



# 4-H SHEEP PROJECT



## WHAT IS THE SHEEP PROJECT?

The lamb project teaches fundamental production methods of the current sheep industry. The sheep project allows youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection and evaluation, health management and meat science. 4-H sheep projects include market lambs (terminal meat production), breeding sheep (purebred breeding production) and commercial ewes (crossbreeding production).

## OBJECTIVES

- Develop life skills essential for becoming a skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Cultivate skills and interests that can assist in future career preparation.
- Develop quality leadership skills that promote positive youth development.
- Learn to value and apply ethical, industry-accepted practices and research findings in specific project areas.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 4-H lamb club leader
- Hosting and assisting with clinics
- Hosting and assisting with shows

## RESOURCES

- National 4-H Curricula:
- Sheep – Helper's Guide
- Sheep 1 – Rams, Lambs & You
- Sheep 2 – Shear Delight
- Sheep 3 – Leading the Flock
- American Sheep Federation  
[www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org)

## PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Sheep exhibition
- Lamb premier exhibitor
- NAILE beef/sheep award trip
- Agricultural demonstration speeches
- State Fair Quiz Bowl
- Livestock judging
- Meat ID & evaluation

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Sheep breeder
- Veterinarian
- Feed sales/ nutritionist
- Pharmaceutical sales
- Equipment manufacturing & sales
- Research scientist
- Reproductive consultant & technician
- USDA grader/inspector
- Animal welfare specialist

## LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH 4-H SHEEP PROJECT

### HEAD

- Managing**
- Goal setting
- Keeping records
- Wise use of resources

### HEAD

- Thinking**
- Critical thinking
- Decision making
- Problem solving
- Learning to learn
- Service learning

### HEART

- Caring**
- Empathy
- Nurturing
- Relationship building

### HEART

- Relating**
- Communication
- Cooperation
- Social skills

### HANDS

- Giving**
- Community service
- Volunteering
- Leadership
- Responsibility

### HANDS

- Working**
- Marketable skills
- Self-motivation

### HEALTH

- Living**
- Healthy lifestyle choices
- Stress management
- Disease prevention
- Personal safety

### HEALTH

- Being**
- Self esteem
- Self-responsibility
- Character
- Managing feelings
- Self-discipline

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