

Arkansas 4-H Project Tip Sheet



SHEEP

4-H

Making the Best Better

Head:

To think, to plan, and to reason:

- Record Keeping
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making

Heart:

To be kind, true, and sympathetic:

- Feeling
- Caring
- Sportsmanship
- Responsibility

Hands:

To be useful, helpful, and skillful.

- Working
- Community Service
- Giving
- Teamwork

Health:

To resist disease, enjoy life, and to make for efficiency:

- Personal Safety
- Self-esteem
- Character
- Responsibility

In this project you will:

- Care for live animals
- Learn about animal health & nutrition
- Learn about breeding, selection & marketing
- Learn about decision making & record keeping
- Learn responsibility, sportsmanship & leadership

Beginner

Learn about owning, caring for, and keeping records on sheep

ID types and grades of animals and fleece to employ marketing methods

Identify breeds of sheep and history

Intermediate

Demonstrate knowledge of sound breeding, feeding, and management practices

Understand animal behavior for flock management

Develop public speaking skills about sheep and your experiences

Advanced

Identify wholesale and retail cuts of animals and animal products and understand their relationship to management practices

Learn the value of scientific research and its influence upon animals, the meat industry, and the fiber industry



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Experience

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Share

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Generalize

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Apply

Expand Your Experiences!

HEALTHY LIVING

- Work with your sheep through exercise and handling

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

- Figure ideal feed rations
- Create & Manage budget information for sheep
- Vaccination scheduling/working with veterinarians

CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

- Mentor 4-H members new to the sheep project
- Host fundraiser for Heifer International to buy sheep for families
- Develop integrity, sportsmanship, decision-making skills, and public speaking skills through demonstrations, tours, skill-a-thon, and exhibits

Resources

Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Goat Fact Sheets
www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/sheep-goats/

National 4-H Curriculum
shop4-h.org/collections/animal-agricultural-science-curriculum

Arkansas State Sheep Council
www.arksheepcouncil.com

Opportunities

4-H O-Rama Speaking Contest
 Join Arkansas Junior Sheep Council
 Show market or breeding sheep at county, district, state, and national shows
 Livestock Judging Team
 Uof A Livestock Judging Camp

Curriculum

Sheep 1: “Lambs, Rams, and You”
 Sheep 2: “Shear Delight”
 Sheep 3: “Leading the Flock”
 Sheep 4: Sheep Helper’s Guide
 Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects

4-H Record Keeping

4-H records allow members to develop record keeping and goal setting skills.
 Members record learning experiences and activities in their 4-H projects, leadership, and community service involvement, 4-H promotion, awards, and accomplishments.



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