Sheep Exhibitor's Project Guide
(5–6 Years of Age)

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General Knowledge Information

Taking part in a 4-H Livestock Project can be an exciting and rewarding experience. Through the sheep project you are given the opportunity to learn about taking care of an animal, working with other young people, and developing sound judgment skills. When beginning with any new project or activity it is a learning experience for all involved. More knowledge is gained by taking part than by watching others.

Below are the most important aspects that you should know about your project animal to make your learning experience complete. Remember that the more you work with the lamb project the more knowledge you can gain.

Items to Learn and Know

- Breed of animal exhibited and/or other breeds in the class
- Date of birth / Age of animal
- Current weight of animal
- Feeding (what and when)
- Gender of animal

Body Parts to Know

- Hock
- Leg
- Loin
- Shoulder

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Sheep Showmanship Danish Standards for 5 and 6 Year Old Exhibitors

Showmanship provides the opportunity to show an animal to the best of your ability. You are judged on how well you show your animal. Judging for showmanship does not include the conformation of the animal. Practice and planning will help you improve your showmanship skills. “Market Lamb Showmanship” fact sheet (ANS 95-003B) and a “4-H Market Lamb Manual” from your county Cooperative Extension office are reference materials available for more in-depth coverage of showmanship styles and care of the project animal.

Below are the showmanship standards for 5 and 6 year old youth. These standards are established to provide youth with guidelines of the more important aspects of developing showmanship skills.

Showmanship Skills to Develop

1. Lead and control animal from the animal's left side.
2. Learn to follow directions from the ring steward and/or judge.
3. Keep good eye contact with the judge.
4. Attempt to set the animal up in the proper position.
5. Wear appropriate show ring attire.
6. Have animal clean and presentable.
7. Display good sportsmanship and polite conduct.
8. Answer age-appropriate questions.

Description of Group Ribbon Colors

Purple  Far exceeds established showmanship standards
Blue   Exceeds established showmanship standards
Red    Meets established showmanship standards
White  Does not meet established showmanship standards

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