



Hello, my name is Mattea Zion, and this is my final year in Elbert County 4-H!

I recently graduated from Elbert High School and will be attending Fort Hays State University this fall. Over the years, I've truly enjoyed participating in both the market sheep and fashion projects and it is hard to accept that I will be ending this wonderful ride.

This year, I'm especially excited about my two market sheep, Rooster and Colt. Both are developing beautifully with great muscle tone, and—as always—their strong personalities make working with them fun. Even though this is my last year, I'm not slowing down. I'm continuing to work hard, focusing on their health and learning everything I can to care for them and bring out their full potential.

I'd like to invite you to the Junior Livestock Market Sale at the Elbert County Fair on August 2, 2025, at 1pm, at the fairgrounds in Kiowa. Your support plays a vital role in helping youth like me grow, learn, and develop through this hands-on experience. If you prefer not to purchase a market animal, but wish to show support to an exhibitor, add-on contributions are available again this year.

We have a new sale committee this year with lots of exciting changes, one which allows online bidding and add-ons. I have included a short bit about how to access the online auction at [stockshowauctions.com](https://stockshowauctions.com). You can preview the animals and sellers before the sale. If you enjoy the BBQ, seeing our hard work upfront, and the sale experience, please come on out to fair.

Thank you for your continuous support to myself and all of 4-H.

Sincerely,

Mattea Zion