

First Year

Lamb Project

Overview and Agreement

Guidelines & Information

To help grow and incentivize starting a Market Lamb Project, we have started the First Year Market Lamb Program. This program will provide the 4-H member with a market lamb to show at this year's County Fair. The member will exhibit the lamb in both the regular market class as well as a special class for first year market lamb program participants. Guidelines include the following:

- 4-H Members enrolled in their first year of the lamb project will learn more about their project through monthly project meetings. Participants will need to attend 3 of 5 educational meetings or they may substitute one of the meetings by exhibiting at a prospect or jackpot show.

Clinics will be held on:

-Feb 24th at 6:30pm Akers

-March 26th at 6:30 p.m. Akers (**updated new date**)

-April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Akers

-May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

-June 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

- Members will receive one market lamb through this program to be paid for from their sale proceeds (from any animal they choose to sell through the junior livestock sale at the county fair not to exceed \$500 plus insurance).
- They will exhibit in the special First Year Program Class during the County Fair, as well as the regular market class and showmanship. Youth should plan on purchasing a second market lamb on their own. Members do not need to purchase the second, but lambs do not do well alone, so a buddy should be purchased. Siblings may not need to do this if both qualify for the First Year Program.
- The First Year Program is only available to 4-H Members in their first year of the project, but the educational sessions are open to all 4-H Members, regardless of experience.

Agreement

I, _____, a member of _____ 4-H Club agree to participate fully in the First Year Lamb Project. I understand the expectations and understand that my family and I will participate fully by following these guidelines:

- Attending at least 3 of the 5 project meetings from February to July
- Paying for one First Year Lamb Project market lamb from sale proceeds at the Junior Livestock Sale at the El Paso County Fair. The exhibitor may sell any species to cover this cost. ordered (estimated cost between \$400-\$500 (plus insurance)). ***If the member does not have an animal to sell due to rule violations, not making weight or the death of the animal. Payment will be out of pocket expense by the member or their family.***
- Adhering to the deadlines and rules of the CSU Extension 4-H Program and El Paso County Fair.
- Entering the “First Year Lamb Project class.
- Writing 3 letters of correspondence to your lamb sponsor throughout the program. The first letter should be postmarked by May 15th. The second letter should be postmarked by July 1st and the third letter should be postmarked no later than July 25th. A copy of the letter should be emailed to the Extension office at the time of mailing. Receipt and postmark of letters will be verified with sponsors.
- Contacting the project leaders, my 4-H Club Leaders, and/or the Extension Office whenever I have questions.

First Year Market Lamb Project Member and Parent/Guardian agrees by signing you and your parents agree to the above listed stipulations. Failure to comply will result in you and your family being personally responsible for all listed costs prior to fair entry being accepted.

Member Signature: _____

Signature: _____

*In 2025, cost per lamb will be determined by the total ordered (estimated cost between \$400-\$500 (plus insurance))

Return this agreement to the Extension Office no later than the March educational meeting on March 26th