

2023 ADVANCED LAMB FEEDER PROJECT GUIDELINES

1. Each 4-H'er must tag and weigh 3 lambs for an advanced lamb feeder pen. Tags are available at the Extension Office. The weigh-in date will be considered the starting point for the project and that weight will be considered the beginning weight. Generally the project will begin on the county market lamb weigh-in date in the spring. (the first Saturday in May) The date could be earlier but no later.
2. The beginning value of the project will be based on the local market price for the lambs the week the project begins, NOT the purchase price of the lambs.
3. The pen must be kept separate from other livestock so that accurate feed records can be kept.
4. Grain costs for feed will be based on the local market price of the reporting period.
5. Superintendents will make management checks during the feeding period. One check will be announced and one unannounced. Superintendents will be evaluating cleanliness of water, feed bunk management and the feeding system (how feed is measured and weighed). During the announced visit, the superintendents will visit with the 4-H'er and discuss the project with him/her.
6. At fair time the pens will be judged on live placement of the pens and personal interviews with the sheep judge. The judge will personally interview with each 4her with emphasis on their records, and overall knowledge of her project.
7. The Market Animal Worksheet (in folder) will be the input sheet for the project. Feed and treatment records will be recorded for each two week period of the project. The 4-H'er will record the applicable data and will mail a copy of the worksheet to the superintendents once a month. The address these need to be sent to is below.

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Members should send a copy of the worksheet by 2nd Wednesday in June (June 14th 2023) and the final worksheet will be completed after check in at the fair (7AM July 10). Please hand in the final worksheet to the Sheep Superintendents by Noon on Monday of the fair (July 10).

8. Below are the areas that will be scored throughout your project. These points will be given by the judges of the advanced feeder lamb project. They will use the scoring sheet in the folder given to you. You can use the checklist provided to help ensure your project meets all the qualifications.

- Rate of Gain 30 points
- Live Placement 30 points
- Personal Interview 30 points
- Records/Management 30 points
- Total possible points 120 Points