

2025 – 2026
Lamb
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2027 Livestock Showcase & Sale Market Lamb Rules

IMPORTANT DATES

Entries will open July 1, 2026 - September 1, 2026, or until 30 paid entries

Show Entry Fee: \$35.00 per entry

Showmanship Entry Fee: \$20.00 per exhibitor

Entries available on showman.app -

*Please note: the market lamb show will be limited to 30 paid entries, first come-first served.

- Exhibitors must be enrolled in a public, private, charter, or homeschool organization in Polk County to participate. Exhibitor must be in kindergarten through a senior in high school.

Market Lamb Tagging and Ownership Deadline
September 1, 2026

Entry Rules

- A valid Official Health Certificate must be presented at check-in. State of Florida Health Certificates are valid for 90 days.
- Per the USDA, ALL sheep entries must be tagged with an official premise/scrapies ID.
- There will be a maximum of 30 market lambs, the first 30 paid entries will be accepted.
- Market lambs will be shown by weight. Lambs will be weighed in at time of check-in.
- Ewes may be shown in the market lamb show.
- Exhibitor is responsible for the daily care of his/her animal.
- There will be no refunds on entry fees.
- Sale of market lamb is optional but must be confirmed upon check-in.
- Exhibitor may enter two market animals – **only one market animal may be checked-in to the show.**
- Exhibitors may wash lambs in the designated wash areas.
- Show classes will be broken up into 3 divisions (lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight lambs). Classes will be determined after weigh-ins are complete.
- Ownership deadline is September 1, 2026. Bill of sale must be uploaded within the showman platform under your entry by September 1, 2026.
- Exhibitors must be enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade and attend school in Polk County.
- The Central Florida Youth in Agriculture Lamb Committee reserves the right to amend, delete, and/or add to these rules and schedule as they, in their judgement, may deem advisable.

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Market Lamb Tagging

- All market lambs must be tagged with an official CFYIA identification tag. Exhibitors will be notified when tags are available for pickup. To be eligible to show at the 2027 CFYIA Livestock Showcase & Sale, **all market lambs must be tagged no later than September 1, 2026**. For tag pickup, please contact Jessica Strom or Jessica Anderson. The exhibitor will be responsible for tagging their own animal and required to upload pictures of their market lamb tagged to showman.app within the exhibitor's entry. *If you need assistance tagging, please contact any lamb committee member.*

Showmanship Divisions

- Exhibitors' age will be determined by January 1, 2027.
 - Peewee (5-7)
 - Junior (8-11)
 - Intermediate (12-14)
 - Senior (15-18)
 - Adaptive (8-18)

Showmanship Rules

- Showmanship entries are optional and can be made on showman.app prior to check-in or the day of check-in.
- Showmanship will be limited to one entry per exhibitor.
- Peewee and Adaptive Exhibitors can borrow an animal for Showmanship. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Polk County school.
- Divisions will be determined by age and depending on the number of entries, will be separated by heats.

Livestock Sale

Exhibitor has the **right to sell one animal** (steer/swine/lamb) in the Livestock Sale on Saturday, March 27th. This event is a non-terminal show, meaning at time of entry the exhibitor will decide what animal they would like to sell. Selling your animal is OPTIONAL and not required to participate in all divisions of the Central Florida Youth in Agriculture Livestock Showcase & Sale. **Only one animal will be allowed to sell per exhibitor.** A commission will be charged for all animals that enter the sale. CFYIA will receive no more than 5% sale commission of the sale price and that will be determined after the close out of the sale.

- All non-sale animals must be out of the barn prior to sale day.
- All sale animals must be in the barn prior to the sale on Saturday.
- Withdraw periods must be followed per label on medications.
- **Sale is optional** – Exhibitor will mark on their entry if they are choosing to sell. This will be confirmed upon check-in.

