

## Guidelines for Washington County Feeder Lamb Project

1. Members may feed a pen of three or four lambs of either ewes, wethers or mixed lambs. Each member is limited to one pen of three to exhibit at the county fair. Lambs must be born after January 1 of the current year.
2. Feeder lambs must attend the May sheep weigh-in to be tagged and weighed. Suggested maximum weight is 75 lbs. All lambs must be castrated and docked.
3. Lambs are to be started on feed at weigh-in with feed records kept as soon as lambs are purchased or weighed in.
4. A beginning price on the project will be the actual purchase price or the average price for that weight of lambs at the Kalona Sale Barn the week of weigh-in. That will be provided at weigh-in.
5. Feeder lambs are not eligible for rate of gain, individual market class or production class. Feeder lambs are in addition to the 6-lamb limit in the other classes.
6. Animals are to be fed separate from other livestock on the farm. Market Lamb project animals may be fed with them IF space isn't available to keep them separate. Records are important in this project, therefore, it is to your advantage to separate feeder lambs from your other 4-H lambs so records are more accurate.
7. Feeder lambs are to be sheared on or before June 1, so as to assure a #1 pelt for market (during the county fair). Feeder lambs will be shown in the wool and as they come out of the feedlot. No extra grooming necessary.
8. Feed records and cost records must be kept each month (May, June and July). These sheets are available at the Washington County Extension Office or online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/page/2012-washington-county-fair>.
9. Final numbers for the Total Performance Sheet will be figured and checked with assistance from the department at 9 a.m. at the Extension Office on Monday of the county fair. Bring all records, including monthly cost sheets. Pen signs will be completed at that time and posted at pen. Records must be turned in for judge review by Monday at 5 p.m. to the Extension Office. Plan to be at feeder pen stall by 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday of the county fair to visit with judge.
10. These animals will be on display during the Washington County 4-H Fair. All Feeder Lamb pens will be weighed in at the same time as the other sheep. This weight will be used as the sale weight.
11. Feeder Lambs may be sold in the county fair livestock auction, however, auction limits will apply. The exhibitor may enter the ring to sell lambs twice with a maximum of five lambs sold. The exhibitor must sign up for the auction by the auction deadline and mark how the lot will be sold.

