

MARKET LAMBS & GOATS
ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 18, 2025
TAG IN FEE: \$20.00 PER ANIMAL
ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 PER ANIMAL

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2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please check the Austin County Fair website for any updates or changes throughout the year.

1. All Market Lamb and Goat entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair, to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale and the rules of the Market Lamb and Goat livestock committees. Violation of these rules may result in disqualification or sifting.
2. Only wethers may be shown.
3. Market Lamb and Goat exhibitors may exhibit two (2) entries in these divisions and will be allowed no back up animal and will be ineligible to show in any other division.
4. All Market Lambs and Goats must be properly identified with tattoos and ear tags by **Thursday, July 10, 2025**. Family tagging will be allowed. This will be interpreted as immediate family living in the same household. All Market Lambs and Goats must be in their

designated locations by **Thursday, July 10, 2025** (refer to validation form). There will be two (2) tag-in dates - **Saturday, June 28, 2025**, from **7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** and **Thursday, July 10, 2025**, from **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the Austin County Fairgrounds.

In the event of a lamb or goat losing or getting an infected ear tag the exhibitor must notify the chairman and send a picture of the animal and ear tag within one week. The animal must be retagged with the tag before crossing the scale.

5. There will be a Mandatory Progress Evaluation and optional showmanship contest opened to 4-H and FFA exhibitors on **Saturday, August 9, 2025**. Evaluation will be from **7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.** followed by a Mandatory Meeting at **8:15 a.m.** at the Austin County Fairgrounds. Failure to attend the Mandatory Progress Show will forfeit your eligibility to show at the Austin County Fair. All tagged Market Lambs and Goats must be present at the Mandatory Progress Evaluation to be eligible to show at the Austin County Fair. All Market Lambs and Goats should be exhibited by their owners unless he/she is physically challenged and unable to do so. Showmanship will begin at **8:30 a.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
6. All Market Lambs and Goats in this show and sale must have been fed and cared for by the exhibitor in an approved location for the show.
7. Minimum weight of show **Market Lambs** is 80 pounds.
Minimum weight of show **Market Goats** is 60 pounds.
8. All **Market Lambs** must be sheared within one (1) week prior to sift date. Boots will be permitted. No shears, blow dryers (with the exception of battery-operated dryers), fans or items of a similar nature will be permitted on the fairgrounds.

All **Market Goats** are preferred to be dehorned but are required to have horns tipped blunt and no longer than 1 inch prior to arrival on the show grounds. Tipping or removal of horns on show grounds will result in disqualification.

No artificial paint, powders or coloring may be used on lambs or goats during the shows. Market Goats must be uniformly sheared with no hair longer than 3/8 inch above the knee and hock joints before arrival at the fairgrounds. Market Goats may have longer hair on the end of the tail. No clipping of goats will be allowed on the fairgrounds. No shears, blow dryers (with the exception of battery-operated dryers), fans or items of a similar nature will be permitted on the fairgrounds

9. All showboxes, supplies and canopies should be dropped off between **8:00 a.m. and 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Any items dropped off before the designated time will be removed from the grounds.**

No unloading of show boxes and supplies will be allowed during the arrival of the lambs and goats. Any additional show boxes and supplies can be brought in after lambs and goats have been checked in and weighed. Unloading of show supplies after designated drop off time must be done in the exhibitor parking lot due to safety reasons.

Designated areas will be identified and marked to indicate where show boxes and personal items are not allowed. Included in these areas are all roads. Please remember we have new exhibitors each year and limited room so please share space.

10. **Market Lambs** will move in and be weighed on **Monday, October 6, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.** Exhibitors will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds from FM 529 (Gate 2A). After unloading animals, exhibitors must exit the fairgrounds. No vehicles will be allowed on grounds. Committee Members will be able to unload earlier.

All **Market Goats** will move in and be weighed on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.** Exhibitors will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds from FM 529 (Gate 2A). After unloading animals, exhibitors must exit the fairgrounds. No vehicles will be allowed on grounds. Committee Members will be able to unload earlier.

Any exhibitor that has both a lamb and goat entered may bring their goat at the same time as the lamb and stall it in its assigned pen and take it across the scale on Tuesday during weigh-in for goats.

11. **Ownership must be declared before entering the scales.** A re-weigh will be done, only in case of an underweight lamb or goat. In the event an underweight lamb or goat is identified, the lamb or goat will be immediately re-weighed. The animal will be backed off, scale cleaned and rebalanced for re-weigh.

The second weight will become the official and non-challengeable weight. Market Lambs and Goats will be sifted at scales. The judge's decision will be final. Market Lambs and Goats sifted must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately after sifting.

LAMBS - There will be six (6) weight classes. Classes will be determined after weigh-in.

GOATS - There will be six (6) weight classes. Classes will be determined after weigh-in.

12. All exhibitors must attend a mandatory meeting on:
Tuesday, October 7, 2025, for Lambs @ 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 8, 2025, for Goats @ 9:00 a.m.