Each exhibitor must market his/her own animal. *All animals will sell by the Head, not by the pound: (Example - \$5000 –*

Market Steer) (\$1500 –Hog) (\$1500 – Lamb)

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2027 Livestock Showcase & Sale

Show Rules

- Exhibitors must be 8 - 18 (not having graduated high school) and be enrolled in a Polk County School.
- An official Health Certificate dated within 90 days of entry must accompany all animals and cattle must comply with all state and federal health regulations for exhibiting livestock.
- There is no entry limit on breeding animals and prospect steers. There will be a maximum of 30 market lamb, 50 market steer entries and 175 market swine entries allowed. Each exhibitor has the right to sell only ONE animal in the livestock sale, either swine, steer or lamb. Selection of sale animal must be made at the time of check-in. No substitutions.
- No changes to entries the day of show.
- All cattle must be checked in by 11:00 am.
- No generators and/or fans are allowed inside the barn for any reason. No electricity in the barn. All generators, fans, and grooming equipment must be set up outside of the barn.
- All animals being fitted or groomed must be kept within the designated fenced-in area.
- **NO SHAVINGS** – The facility does not allow.
- Exhibitors must be able to handle their animals by themselves at check-in.
- If an animal becomes unruly during check-in or the show it may be asked to leave the arena for the safety of the exhibitors and others. If market animal, it will not be allowed in the sale.
- If an exhibitor has multiple animals in the same class or drive, please have another CFYIA exhibitor assist or ask a committee member for assistance.
- At the time of entry, a bill of sale or lease agreement must be submitted as proof of ownership for each species by the specified entry deadline, including breeding and chapter animals.
- Our committee members will be there to help during the show, but the exhibitor is responsible for getting their animal to the show ring for the show.
- Exhibitors are responsible for getting to the show ring on time. Exhibitors arriving late to the show ring will not be allowed to enter the class after cattle have started to walk.
- Both Grand and Reserve Champions will come back in for the Supreme Drive.
- The owner is responsible for the daily care of his/her own animals during the CFYIA Livestock Showcase & Sale.
- Exhibitors must keep his/her tie space as clean and neat as possible. No shavings are allowed in the barn.
- **Premiums will be released to the exhibitor after his/her area has been inspected by a committee member. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to clean up all bedding and trash before leaving the show. No Exceptions.**
- Committee members reserve the right to disqualify exhibitors due to safety issues, if needed.
- Committee members reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor or family member using abusive or intemperate language or attempting to threaten, bribe, influence or harass any contestant or show official. Also, any remarks made with the intent to cast aspersions on the character or integrity of an official will result in disqualification and a possible ban.
- Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting shall forfeit all fees paid for entries.
- CFYIA and show management are in no way responsible for exhibits or any accidents that may occur.
- Disrespectful, vulgar, inappropriate behavior - including but not limited to language, underage drinking, interaction with adults, judges, committee, or peers will not be tolerated. Participating in any of these activities will be grounds for immediate disqualification. The final decision of the committee will be non-negotiable.

- CFYIA highly discourages, does not condone, and will not permit aggressive behavior towards animals; this includes but is not limited to striking or hitting any animal. As good stewards of livestock, aggressive striking is not an option or practice. Any exhibitor or anyone assisting an exhibitor is not allowed to aggressively or loudly "pop, slap, hit, or strike" their animal at any time during the event. If such behavior is witnessed, the first offense will be handled with a warning, a second offense will result in disqualification of the exhibitor and all entry fees and/or prize money will be forfeited. Protest to the disqualification will not be permitted. **All animals must be treated humanely at all times. Any violations will be handled by the committee at their discretion. The final decision of the committee will be non-negotiable. *If behavior is determined to be overly aggressive by the committee, there will be no warning and will lead to immediate disqualification.**
- Any protest, issue, or complaint in reference to show-related matters or regarding an animal must be submitted in writing 3 hours prior to the start of the show. Once the show begins or you exit the premises, you forfeit the right to raise any concerns. No changes to the outcome will be made once the show starts. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors accompanied by a \$100.00 protest fee payable in cash at the time the protest is submitted. Once a protest is received, the Board of Directors will assemble a quorum to rule on the matter. Protestor will be given the opportunity to address the Board of Directors for a brief statement on the protest, if they desire, before a ruling is made. Once a decision is made, all parties involved or affected will be notified of the outcome by the Board of Directors or their designated representative and the matter will be considered closed, and no further action will be considered by the Board of Directors. If the ruling is in favor of the protestor, the \$100.00 protest fee will be returned; otherwise, the protestor forfeits same. Protests of any judge's decision will not be considered.
- The Judge's Decision is final.
- Once the gavel falls at the auction, the animal/project is officially sold and ownership transfers immediately to the buyer(s). From that point forward, any matters related to the animal/project must be addressed directly with the buyer(s), ensuring the exhibitor is not held liable and CFYIA is no longer responsible for that animal.

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