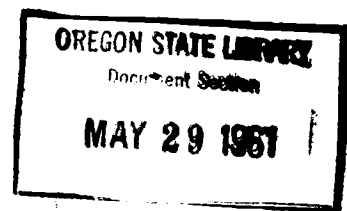
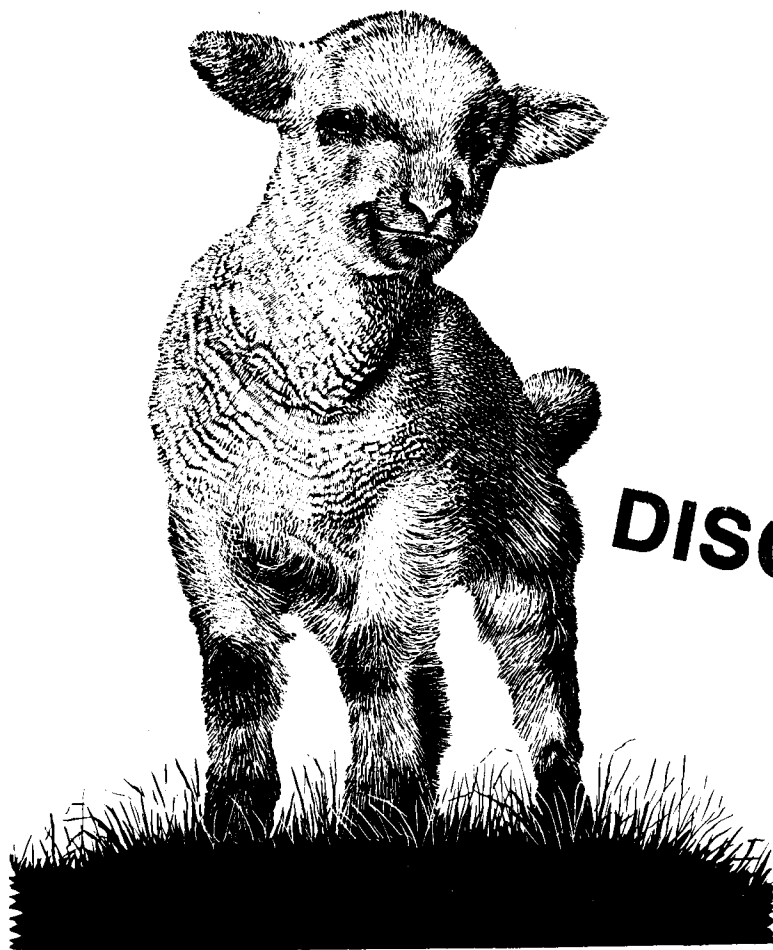


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The 4-H Advancement program:

- Will make your 4-H sheep project more interesting.
- Will help you learn more about sheep.
- Will help you develop greater skill with sheep.
- Will give you credit for extra work done.
- Will allow you to advance according to your ability and your willingness to work and study.
- Is a voluntary activity. It is not a requirement of the 4-H sheep project, but is something you can do because you want to.

The 4-H Sheep advancement program will become an important part of your livestock project. It will be considered a part of your project record and will be checked along with your other records for county and state awards.

In order to get more information about your project, you will have to look through many pamphlets and books. Most of the answers to the questions asked in the advancement program can be found in your project booklet. Ask your county agent for additional USDA and Oregon State University bulletins. Livestock breeders in your counties will also be glad to help you with useful, practical information.

Your local vocational agricultural instructor will lend a helpful hand too. The leader of your 4-H club will want to give you useful suggestions and guide you along the way.

For Steps I, II, and III you must do 10 or more jobs. Do them all if you can. With the approval of your leader, you may write in one or two additional jobs and include them in the 10 you select.

As you do each job, fill in the date and have your leader or parent initial it. When you have done the required number of jobs for a step, tell your leader that you are ready to appear before the advancement chairman or committee. The committee will ask you questions and review the work you have done. If they decide that you are qualified, you will receive an Advancement Certificate. If you do not qualify, you may try again at another time.

When you have passed Step I, go after Steps II, III, and IV. You can do jobs for higher steps while you are working on a lower step, but you cannot qualify for the higher step until you have passed all preceding steps.

Study each job carefully. Do your work well. Good luck.

Step I. Sheep Raiser

Date
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1. Identify, describe, and tell the important characteristics of five breeds of sheep.
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2. Name, point out, and spell the following parts of a sheep: loin, leg, back, shoulder, neck, side, dock; and of a fleece: shoulder, side, back, britch, belly, neck.
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3. Describe the following characteristics and tell why they are desirable: wide body, deep body, strong back, uniform fleece, sound udder, full leg, thick loin, full heartgirth.
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4. Describe the following undesirable characteristics and tell why they are undesirable: undershot jaw, overshot jaw, crooked legs, broken or poor teeth, shallow body, narrow body, black fiber in fleece.
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5. Describe or explain and spell correctly the following: buck or ram, ewe, wether, bummer, yearling, gummer, lamb, feeder, britch, tags, tagging, flushing, mouthing, wool blindness, creep, docking, yolk, castrate, card, carding.
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6. Provide adequate shelter from rain and sun and a suitable fence for your sheep. Remove nails, loose boards, wire, machinery, and sharp corners that might injure your sheep.
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7. Provide fresh clean water and salt for your sheep.
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8. Complete a 4-H livestock record on your sheep project.
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9. Make a report on sheep or sheep management to your club.
Examples: My breed of sheep; dusting for ticks; how to trim a hoof; how to select a fat lamb; the importance of good pasture.
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10. Take part in a judging contest and give reasons on at least one class.
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11. Make a sheep blanket and train your sheep to show.
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12. Raise a bummer lamb.
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Step II. Junior Shepherd

