

Muskegon County Youth Fair Commercial Sheep Record Book 2026

Name: _____

Name of your club/chapter: _____

Leader(s): _____

Your Age (as of January 1st): _____ Years in this project area: _____

Record started: _____ / _____ /20_____ Record closed: _____ / _____ /20_____

Check one:

- Novice 7-10 years old
- Pre-Teen 11-12 years old
- Jr-Teen 13-14 years old
- Sr-Teen 15 & Older

For this section use the animal the exhibitor will exhibit at the fair.

Name or ID of the animal: _____

Tag Number: _____ Breed: _____

Color(s): _____ Special Markings: _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ /20_____

- Actual Birthdate
- Estimated Birthdate

Check one:

- Purchased - Date of Purchase: _____
- Raised from home

Check one:

- Market Wether
- Market Ewe
- Breeding Stock

Purchase Price: _____ (if you raised your animal, list the estimated market value)

Attach beginning and ending photos of your project. Please label the photos.

All about my sheep project...

You may choose to do the weight record **OR** the essay. You do not need to do both for this record book.

The fair recommends all market exhibitors weigh their animals frequently but understands that access to a scale is not always available.

Choice 1 - Weight Record: If you complete this section, do not complete the essay "Choice 2" below. It is recommended to weigh your market animal(s) at least once each month.

Animal ID:		
Date	Method <i>Scale, Band, Tape, Etc.</i>	Weight
Beginning:		
Final:		

Choice 2 - Project Essay: If you complete this section, do not complete the weight record

"Choice 1" above. Write an essay on one of the two essay topic choices.

Topic 1: What goes into the process of shearing a sheep? What can you do with the wool once it has been sheared?

Topic 2: Name two different breeds of commercial sheep and compare the two. Give me facts about each breed such as if they are used for meat production, wool production, parasite resistance, etc. Which breed would you prefer to raise as a sheep producer, and why?

Junior exhibitors complete a one-paragraph essay in the space provided below.

Intermediate Exhibitors complete a 1/2-page essay that is typewritten, double-spaced, in a standard size 12 font and attach it to this book.

Senior Exhibitors complete a 1-page essay that is typewritten, double-spaced, in a standard size 12 font and attach it to this book.

My project expenses:

List all expenses for this sheep project and record the cost spent under the proper account. If your family/farm is providing feed, please estimate an approximate value. Add a sheet if necessary.

How many animals are in this project:					
Date of Purchase	Purchase Description	Feed Cost	Vet/Health Cost	Bedding Cost	Other Cost
TOTAL Column Expenses:					
Total Project Expenses: (Find by adding Total Column Expenses together)					
AVERAGE Cost Per Animal: (Total project expenses divided by the number of animals in project)					

Senior exhibitors must answer the following questions:

The following calculations will help you learn about your ability to earn a profit for your participation in this agricultural project. Often in animal projects, industrial feeder facilities have a slim profit margin. Let's see how you compare.

Purchase cost of animal _____

Total expenses (per animal) _____

Finished weight of project animal: _____

Note: finished weight should be the fair's official market weight.

BREAK-EVEN PRICE per pound:

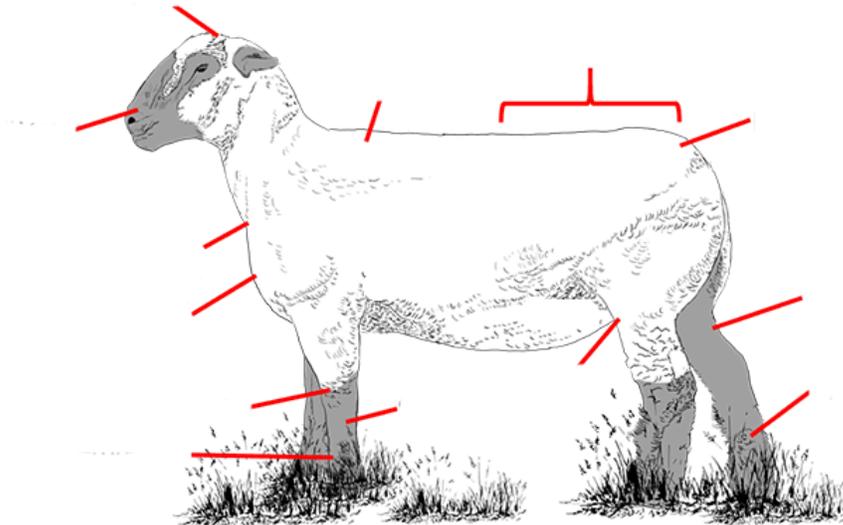
_____ *To calculate the break-even price, divide the average cost per animal by the finished weight.*

What is the current market price of market lambs? _____

Many market prices are reported PER 100 LBS. Divide that amount by 100 to find the price per pound.

Would you have been able to make a profit if you had sold your animal at a stockyard at this current market price rather than the fair's livestock sale? Why or why not?

External Anatomy:



Terms:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breast o
	Brisket
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cannon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dock
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hind Sac
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hock
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muzzle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pastern
	Ankle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Point of
	Shoulder
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poll
<input type="checkbox"/>	Top of
	Shoulder
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twist

All exhibitors: Label the external parts of the lamb.

My General Sheep Knowledge:

Ages 8 to 19 complete the following questions:

- Market lambs at the MCYF must weigh a minimum of: _____
- What time must all fair animals be fed, watered, and have their pens cleaned by?

- What is the normal temperature of sheep? _____
- How do you clean the face and ears of a lamb?

Ages 12 to 19 also complete the following questions:

- What is the name of sheep meat, and what is the current average cost per pound?
- What is the purpose of “carding” a lamb’s legs?
- What is the average gestation length or length of pregnancy for sheep?
- What is flushing?

Ages 15 to 19 also complete the following questions:

- Name the two breeds noted for the best rate of gain, muscling, and carcass traits, making them ideal market lambs.
- Name three factors aside from the initial purchase costs that can affect the production cost of raising your market lamb.
- Name three commonly used grains in sheep rations.