

SHEEP PROJECT

WHAT IS THE SHEEP PROJECT?

The sheep project teaches youth to care for live animals while learning about animal health and nutrition, breeding, selection and marketing. In the 4-H sheep project individuals learn decision making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership. They may participate in market projects, breeding projects and non-competitive projects.

OBJECTIVES

- Attain a broad knowledge of the 4-H project and related activities as to the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills through project participation essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings in the project area to everyday project experiences and work.
- Develop an understanding from 4-H project training and experiences which can assist you in the future for choosing and preparing for a job.
- Develop leadership skills that promote positive youth development.

PROJECT EXPERIENCES

Texas Sheep And Goat Youth Leadership Workshop
Livestock Judging
Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Camp
Wool Judging Contest
Sheep and/or Goat Educational Presentation

PRINTED RESOURCES

National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
Sheep - Group Activity Helper's Guide
Sheep - Lamb Pattern
Sheep 1 - Lambs, Rams and You
Sheep 2 - Shear Delight
Sheep 3 - Leading the Flock
Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)
4-H Show Lamb Guide
Keeping Your Lamb Healthy
Market Lamb Classification Standards
Selection of Prospect Market Lambs
What Goes in the Lamb Showbox
Reasons Terminology for Market Lambs
Inspecting and Handling Sheep in Judging
Livestock Judging Contest Scoring Procedures
Presentation of Oral Reasons
Sample Sets of Livestock Judging Oral Reasons by former members of the TAMU Livestock Judging Teams

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Trainee
Apprentice
Farmhand
Owner/Manager/Share Farmer
Livestock Manager/Overseer
Cropping Manager/Overseer
Specialist Managers
Specialist Contractors
Farm Business Owner/Manager
Shearing Contractor
Shearer
Wool Handler
Wool Classer

WEB RESOURCES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Livestock Mentor Program (Sheep)

RECORDBOOK CATEGORY
Sheep

LIFE SKILLS TARGETED IN THE SHEEP PROJECT

Head - Managing
Resiliency
Keeping Records
Goal Setting

Head - Thinking
Service Learning
Critical Thinking
Problem Solving
Decision Making
Learning to Learn

Heart - Relating
Communication
Cooperation
Social Skills

Heart - Caring
Empathy

Hands - Giving
Community Service Volunteering
Leadership
Responsible citizenship

Hands - Working
Marketable Skills
Self-motivation

Health - Being
Self-esteem
Self-responsibility
Character
Managing Feelings
Self-discipline

Health - Living
Personal Safety



For more information about this project, or about 4-H in general, contact your local County Extension Office or visit the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

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