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| 1. Describe and tell the important characteristics of 9 breeds of sheep, 5 breeds of swine, 5 breeds of dairy cattle, and 4 breeds of beef cattle. | | |
| 2. Learn the parts of swine, beef, and dairy animals. | ..... | ..... |
| 3. Describe or explain and spell the following livestock terms: dipping, trough, panel, scours, flock, culling, broken fleece, fine wool, medium wool, coarse wool, drenching, blades or shears, ear tag, crook, syringe, self feeder, foot bath, hoof trimmer, blocking, wool twine, dodge chute. | ..... | ..... |
| 4. Describe and tell about control of three parasites such as stomach worms, ticks, flukes, maggots. | ..... | ..... |
| 5. Explain market grades and preferred market weights for lambs. | ..... | ..... |
| 6. Identify, locate, and spell the following meat cuts: loin, lamb chops, leg of lamb, shoulder, neck. | ..... | ..... |
| 7. Learn to carry out three of the following management practices: control a parasite, vaccinate a lamb or ewe (for pulpy kidney, sore mouth, tetanus), trim a sheep's hooves, tag a ewe, tie a fleece, build a hay rack, ear tag a sheep, castrate and/or dock a lamb, flush ewes prior to breeding. | ..... | ..... |
| 8. Attend a tour or field day or visit a slaughter house or packing plant. | ..... | ..... |
| 9. Block or trim and fit a sheep for show. | ..... | ..... |
| 10. Give a demonstration in some phase of sheep husbandry. | ..... | ..... |
| 11. Complete a feed and growth record for a market lamb. | ..... | ..... |
| 12. Explain heat (estrus) cycle, breeding, conception, pregnancy, and gestation period. | | |
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Step III. Senior Shepherd

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1. Name and describe three characteristics that are inherited and three characteristics caused by feeding and management. Explain.
2. Describe or define and spell the following livestock terms: scrotum, testicle, semen, sperm ovary, ovulate, ovum, fetus, uterus, artificial insemination, colostrum, castrate, abortion.
3. Visit a packing house or a commercial or purebred sheep breeding and feeding operation and make a report of your visit at a club meeting.
4. Describe and explain or demonstrate the use of the following equipment: foot bath, dipping vat, dodge gate, wool card, hand blades, blocking strand, syringe.
5. Make a collection of forage plants, weeds, and poisonous plants. (Include at least 3 forage plants for hay, 3 pasture plants, 3 weeds, and if possible 1 or more plants poisonous to sheep.)
6. Keep a 4-H ewe production record on one or more ewes for a full year or longer.
7. Describe how sheep are bought and sold in your community. Common ways are: auction yard, terminal market, ram and ewe sales, country or local buyers, local butcher shop, private sale.
8. Start a livestock library—livestock magazines, bulletins, articles, books, 4-H club materials, etc.
9. Invite and introduce a guest to speak at one of your club meetings. He might be a purebred breeder, successful commercial sheep raiser, lamb buyer, county agent.
10. Tie a fleece.
11. Start a personal library on sheep and sheep management. Include bulletins and books on feeds and feeding.
12. Demonstrate how to tell the age of sheep by their teeth. Explain why a sound mouth is important.
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Step IV. Flockmaster

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Do three or more Group A jobs and one from Group B.

Group A—Leadership Jobs

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| 1. Become a junior leader in a 4-H Livestock Club. | | |
| 2. Serve as a superintendent, assistant superintendent, or clerk at a 4-H Livestock Show. | | |
| 3. Get three or more new members for your club or help organize a new livestock club. | ..... | ..... |
| 4. Help organize and conduct a livestock tour or showmanship or judging field day. | ..... | ..... |
| 5. Shear a sheep. | ..... | ..... |

Group B—Research Jobs

Study, prepare a paper (300 words or more), and give a report on one of the following topics:

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| 1. General management of one type of livestock. | | |
| 2. Livestock feeds, feeding, and nutrition. | | |
| 3. Reproduction, breeding, and genetics. | ..... | ..... |
| 4. Sanitation and prevention and control of a disease. | | |
| 5. Using records as a basis for improving livestock. | | |
| 6. | | |
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Sheep Publications

USDA F.B. 2058. Sheep Raising on the Farm.

USDA F.B. 1330. Parasites and Parasitic Diseases of Sheep.

USDA F.B. 1943. Diseases of Sheep and Goats.

OSC Club Series G 9. Your 4-H Club Sheep Project.

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