**Mendocino County 4-H Youth Development Program**

**Level I Sheep Proficiency**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***To obtain Level I Sheep Proficiency, complete 80% of the following items***.

Date Completed/

Project Leader Initials:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Describe the basic activities that must be done each day to properly care

for your lamb/sheep.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. Describe some of the tools/materials/equipment that are important to

raise a sheep/lamb.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3. Explain the difference between wool and mutton breeds of sheep and

name three (3) wool breeds and three mutton breeds.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4. Identify part of a sheep from a diagram or a live sheep.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5. Define the following terms:

ram finish bummer lamb

ewe dock wether

lamb sheer castrate

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6. Describe what characteristics should be looked for when selecting a

market lamb.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7. Explain the step required to prepare a lamb for show, include feeding, exercise activities, showman, techniques and training, costs, management techniques

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_8. Describe at least one safety issue associated with the sheep project.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_9. Prepare and present a presentation about some aspect of the sheep project.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_10. Identify what breed your market lamb most closely resembles and

describe the characteristics it has that are breed specific.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_11. Participate in a community service or service-learning project related to

the sheep project.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_12. Identify the normal body temperature of a lamb/sheep and describe how

to take the temperature.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_13. Demonstrate how to trim hooves and discuss the need.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_14. Attend a sheep field day or other sheep training at the county, sectional,

or state level.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_15. Participate in a sheep showmanship or judging contest.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_16. Identify the current weight range for a market lamb at a county fair.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_17. Identify two (2) primary cuts of meat and where they are located on the sheep/lamb.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_18. Discuss internal and external parasites and identify different ways of

parasite control and assist in deworming.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_19. Explain three ways to dock lambs.

**Completion of Level I Sheep Proficiency**

The member has successfully completed 80%(15 of 19) of the above items.

Member’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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