Step 2

4-H K-3rd Grade Program

Name

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What you will learn

How to take care of a lamb
How to identify body parts of a lamb
How to keep records on a lamb
Proper ways to show a lamb
Learn general knowledge about sheep

Objectives

Learn how animals are like you
Learn to master different hands-on skills
Learn to work with other living things
Learn to share what you learn with your friends
Sheep Fun Record Book

The "Fun Record" is a way to learn more about your lamb project. Your lamb project should be a lot of fun as well as a good learning experience. Remember that if you need help completing the record be sure to ask someone in your family or a volunteer that knows about sheep. All the information in this booklet will help you learn more about all sheep. Good luck with your project and have fun.

Please fill in the following information:

4-H'er information
Name: ______________________________________
Address: _____________________________________
Age: _______________________________________
Birth Date: _________________________
County: ____________________________________
4-H Club: __________________________________

Lamb information
Identification : _________________________________
Age or Birth date: ____________________________
Breed: ______________________________________
Weight at the end of project: ___________________  lb.
Weight at the start of project: __________________  lb.
How many pounds did your lamb gain: _________  lb.

NOTES
Parents use identification number (ear tag) to identify the lamb rather than a name.
Fun Things To Do

These are the things you and your child can do in this sheep project book. Discuss each activity with your child and make a check by the ones you decide to do.

☐ Visit your local Cooperative Extension Service to pick up information on the lamb project. Suggested information pieces are:

Market Lamb Manual (4H M-5-41)

Market Lamb Showmanship (ANS 95-003B)

Sheep Exhibitor’s Project Guide (ANS 96-601S/G & ANS 96-602S/G)

☐ Parents read with your child the information from the lamb project guides

☐ Color the pictures in the fun book

☐ Complete the 4-H’er & lamb information section

☐ Label the body parts of the lamb

☐ Complete the Sheep Knowledge Crossword Puzzle

☐ Complete the Secret Word Puzzle

☐ Write a story about your lamb

☐ Complete the Sheep Maze

☐ List qualities of a good showperson

☐ List the characteristics of a poor showperson

☐ Learn “Things a judge might ask?”

☐ Complete the “Learning About Sheep” multiple choice

☐ Make a sheep collage

☐ Take care of your lamb everyday

☐ Work with your parents on practicing for showmanship

☐ Visit local sheep farms
Parts of a Lamb

Label the body part of the lamb:

Dock  
Flank  
Hock  
Leg  
Loin  
Pastern  
Rack  
Shoulder

NOTES:
Parents a labeled picture of a market lamb may be found in the "Sheep Exhibitor's Project Guide for 7-8 Year Olds", ANS 96-602S/G. This publication may be obtained from your local Cooperative Extension Office.
Sheep Knowledge - Crossword Puzzle

Across
1) Used to remove the wool from a lamb
2) The most expensive cut of meat from a lamb
3) Used to dry a lamb after a bath
4) A male sheep
5) A product covering the floors of a home that is made of wool
6) Covers a lamb and keeps it clean for show
7) A female sheep

Down
1) A grain mixture used to feed a lamb
8) The gun used to put a tag in a lamb’s ear
9) The table used to hold a lamb for grooming

Choose from the following list of words to solve the puzzle:
Blanket  Blower  Carpet  Clippers  Concentrate
Ear tagger  Ewe  Loin  Ram  Stand

NOTES
Parent an answer key may be found on page 17.
A Sheep Story
Use the following key words to write a story about your lamb project.

Clippers  Corn  Exercise  Forage  Halter  Judge
Leg  Set-up  Showring  Water hose  Weight  Wool card

My lamb project was a success because
Secret Words

Circle every third letter to find the secret words:

1) The name of a sheep’s digestive system?
   STRQVUACMDRIPENHVAJRNSBT
   __ __ __ __ __ __

2) What is another name for hay?
   ABFWVOSPRIJALXGCYE
   __ __ __ __ __ __

3) A baby sheep?
   LALRJAEKMIWB
   __ __ __ __
Sheep Maze

Help BoBo the lamb find his food...
Showmanship

List 5 qualities of a good showperson:
1) __________________________________________
2) __________________________________________
3) __________________________________________
4) __________________________________________
5) __________________________________________

List 5 characteristics of a poor showperson:
1) __________________________________________
2) __________________________________________
3) __________________________________________
4) __________________________________________
5) __________________________________________

NOTES
Parents allow your child to write these answers in their own words and not to copy them directly from the guides. The answers may be found in the "Sheep Exhibitor's Project Guide for 7-8 Year Olds", ANS 96-602/S/G and "Market Lamb Showmanship" ANS 96-003B, these publications may be obtained from your local Cooperative Extension Office.
Things a Judge Might Ask?

Have your parents to be the judge and ask you these questions about your lamb. Then answer the questions in the space provided.

1) What is your lamb’s name or identification number?

2) What is the breed of your lamb?

3) What is the birth date of your lamb or age of your lamb?

4) How much does your lamb weigh?

5) What is the gender of your lamb?

6) What does your lamb eat each day and how much does he/she eat?

7) Do you know the body parts of your lamb? (Study the parts and practice pointing them out to your parents)

8) What would you change about your lamb to make it better?
Learning About Sheep

1) What is the correct name for a female sheep?
   A. Ram
   B. Ewe
   C. Lamb

2) How many compartments are in a sheep's stomach?
   A. 1
   B. 3
   C. 4

3) Which food below would your sheep like to eat?
   A. Oranges
   B. Corn
   C. Bacon

4) Which breed of sheep has a white face?
   A. Dorset
   B. Suffolk
   C. Hampshire

5) What is the most expensive cut of meat from a lamb?
   A. Shoulder
   B. Ear
   C. Loin
6) Hay is known as a ________________.
   A) Desert
   B) Forage
   C) Concentrate

7) What is the ideal weight range for a market lamb?
   A) 75 - 85 lb.
   B) 110 - 135 lb.
   C) 250 - 260 lb.

8) How many top front teeth do sheep have?
   A) 10
   B) 5
   C) 0

9) From what side do you lead your lamb?
   A) Right
   B) Left
   C) Rear

10) Which item is made from wool?
    A) Sweater
    B) Tennis shoes
    C) Blue jeans
MAKE A SHEEP COLLAGE

Find pictures of sheep in a magazine and use pictures of you and your lamb to make a sheep collage. Cut the pictures out and paste them on this page.
Parent/Child
Fun Things To Do

Keep production records on a lamb. For example, weight, height, feed consumption, medication, sire and dam of the lamb.

Practice developing your showmanship skills with your lamb.

Prepare a meal made with lamb for dinner.

Collect wool fabric scraps. Use these scraps to make a patch work blanket.

Visit a local petting zoo to see if they have sheep in their herds. If they have sheep watch them to see how they interact with the other animals and people.

Checkout a few library books on sheep. Have your child read a story about sheep to you.

Go to a sheep show or fair and see how many different breeds you can identify.

Watch your sheep eat and describe how your sheep eats feed, grass, or hay.

Visit a veterinarian's office.

Practice showing your lamb.

Take a video or pictures of you and your lamb.
Answer Keys

Crossword Puzzle

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Secret Words
1) Ruminant
2) Forage
3) Lamb

Learning About Sheep

1-B, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A, 5-C, 6-B, 7-B, 8-C, 9-B, 10-A
Fun Things I Did

These are the things you and your child could have done in this sheep project book. Discuss each activity with your child and make a check by the ones you did.

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