

2027 SANDHILLS STOCK SHOW AND RODEO

JUNIOR FINEWOOL LAMB SHOW

RULES



ELIGIBILITY:

1. Only wether lambs purchased from Texas Finewool Breeder Members (see last page of rules packet) will be eligible for the show. Those entries that do not meet this qualification will not be allowed to enter the show. This specific component of the entry process will be up to the discretion of the Sandhills Market Lamb committee. For any questions on this topic, contact Robert Scott at rj-scott@tamu.edu.
2. No lambs other than finewool breeds will be permitted to show (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, purebred or high grade with typical body markings for the breed). No black lambs.
3. To be eligible to exhibit in the 2027 Junior Market Lamb Show, all lambs must be validated in the Texas 4-H or FFA Lamb Validation Form Master List completed by the County Lamb Validation Committee. NO out of state lambs are allowed to enter.
4. All entries must be made online by November 15, 2026. Online payments will be accepted. If paying by check, summary sheet and County/Chapter check must be mailed and postmarked by Monday, November 16, 2026. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ALLOWED. There will be a \$35 entry fee charged per lamb. There will be no refunds on entry fees. Online entries entered between November 16, 2026, and December 31, 2026, will be accepted but accessed a \$250 late fee per animal.

Late Entries taken Friday, January 8, 2027, will be \$300 per animal, cash only.

5. Junior Show Participation: Participation in the Junior Livestock Division is limited to Texas resident students, who are members of a Texas 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, and who have continuously owned and personally fed and cared for their animals under the direct supervision of a CEA or AST. Exhibitors must be United States citizens and possess a valid social security number to be eligible for participation in the show. Exhibitors must be enrolled in, and attending, public, private, or homeschool elementary or secondary schools in Texas. Students must be between the ages of 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade) and 18 on or before August 31, 2026. 4-H and FFA members must be in good standing with its state and national affiliates.

6. Any lamb which has previously been made Grand or Reserve Grand Champion in any national, state or regional show is not eligible to compete in this show. Past Grand Champion exhibitors are not allowed to exhibit that species again.

SHOW INFORMATION:

7. Each exhibitor is limited to four wether lambs in the show.
8. Exhibitors will be pre-stalled before arrival.
9. There is NO TOOTH RULE.
10. Health papers are NOT required (unless TAHC changes the guidelines).
11. Lambs must be shorn slick with a uniform length of fleece. Sheep must be slick shorn from the knee and hock up. Lambs not following the guidelines will be subject to disqualification.
12. Barns will open at 12 pm on Friday, January 8, 2027. No early arrivals.
13. Shavings WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.
14. Lambs must be in the barn by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2027.
15. Exhibitors will weigh their own lambs. Lamb weights, appropriate tag numbers, and name of breeder should be submitted in the Showman app by 6:00 p.m., January 8, 2027.
16. Lambs will be divided into (5) five classes.
17. There will be a 100 lb. minimum. Any lamb weighing more than five pounds above and or below its official declared weight will be disqualified. Scales will be furnished.
18. The show will start at 8 am on Saturday, January 9, 2027.



19. Cut off time for packer lambs is Saturday, January 9, 2027 at 12:00 pm.
20. Releases will be written on lambs Saturday, January 9, 2027, after posting the sale order in the office.
21. All protests must be accompanied by \$500.00 cash. Money will be refunded if protest is sustained. The Executive Committee of the SandHills Stock Show reserves the right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences arising from any protest.
22. Any unethical conduct on the part of the exhibitor, parents, CEA or AST, such as interfering with the weighing committee or judge, will bar the exhibitor from present and future shows.
23. **DRUG TESTING: See General Rules and Regulations**
24. Four lambs from each class (total 20) will be sold in the auction sale, which starts at 6 pm on Saturday, January 9, 2027. All lambs will be sold on their class weights. SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED THROUGH THE SALE WITH EARLY NOTIFICATION TO THE LAMB CHAIRMAN. ANY EXHIBITOR THAT IS NOT PRESENT FOR THE SALE OR DOES NOT HAVE AN ELIGIBLE EXHIBITOR DESIGNATED TO TAKE THE LAMB THROUGH THE SALE WILL RECEIVE PACKER VALUE ONLY FOR THAT LAMB.

SHOWMANSHIP:

There will be three age divisions for showmanship.

Junior (3rd – 5th)
Intermediate (6th – 8th)
Senior (9th – 12th)

Only exhibitors who enter the show will be allowed to compete in showmanship.

MARKET LAMB CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

Finewool Breed Characteristics: Lambs will be classified in the show ring.

Acceptable

- Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds.
- Silky, white face.
- Silky ears, medium to moderate in length.
- Soft pelt.
- Yellow to white hooves (neutral).
- Black pads on hooves and black dew claws.
- Minimal amount of black streaking in the hooves. Less than 1/8 of cumulative hoof surface.
- Nose should be neutral to pink in color.
- May be polled or horned. Horns must be indicative of acceptable Finewool breeds.

Discriminatory

- Moderate amounts of brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Moderate freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
- Black eyelashes.
- Excessive black streaking in hooves more than 1/8 cumulative of hoof surface.
- Birthmarks.

Absolute Disqualification

- Excessively coarse britch and/or harsh pelt.
- Excessive coarse, chalky, white hair on the face, in the flanks, and/or down the front and/or rear legs.
- Excessive brown or black spots in the skin and/or wool.
- Excessive freckling or pigmented skin (brown or black) on the ears, eyes, nose, and lips.
- Brown or black spots in hairline above the hooves to the dew claw.
- Solid black toe or hooves.
- Black lambs.
- Surgical alterations other than re-docking.
- Steep hip or tendency to show callipyge gene.
- Head, ear and/or horn shape non-typical to the Finewool breeds (Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet, or a cross between these breeds).



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Hoelscher Show Stock
Hoover Livestock
Horwood Show Lambs
Jacoby Brothers Club Lambs
JNT Show Stock
Justin Jonas Club Lambs
L2 Livestock
Lazy K Livestock
Levein Brothers Livestock
Long Club Lambs
Mad Dog Sheep Company, LLC
Palmer Livestock & Stock Dogs
Jackson Show Lambs
Newsom Livestock
Phillips Club Lambs
Renfroe Club Lambs
Runyan Livestock
Ryder Ross Livestock
Short Club Lambs
Sisco Club Lambs
Smithwick Club Lambs
Stevens Brothers
Stokes Livestock
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