In 4-H market and breeding sheep projects members can learn about selection, management, production, marketing, showing, and judging of sheep.

- Identify breeds of sheep and their uses
- Identify parts of the sheep
- Study the nutritional needs of sheep
- Learn about equipment used for raising and showing sheep
- Study sheep showmanship techniques
- Learn how to properly prepare a sheep for the show ring
- Research how and when to properly vaccinate your sheep.
- Identify major health concerns of market sheep and how to address them
- Assist younger members with their showmanship skills
- Design a breeding program for your sheep
- Learn how to dock tails and castrate lambs
- Give a presentation on a topic pertaining to sheep

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Expand Your Experiences!

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Explore various lamb feeds and compare the differences in both the growth and development of the animal as well as the harvested meat
- Research the different ways that sheep are used for to medical research to benefit humans.
- Become a member of a livestock judging team or a livestock quiz bowl team.

Healthy Living
- Compare the nutritional needs of sheep to those of humans and other mammals
- Create a collection of healthy recipes using lamb
- Visit a local meat locker to observe meat handling, carcass quality and processing.

Citizenship
- As your experience expands put on a showmanship clinic and help younger members with their skills
- Prepare educational displays for the fair

Leadership
- Become a role model for other members by becoming a junior/teen leader
- Teach others the importance of properly caring for animals
- Recruit younger members for the sheep project
- Plan a visit to a local sheep producer

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Presentation Day - Share what you have learned with others through your sheep project. | Rams, Lambs, and You: [http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06367](http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06367) | 4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their experiences, learning and development.
Foods Fiesta – enter a dish you have made using lamb | Shear Delight: [http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06368](http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06368) | 4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.
Local Fairs – enter and show your project animal in showmanship and market or breeding classes. | Leading the Flock: [http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06369](http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06369) | To access the 4-H Record Book online, visit [http://ucanr.edu/orb/](http://ucanr.edu/orb/)
Visit a local breeder – see how large producers handle their animals, shearing, lambing, vaccinations. | California 4-H: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Curriculum/FREE/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Curriculum/FREE/) | The UC 4-H Youth Development Program does not endorse, warrant, or otherwise take responsibility for the contents of unofficial sites.

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