

## **MARKET LAMB DIVISION**

### **DIVISIONS: SOUTHDOWN - FINEWOOL - FINEWOOL CROSS - MEDIUM WOOL – HAIR**

1. All entries in this department will be subject to the general rules and regulations and the Junior Livestock Auction rules.
2. Entry fee will be \$10.00 per lamb.
3. All lambs must be owned, placed on feed, and in the exhibitor's or their immediate family's possession by 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of June. Lambs will be validated and classified the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of June at the Jim Wells County Fairgrounds from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Classifier's decision is final. No protest will be accepted.
4. Exhibitors will not be charged validation fees on the first three (3) head of market lambs validated. Exhibitors may validate additional market lambs at a cost of \$5.00 per head. Validation fees must be paid at validation.
5. No tags other than health or validation tags will be allowed. All other tags will be removed at validation.
6. All lambs will be slick/clean shorn from the hocks up prior to final weigh-in. Superintendents have the authority to turn back any lamb at the scale.
7. Lambs are to be on the fairgrounds Tuesday, October 20, 2026 for weighing and sifting from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
8. Ownership of each project will be designated at final weigh-in.
9. No exhibitor will be allowed to reweigh after crossing the scales at weigh-in.
10. All animals will be presented to a sifting judge.
11. Sifting judge will sift any animal that shows any signs or symptoms of pregnancy.
12. Lambs must grade good or the sifting judge will sift them. Judges decision will be final. No protest accepted. All sifted animals must be designated as keep or resale by the exhibitor by the end of the weigh and sift. All sifted animals designated as keep must be removed immediately. Any undesignated sifted animals will be designated as resale. Exhibitors are responsible for all sifted animals designated as resale until resale animals are loaded Sunday morning.
13. All lambs must meet minimum and maximum weight limits (minimum 90 pounds, except Southdown, which will be 80 pounds – maximum 155 pounds). Lambs will be divided into weight classes, not more than 4 weight classes per breed.
14. Lambs exhibiting symptoms of over-fill to meet minimum weight limits will be sifted at the discretion of the sifting judge.
15. Division superintendent will assign pens.
16. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion of each division. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen by the proper procedure from the champions and reserve champions of each division.