

## 4-H Sheep Project - 2026 Fair Job Assignments

**Superintendent = Ryan Waltke (269-625-3187)**  
**Assistant Superintendent = Bill Kelley (269-625-2406)**  
**Assistant Superintendent = Keegan New (269-858-5530)**  
**Assistant Superintendent = Grace Sturgill (260-499-1805)**

**Attention:** Please notify the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office immediately at 269-467-5511 if you find you are unable to carry out one or more of your work assignments.

**“Thank you” in advance for your help!**

| Date       | Time                   | Job Assignment                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No. Helpers Needed | Volunteers                                                                                                                                       |
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| Sat. 9/12  | Time set by Volunteers | Set up for sheep portion of carcass weigh-in/drop off at fairgrounds, which is scheduled for 10-11am. Make arrangements for shipment of carcass lambs to Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing following drop-off on Saturday, Sept. 12 | 2                  | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)                         |
| Tues. 9/15 | 6:00 p.m.              | Assist Carcass Contest judge, with collection and processing of carcass lamb data at Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing prior to Carcass Lamb Evaluation Workshop.                                                                   | 1                  | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)                                                                                                                           |
| Tues. 9/15 | 6:30 p.m.              | Coordinate Carcass Lamb Evaluation Workshop at Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing on Tues. 9/15 at 6:30 p.m. All Sheep Project Members, leaders and parents are invited and welcome to attend!                                       | 1                  | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)                                                                                                                           |
| Fri. 9/18  | 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  | Check-in & weigh-in of market lambs at fair. Also check in animal for disqualifying physical defects such as a rectal prolapse, abscess, ruptured navel, etc.                                                                        | 4+                 | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)<br>5. _____<br>6. _____ |
| Sat. 9/19  | 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Check-in & weigh-in of market lambs at fair. Also check in animal for disqualifying physical defects such as a rectal prolapse, abscess, ruptured navel, etc.                                                                        | 4+                 | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)<br>5. _____<br>6. _____ |
| Sun. 9/20  | 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Interviews/Evaluations                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3                  | 1. _____<br>2. _____<br>3. _____                                                                                                                 |
| Mon. 9/21  | 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  | Preparation of market lamb class breaks (To 4-H Fair office by 5:00 p.m.)                                                                                                                                                            | 2+                 | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)                         |

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| Tues. 9/22  | 12:00 p.m.                       | Check out Ribbon Box                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1                  | 1. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)                                                                                                                                 |
| Tues. 9/22  | After Dairy Beef Show ~3:30 p.m. | Set-up for 4-H Sheep Show                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3+                 | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)<br>5. _____                         |
| Tues. 9/22  | 3:30 p.m.                        | Member/Leader/Parent Pre-Show Information Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2+                 | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)                                     |
| Tues. 9/22  | 4:00 p.m.                        | 4-H Sheep Show<br>Note: Volunteers need to report by 3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                      | 7                  | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)<br>5. _____<br>6. _____<br>7. _____ |
| Wed. 9/23   | ASAP Wed Morning...              | Record names of 4-H Sheep Project trophy award winners on trophy cards.                                                                                                                                                             | 1                  | 1. _____                                                                                                                                                     |
| Wed. 9/23   | By 9:30 a.m.                     | Hand-written draft of market lamb sale order due to 4-H Fair Office for entry in computer.                                                                                                                                          | 4                  | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)                                     |
| Wed. 9/23   | 5:00 p.m.                        | Set-up for 4-H Large Animal Sale                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Everyone!</b>   | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)<br>5. <b>Everyone!</b>              |
| Thurs. 9/24 | ~TBD                             | Line-up for 4-H Large Animal Sale. Market Lambs are first in the rotation in 2026.<br><br>Important Reminder: Please be sure to let members know they need to set up their lamb in the sale ring just like they do in the show ring | 4                  | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.)                                     |

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| Thurs.<br>9/24 | During Sale | Recording buyer's names and prices for thank-you notes | 3                  | 1. _____<br>2. _____<br>3. _____                                                                                         |
| Sat.<br>9/26   | ~1:00 p.m.  | Assist in coordination of Judging Contest classes      | 1                  | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)                                                                                                   |
| Sun.<br>9/27   | 5:30 a.m.   | Load-out of market lambs                               | 2+                 | 1. Ryan Waltke (Supt.)<br>2. Bill Kelley (Asst. Supt.)<br>3. Keegan New (Asst. Supt.)<br>4. Grace Sturgill (Asst. Supt.) |
| Sun.<br>9/27   | 7:00 a.m.   | Clean-up of barn and break-down of pens                | <b>Everyone!</b>   | <b>Everyone!</b>                                                                                                         |