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1	Coy	Stephenson	Faulk	SD511024024	146	75.92	0.23	0.36	4.81	53.03	40.26	\$368.41
2	Landon	Berg	Hanson	SD4837-2603	175	91	0.28	0.5	5.61	53.01	48.24	\$441.39
3	Bryxx	Dawek	Spink	SD4283-2505	127	66.04	0.17	0.27	3.92	52.28	34.53	\$315.91
4	Havana	Mikkelson	Hamlin	SD1834-6050	136	70.72	0.24	0.44	4.4	52.12	36.86	\$337.29
5	Landon	Berg	Hanson	SD4837-2636	131	68.12	0.24	0.32	4.08	52.02	35.43	\$324.21
6	Hannah	Skovly	Brookings	SD4792-2643	158	82.16	0.24	0.42	4.56	51.62	42.41	\$388.07
7	Kreyton	Karstens	Miner	MO112752-6018	147	76.44	0.25	0.41	4.34	51.58	39.43	\$360.74
8	Gabe	Miller	Miner	KSS4400-26045	144	74.88	0.34	0.46	4.5	51.49	38.55	\$352.76
9	Brindle	Hossler	Hanson	SD4837-2610	140	72.8	0.36	0.52	4.46	51.31	37.35	\$341.78
10	Riley	Pankratz	Turner	IA2088-2267	145	75.4	0.32	0.41	4.28	51.19	38.6	\$353.18
11	Cain	Zoss	Sanborn	SD2877-5898	138	71.76	0.33	0.53	4.29	51.07	36.64	\$335.30
12	Sadie	Gelderman	Minnehaha	SD3688-2640	117	60.84	0.26	0.44	3.6	50.91	30.97	\$283.39
13	Cain	Zoss	Sanborn	SD4079-2616	156	81.12	0.32	0.5	4.45	50.84	41.24	\$377.39
14	Colton	Stiefvater	McCook	6958	128	66.56	0.27	0.39	3.66	50.71	33.75	\$308.83
15	Elizabeth	Albrecht	Kingsbury	SD28775865	142	73.84	0.26	0.39	3.84	50.63	37.39	\$342.11
16	Wyatt	Fairley	Yankton	IA12761PK67	150	78	0.24	0.37	3.92	50.58	39.45	\$360.96
17	Cain	Zoss	Sanborn	SD2877-5914	149	77.48	0.32	0.47	4.15	50.5	39.13	\$358.03
18	Jaylyn	Janssen	Kingsbury	26110	162	84.24	0.42	0.52	4.6	50.4	42.46	\$388.50
19	Emerri	Gottlob	McCook	SD4788-0959	144	74.88	0.27	0.4	3.8	50.34	37.7	\$344.94
20	Aurora	Gottlob	McCook	TX10627-H118	144	74.88	0.24	0.44	3.74	50.15	37.55	\$343.59
21	Shayden	Muller	Sully	IA122666016	140	72.8	0.27	0.45	3.72	50.12	36.49	\$333.86
22	Kreyton	Karstens	Miner	SD18346146	145	75.4	0.34	0.37	3.77	49.98	37.69	\$344.84
23	Jaylyn	Janssen	Kingsbury	26116	156	81.12	0.43	0.9	4.82	49.82	40.42	\$369.80
24	Jaylyn	Janssen	Kingsbury	SD26043522	124	64.48	0.26	0.41	3.24	49.82	32.12	\$293.92
25	Colton	Stiefvater	McCook	26102	148	76.96	0.36	0.67	4.12	49.6	38.17	\$349.29
26	Colton	Stiefvater	McCook	6960	126	65.52	0.29	0.48	3.3	49.52	32.44	\$296.87
27	Wylie	Bracha	Sanborn	SD2871-6000	162	84.24	0.43	0.49	4.2	49.51	41.71	\$381.61
28	Aubrey	Goral	Sanborn	SD5341-0008	144	74.88	0.29	0.39	3.44	49.4	36.99	\$338.45



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29	Mallory	Carlson	Kingsbury	26107	156	81.12	0.41	0.63	4.2	49.34	40.02	\$366.22
30	Kreyton	Karstens	Miner	SD18346120	150	78	0.31	0.48	3.69	49.33	38.48	\$352.07
31	Dawson	Inhofer	Mead	IA1682-K215	144	74.88	0.35	0.57	3.7	49.14	36.79	\$336.65
32	LeDeux	Bracha	Sanborn	SD288-16024	161	83.72	0.37	0.45	3.84	49.06	41.08	\$375.84
33	Shally	Muller	Sully	IL1947-TG020	135	70.2	0.36	0.61	3.57	49.02	34.41	\$314.85
34	Cain	Zoss	Sanborn	SD4838-0284	149	77.48	0.38	0.44	3.6	49	37.97	\$347.39
35	Aubree	Sweeter	Lincoln	IL1449-26006	133	69.16	0.33	0.43	3.15	48.84	33.78	\$309.09
36	Bryxx	Dawek	Spink	SD4283-2506	153	79.56	0.29	0.35	3.29	48.75	38.79	\$354.91
37	Colton	Stiefvater	McCook	26185	135	70.2	0.32	0.59	3.24	48.44	34	\$311.14
38	Taylor	McGraw	Clark	SD1499-26090	140	72.8	0.29	0.51	3.13	48.39	35.22	\$322.31



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About the Contest

The South Dakota 4-H Lamb and Goat Carcass Ultrasound Contest held at the 2026 South Dakota State Fair provides youth and their families with an educational experience that extends the learning of a traditional sheep project far beyond the showring. By evaluating carcass traits on live animals, participants gain a greater understanding of the qualities valued by today's lamb industry and consumers. The program emphasizes the importance of selection, breeding, nutrition, and management decisions, helping youth understand how these factors influence carcass merit and overall product value. Rather than rewarding appearance alone, the program recognizes exhibitors who produce lambs that deliver high-quality, high-value carcasses, reinforcing the connection between live animal evaluation and commercial meat production.

Through the measurement of carcass characteristics such as hot carcass weight, dressing percentage, fat depth, body wall thickness, ribeye area, and percent boneless, closely trimmed retail cuts (BCTRC), youth learn how carcass value is determined using objective data. Participants discover that lean, heavily muscled lambs with adequate but not excessive fat cover generally produce a higher percentage of valuable retail cuts. Understanding these relationships helps youth make more informed decisions when selecting breeding stock and managing market animals. Programs such as carcass ultrasound create opportunities for young producers to develop critical thinking skills, learn industry-relevant production practices, and gain a more complete appreciation of the entire farm-to-fork system that drives consumer demand and profitability in the sheep industry.

Some information compiled from 4-H 485 Revised 2003.