



Entry Fees and Deadlines:

\$10 per entry

Due May 15, 2026

\$20 per entry

After May 15, 2026

For Questions, please contact: Email: Livestock@alamedacountyfair.com

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DEPARTMENT 23

Youth Market Sheep Show

Showmanship

American System of Judging

Cash Awards for classes 4, 5 and 6

Showmanship Rules

1. All exhibitors will be entered in Showmanship, no pre-entry required.
2. FFA members in Class 1 will automatically be entered in class 6.
3. Only animals owned, fitted and properly entered for competition by youth exhibitors are eligible, except those horses may be leased. Exhibitors must use their own animals for showmanship.
4. Exhibitors are to wear official show attire.
5. Exhibitor's birthdate must be entered in the online entry platform.
6. The winner of Junior Master Showmanship from previous years may opt to enter in an older age class and compete for a chance to qualify for Advanced Master Showmanship.

Special Awards

4-H Advanced Showmanship	Award, Rosette
4-H Intermediate Showmanship	Award, Rosette
4-H Junior Showmanship	Award, Rosette
4-H Beginner Showmanship	Award, Rosette
FFA First Year Showmanship	Award, Rosette
FFA Advanced Showmanship	Award, Rosette

AWARDS - Showmanship							
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
\$30	\$25	\$20	\$18	\$15	\$10	\$7	\$5

DIVISION

A. Showmanship

CLASS

1. FFA First Year Project Members (Ribbon Only)
Open to members exhibiting that species of livestock for the first time ever. If an exhibitor has exhibited the project in another organization, he/she is not eligible for this class. First year project exhibitors may show in class 6 as well.
2. 4-H Beginner (Ribbon Only)
Open to members 9-10 years old as of December 31, 2025. Top three winners in this class compete in the next age group.
3. 4-H Junior (Ribbon only)
Open to members 11-13 years old as of December 31, 2025. Winner of class qualifies for Junior Master Showmanship. Previous Junior Master Showmanship winners may show in Intermediate.
4. 4-H Intermediate (Ribbon and Cash Award)
Open to 4-H members 14-15 years old as of December 31, 2025. Top three winners in this class will compete in the next age group.
5. 4-H Advanced (Ribbon and Cash Award)
Open to 4-H members 16 and over as of December 31, 2025. Winner of this class qualifies for Master Showmanship.
6. FFA Advanced (Ribbon and Cash Award)
Open to FFA members. Winner of this class qualifies for Master Showmanship.

Market

American Judging System

Cash awards (non-sale animals only)

Market Ready: \$15

State Rule IV-6 Does Not Apply

Market Rules

1. Market lambs may be either Wethers or Ewes.
2. Market lambs must have lamb teeth.
3. All market lambs must weigh between 100 and 160 pounds. The maximum pay to weight for the Junior Livestock Auction is 150 pounds.
4. All breeds will be called at weigh in by an official breed caller. Animals will be transferred to the appropriate class if needed. The breed caller's decision is final.
5. FFA Division only – a minimum of 20 sheep in a show for division breakouts.
6. Management reserves the right to combine classes/organizations based on the number of animals pre-tagged.
7. All market/feeder lambs must have slick shorn from the knee and hock up to the satisfaction of Livestock Show management ten (10) days or less before entering inspection area at Fair. Stretched fleece must not exceed ¼" in length and must be uniform over entire body.
8. At the discretion of management, each class will be broken down further by live weight. Management will determine the number of market classes to be judged after weigh-in.
9. The Champions and Reserve Champion will have their ear tags rechecked at the time of Champion Drive.
10. The Fair will not accept lambs from scrapie "non-compliant" flocks or animals that scrapie positive or scrapie suspects. [See State Rules.](#)

Special Awards

Supreme Champion Market Sheep	Award, Banner, Rosette
Reserve Supreme Champion Market Sheep	Award, Banner, Rosette
4-H Grand Champion	Award, Banner, Rosette
4-H Reserve Grand Champion	Award, Banner, Rosette
FFA Grand Champion	Award, Banner, Rosette
FFA Reserve Grand Champion	Award, Banner, Rosette
Breed Champion	Award, Rosette
Reserve Breed Champion	Award, Rosette

JUDGING STANDARDS MARKET SHEEP SCORECARD

GRADE - Market Ready and Not Market Ready

Market Ready - USDA Prime or Choice quality with 12th rib back fat range .16”-.35”, average or greater conformation and cutability.

Not Market Ready - Good or lower quality grade with 12th rib back fat range <.16 or >.35”; under finished lambs grading USDA good or lower, below average conformation or cutability. **NOT**

ELIGIBLE TO SELL

- Breeds - (1) Natural Colored Market Lambs (Black Fleeced Lambs)**
(2) AOB (White face, white face cross, Piebald and Haired sheep).
(3) Black Face/Black Face Cross Market Lambs

DIVISION

- B. FFA Market Lambs
- C. 4-H Market Lambs

CLASS

- 1. Market Lamb

Pen of Three

American System of Judging

Owned by one exhibitor and judged as Market Lamb individuals

Special Awards

Champion each class	Award
1 st – 8 th each class	Rosette

AWARDS – Pen of Three Market Lamb				
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10

DIVISION

D. Pen of Three

CLASS

1. FFA Pen of Three Market Lambs
2. 4-H Pen of Three Market Lambs

Chapter/Project Group

No entry fee – Ribbon Only

No more than two owned by one exhibitor. Only one entry per group may be entered. Animals must have been judged as market individuals. Judged on uniformity and quality.

Special Awards

Champion each class	Award
1 st – 8 th each class	Rosette

DIVISION

E. Chapter/Project Group Awards

CLASS

1. Any Five FFA Market Lambs
2. Any Five 4-H Market Lambs

Bred by Exhibitor

No entry fee – Ribbon Only

Exhibitor must own the ewe prior to breeding, select ram, lamb out ewe, and raise lamb to market weight. These lambs will be judged after the completion of the Market Show.

Special Awards

Champion each class	Award
1 st – 8 th each class	Rosette

DIVISION

F. Bred by Exhibitor

CLASS

1. 4-H/FFA Bred by Exhibitor Market Lambs

Feeder Lamb

American System of Judging

Special Awards

Champion each class
1st – 8th each class

Award
Rosette

AWARDS – Feeder Lamb		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd
\$15	\$10	\$7.50

DIVISION

G. Feeder Lamb

CLASS

1. 4 - H / FFA Feeder Lamb