Sheep Exhibitor's Project Guide
(7–8 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, but remember the more you practice and participate the more you will develop the necessary skills to be a success.

Below are the most important aspects that you should know about your project animal to make your learning experience complete. These items will expand your knowledge above the five and six year old level into new and more challenging areas.

Items to Learn and Know

- Basic information from the 5 - 6 year old Sheep Exhibito’s Project Guide (ANS 96-601S/G)
- Differences between forages and concentrates
- Products produced: cuts of lamb - Lamb Chop, Leg of Lamb, Rack of Lamb, etc.
- wool - carpets and garments
- Ruminant digestive system with its 4 compartment stomach:
- rumen, reticulum, omasum, abomasum
- Physical strengths and weaknesses of animal exhibited
- Species Terminology: Ram - male
- Wether - castrated male
- Ewe - mature female
- Ewe lamb - immature female

Body Parts to Know

Dock
Flank
Hock
Leg
Loin
Pastern
Rack
Shoulder

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Sheep Showmanship Danish Standards
for 7 and 8 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 96-003B) 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 7 and 8 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. Be able to perform all the tasks for 5 - 6 year olds. (ANS 96-601S/G)
2. Lead and control animal with proper technique.
3. Ability to display animal so that the judge has the best view of the animal at all times.
4. Be aware of the surroundings and show process. Watch the judge, your animal, and the other exhibitors.
5. Be courteous and helpful to the other exhibitors.
6. 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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