



# New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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## **New Mexico 4-H Market Lamb Projects**

**Objective:** To help educate 4-Hers with selection, feeding, grooming, showmanship, and record keeping techniques needed to exhibit market lambs successfully at the county and state fairs.

### **Materials that are included with this project**

- 4-H Market Lamb Production 100.B-14
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop Market Lamb 400.B-14
- Livestock Record Sheet 300.L-5
- Market Lamb Showmanship 100.B-14B
- Lamb Halter 100.B-21
- Advancement Level Sheets 300.L-1

### **What do I do with my lamb project materials and information?**

#### **SUGGESTED STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE LAMB PROJECT WITH SUCCESS**

- Review the project packet, record sheet, and greentop to become familiar with the project before participating in jackpots or fairs.
- Attend the lamb project meetings to learn more about your project.
- Attend workshops, weigh days, and jackpots.
- Participate in county, state, and regional fairs.
- Be familiar with all rules and regulations for entry at all shows.
- For completion of the project, complete the record sheet and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent. (Throughout your project, check the boxes if you completed the item listed. This will help you when you fill out your record book.)

#### **SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES**

- Visit feedlot, feed mill, packing house, and livestock auction.
- Go to the grocery store and identify cuts of meat.
- Work with a local sheep organization on a project.
- Visit with local sheep producers.
- Review videos on lamb quality assurance program.
- Participate in Lamb School, clinics, and workshops.

### **What can be done?**

- Give demonstrations or illustrated talks on the various components of the lamb project,
- Exhibit animal at jackpots, county fairs, state fairs, and national stock shows.
- Conduct a feeding, animal care, grooming and showmanship workshop for less experienced members.
- Help other 4-Hers prepare a lamb demonstration.
- Assist with livestock shows or sales.
- Perform community service and citizenship activities such as:
  - Give wool blankets to new born babies.
  - Provide sheep for an educational petting zoo.
  - Donate wool yarn to a senior center for knitting or crocheting.
  - Present an educational program on sheep to the local grade school.
  - Assist with Agriculture in the Classroom program.

### **Where do I go for additional information?**

- County Extension Agent
- Internet
- Library
- Sheepmen in your area
- Sheep Associations
- New Mexico Wool Growers Council
- New Mexico Livestock Board
- Local Veterinarian

### **What additional projects can I do next year that would relate to the Lamb project?**

1. Braiding.....Make a rope halter.
2. Citizenship.....Teach other about the lamb project.
3. Meals Outdoors.....Using the outdoor grill.
4. Quick Meals.....Using lamb to make quick meals.
5. Photography.....Take pictures of your project.
6. Public Speaking.....Give a speech about the sheep industry.
7. Welding.....Build some feeders for your project.
8. Wildlife.....Learn how to identify or track wildlife.
9. Woodworking.....Build a show box.
10. Plant and Soil Science.....Develop a better understanding of grasses.
11. New Mexico Flavor.....Using lamb in Mexican food meals.
12. Vet Science...Learn proper health and management techniques for sheep.
13. Sewing SD.....Make lamb blankets.
14. Dog Training.....Train herding dog.