each exhibitor shall be responsible for his/her own buyer.
    - All exhibitors are encouraged to try and invite new businesses; there is no limit to the number of letters you may send out. The more buyers who attend, the better

the auction.

- Please see the dress code (page 8).
- Exhibitor will be fully responsible for feeding, watering, and keeping the animal's pen clean until the official release time or at a time the Fair closes on Sunday at 5:00pm.
- Exhibitor and/or a representative will be present to assist in breaking down the pens (see Post Fair).

BUYER/SALE:

- Five (5) percent of sale value will be deducted by KVLS for expenses of the sale.
- You will also be assessed the current rate for your respective Beef and Hog Councils (if applicable).
- Buyer Gifts will no longer be accepted the night of the auction. You will be required to deliver your Buyer Gift when you deliver the Buyer plaque and photo.
- The barn shall be closed 1 hour prior to showmanship/show/sale. The exhibitor and 1 parent will be provided with an armband in order to gain access into the barn during showmanship/show/sale. Exhibitors and 1 parent with wristband will only be allowed in the barn during the exhibitors designated weight division/showmanship division. If the exhibitor, parent or guests do not adhere to the barn rules during showmanship/show/sale the exhibitor will be fined $100.00 which will be deducted from the exhibitors premium check.

CHECK-OUT:

- Exhibitor and/or representative will be present to assist in setting up the pens per the assigned date and time. This includes both market lamb and breeding sheep exhibitors.
    - Failure to assist in the set-up of the pens will result in a fine deduction of $25.00 will be deducted from the gross amount of market animal check.
    - Any exhibitor that fails to assist for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show any animal species the next year.

POST FAIR:

- Your buyer thank-you letters (one per market entry) must be received in the Fair Office by 5:00pm the first Friday after the Fair closes.
    - It must be in an UNSEALED ENVELOPE, STAMPED, ADDRESSED TO YOUR BUYER(S), AND RETURN ADDRESSED. Failure to turn in your letter(s) in the allotted time will result in a fine deduction of the gross amount, per market animal, from your check and the check will be held until you do so.
    - Any exhibitor that fails to submit their thank you letter(s) by the deadline for 2

consecutive years will not be able to show the next year.

- In addition, each exhibitor is required to hand deliver (or mail deliver, if the buyer is from out of county) buyer photo (photo supplied by KVLS) and/or plaque to their buyer, and Buyer Gift. The KVLS Office will notify exhibitors when the photos are available for delivery, the exhibitor will hand deliver to the buyer, get the buyer's signature, and return the form to the KVLS Office to receive their check (mail delivery will require a receipt from the post office).
- Exhibitors will be required to accomplish this once the packets are available within 10 business days; any buyer plaque/picture delivery receipt turned in after the 10 business days will result in a 10% deduction of the gross amount, per market animal.
- All market animal exhibitors and/or a representative of that exhibitor will be present to assist in breaking down of all the pens on Sunday at 5:00pm.
    - Failure to assist in the breakdown of the pens will result in a fine deduction of $25.00 will be deducted from the gross amount of market animal check.
    - Any exhibitor that fails to assist for two (2) consecutive years will not be able to show any animal species the next year.

The Board of Directors of the KVLS & Fair will have the final judgment in regard to the interpretation of ALL rules and regulations.

SECONDARY MARKET ANIMALS

Chairperson(s) Contact Information:

- Ronnie Beam (407) 908-6488
- Cindy Moore (407) 908-8868

COMPLETE forms Online between August 1st and 15th at 12:00pm midnight *YOU MUST RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION RECEIPT VIA EMAIL WHEN USING THE ONLINE SYSTEM.* Complete only if you are exhibiting a second animal.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. If you choose to show a second market animal at KVLS, you must abide by the rules & regulations of that animal. The KVLS Board of Director shall have the right to interpret all rules.
2. It must be at least your second year in a row showing a market animal at KVLS to be eligible.
3. Market Lamb and Market Goat exhibitors are allowed to show a secondary animal their first year; provided it is a Market Lamb or Market Goat; no Market Steer or Market Hogs will be accepted.
4. Once the exhibitor has a second market spot, the exhibitor will retain that spot.
5. # of cap on all animals:
    a. Hogs: 130 / Steers: 150 / Lambs: 35 / Goats: 35
6. You cannot show two of the same species. Secondary animal must be different than your primary animal.
7. It will be mandatory to complete a Record Book and take the Skill-A-Thon on your second animal and abide by all rules from that market animal. If the second Record Book is not turned to 4-H/FFA you will not be allowed to show a secondary animal the following year. NO EXCEPTIONS!
8. If the cap is met on the animal of your choice, a drawing will be held on first Thursday after registration closes. You are allowed to be there or you will be contacted to let you know if your application was drawn.
9. You will be responsible for your own buyer to come out and bid on your animal, just as you are with your primary animal.