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.

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- 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 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 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

Resources
- Market Lamb Guide to Success
- 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

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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 | 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 | 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 |
Visit a local breeder – see | | The UC 4-H Youth Development