Exhibitor numbers will be distributed at the end of the meeting to the **exhibitor only!**
JUDGING of the **Market Lambs** will be on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.**

JUDGING of the **Market Goats** will be on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.**

13. Drug Testing will be performed on Grand and Reserve Champion and one (1) random. No interfering with the testing area or testing official. **Animals that are drug tested must be taken home on Sunday, October 12, 2025, and fed and cared for until notified of drug testing results and then delivered as specified by the buyer.**

14. All Grand & Reserve Champion lambs and goats need to be placed in the designated champion pens immediately following their show! NO EXCEPTIONS!
15. If a substitution exhibitor is needed for your second lamb or goat for show purposes, you will be required to complete a substitution form. Following the show, all second lambs or goats MUST leave the fairgrounds with a RELEASE SLIP from the committee chairperson. The second lamb or goat should be designated for take home or resale immediately following the show. Designation is required no later than **4 p.m.** that day. Second lambs must be removed from the grounds on **Tuesday, October 7, 2025 between the end of the show and 4 p.m.** Second goats must be removed from the grounds on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025, between the end of the show and 4 p.m.** **There will not be a resale truck after the shows.** Exhibitors are to lead lambs and goats off the fairgrounds to the parking area for loading and are not to enter any other livestock building or other buildings with lamb or goats while in route to load their animal. All other lambs and goats will be required to stay on the fairgrounds until **Sunday, October 12, 2025**, when they can be removed with a RELEASE SLIP after **11:00 a.m.**
16. **IMPORTANT: Load out designation of the exhibitor's second lamb or goat must be finalized in writing by Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m. for Lambs and Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m. for Goats.**
Failure to give destination designation of second lamb or goat will result in default of the lower placing animal to resale on Sunday, October 12, 2025.
17. If an exhibitor shows two (2) animals in these divisions and chooses to sell in the Youth Auction Sale, the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion must sell. The sale order will be Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Class Grand Champions and Class Reserve Champions, and all other sale lots will be determined by the class placings. Exhibitors must advise the committee in writing by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 if they choose to sell a lower placing lamb or goat or if they are also showing a second species.**
18. **The Committee suggests after the sale and weather permitting, please remove blankets and sleeves so the public can view the animals.**
19. Absolutely no feed, water buckets or shavings or any other type of bedding other than what is provided by the Fair Association are allowed in the lamb or goat pens. **If in shared pens, animals must be muzzled unless excused by chairman.** Market Lambs and Goats are to be fed in designated feeding areas. Lambs and Goats must be fed daily. No feeding or watering in the barn. All Market Lambs and Goats must be in their assigned pens by **7:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 13, 2024.**
20. **Release of second animals and drug testing lambs and goats will be Sunday, October 12, 2025, from 6:00am until 8:00am. This also includes show boxes and tents.**

The barn will be closed down at 8:00 a.m. to sort animals for load out destinations. Volume buyer and resale trucks will load out at 9:00 a.m. and the remaining animals

will be released at 11:00 a.m. All lambs and goats must be removed no later than **12:00 p.m.** from the fairgrounds on Sunday.

21. Show boxes can be removed on Sunday from 6:00 a.m. or after 11:00 a.m. when all poultry and rabbits have been removed from the barn.
22. Every exhibitor will be eligible to participate in the Memorial Herdsman Contest (Market Lamb/Market Goat) – Pens will be inspected for Good Housekeeping periodically on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Exhibitors will be judged on timely activities such as daily feeding and watering of exhibit, removal of feed buckets from designated feeding areas, cleanliness of area around show box and exhibits of friendliness and cooperation among exhibitors. Awards will be announced on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, with the Livestock Judging Awards.
23. Exhibit area must be kept clean, Tuesday – Sunday; failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fee deducted from your sale check.
24. All animals are subject to be used during the Livestock Judging Contest on **Saturday** of fair week. If selected, you will be advised, and the animal will need to be fed prior to usage.
25. A **LAMB** showmanship contest will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Market Lamb Show. Exhibitors are allowed to bring any lamb that they own and have shown in the fair back for the showmanship competition. The classes will be divided according to the exhibitor's school grade as of **September 1, 2025**. Classes will be Juniors Grades 3-5, Intermediate Grades 6-8, and Senior Grades 9-12. Awards will be given for the first 3 exhibitors placing in each showmanship class.
A **GOAT** showmanship contest will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Market Goat Show. Exhibitors are allowed to bring any goat that they own and have shown in the fair back for the showmanship competition. The classes will be divided according to the exhibitor's school grade as of **September 1, 2025**, **classes** will be Juniors Grade 3-5, Intermediate Grade 6-8, and Senior Grade 9-12. Awards will be given for the first 3 exhibitors placing in each showmanship class.
26. Absolutely no parking is allowed inside the fairgrounds after Monday of fair week.
27. Any items put in or above the exhibitor's pen will require advanced approval from the exhibitor sharing the pen and the lamb and goat committee chairman.
28. When Youth Auction Sale checks are ready, exhibitors will be contacted. In order to receive their check, exhibitors must bring **STAMPED and ADDRESSED** **HANDWRITTEN** thank you notes to their buyers and add-on donors to the Fair Office. Once the Fair Office has checked their thank you notes, exhibitors will seal them and then receive their check.

29. Quality Counts: In keeping with the Austin County Fair drug residue avoidance policy, ALL exhibitors are now required to pass the “NEW” Quality Counts Verification test for entry into the 2024 Show. Junior market and breeding show entries will not be accepted without verification code for each exhibitor. Verification codes are not required for Agricultural Mechanics exhibitors and Judging Contest contestants. The Quality Counts training and test can be found at:
<https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>
30. **It is absolutely unethical for anyone to ask the buyer of an exhibit to donate or sell back a sale lot to the exhibitor. The Fair Board will not tolerate exhibitors asking for animals to be donated or sold back. The violation of this rule could result in the forfeiture of any monies and/or prizes earned and be subject to other penalties assessed by the Austin County Fair.**
31. **No request to change the destination of the purchased animal(s) may be made by the exhibitor or parent, the buyer’s written request is final. Once the buyer submits the written form to the salesclerk, the buyer is the only individual allowed to make changes to delivery or destination.**

**“Every animal deserves
a good home, and every
show animal deserves a
good show.”**