



4-H SHEEP PROJECT



4-H Thrive!

Help Youth:

Light Their Spark

A spark is something youth are passionate about; it really fires them up and gives them joy and energy. Help youth find how this project excites them.

Flex Their Brain

The brain grows stronger when we try new things and master new skills. Encourage youth effort and persistence to

Reach Their Goals

Help youth use the GPS system to achieve their goals.

Goal Selection: Choose one meaningful, realistic and demanding goal.

Pursue Strategies: Create a step-by-step plan to make daily choices that support your goal.

Shift Gears: Change strategies if you're having difficulties reaching your goal. Seek

Reflect

Ask project members how they can use their passion for this project to be more confident, competent and caring. Discuss ways they can use their skills to make a contribution in the

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

- Learn basic principles of animal science by owning, caring for, and keeping records for one or more head of livestock.
- Demonstrate knowledge of sound breeding, nutrition, management and record keeping practices.
- Learn value of scientific research in its influence on animals and the meat industry.

Starting Out *Beginner*

- 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

Learning More *Intermediate*

- 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

Exploring Depth *Advanced*

- 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.

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 pro-

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

Resources

- Market Lamb Guide to Success
http://www.thejudgingconnection.com/pdfs/766_Market_Lamb_Guide.pdf
- 4-H/FFA Market Lamb Sheep Project
<http://www.tvsp.org/picklamb.html>
- Sheep and Goat.com
<http://www.sheepandgoat.com/articles/BMP-lambs.html>

Connections & Events	Curriculum	4-H Record Book
<p>Presentation Day - Share what you have learned with others through your sheep project.</p> <p>Foods Fiesta – enter a dish you have made using lamb</p> <p>Local Fairs – enter and show your project animal in showmanship and market or breeding classes.</p> <p>Visit a local breeder – see</p>	<p>Rams, Lambs, and You: http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06367</p> <p>Shear Delight: http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06368</p> <p>Leading the Flock: http://www.4-hmall.org/Catalog/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductId=06369</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.</p>

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