

2021 Sheep Livestock Evaluation Study Guide

The Logan County 4-H Livestock Evaluation will take place on Tuesday, June 15, at 2:00pm to 7:00pm on the Logan County Fairgrounds. You will have the opportunity to schedule a 15-minute window for each project.

All sheep exhibitors should bring their completed Market and/or Breeding Project Record Book (198 & 199).

Age divisions for Livestock Evaluation are as follows: (Your age as of January 1, 2021): Juniors 8-10, Intermediates 11-13, and Seniors 14-18.

This study guide describes each station that will be included in the Sheep Livestock Evaluation. The Sheep Livestock Evaluation is for all youth exhibiting sheep including Market Lambs & Breeding Sheep.

Station #1 Project Record Book

Present your completed Livestock Project Record Book to the judge. The judge will review your record and award points for completion.

Station #2 Interview Station

You will be asked 5 questions by an interview judge. They will be relevant to a project you are taking in this species.

Sample interview questions are included with this study guide. All questions are based on the Sheep Resource Handbook (194R).

Station #3 Parts of the Animal

Juniors: You will be asked to identify 10 different parts of a sheep which can be found on page 11 of your Sheep Resource Handbook.

Intermediates: You will be asked to identify 14 different parts of a sheep which can be found on page 11 of your Sheep Resource Handbook.

Seniors: You will be asked to identify 18 different parts of a sheep which can be found on page 11 of your Sheep Resource Handbook.



2020 Sheep Study Guide Sample Questions

Juniors:

1. What are the two main products that sheep produce?
2. What is a female sheep called?
3. What is a male sheep called?
4. What is a castrated male sheep called?
5. What does “polled” mean?
6. Name 2 parts of a sheep’s front leg.
7. Where is the “loin”?
8. What is docking?
9. Where on the lamb’s body should all injections be given?
10. Sheep are basically colorblind, true or false?
11. Name 3 “meat type” breeds of sheep.
12. Name 2 “wool” breeds of sheep.
13. What is a “withdrawal time”?

Intermediates

1. What is “finish”?
2. Describe a “cow-hocked” sheep.
3. What is the average rate of gain for a lamb on a good ration?
4. Name 3 qualities to look for in selecting a market lamb.
5. Why is colostrum important?
6. How soon after birth should a lamb nurse?
7. What type of digestive system does a sheep have?
8. What is a “roughage”?
9. Name 5 classes of nutrients necessary in a sheep’s diet.
10. Name 3 USDA quality grades for lamb carcasses.
11. Name 2 retail cuts of lamb found in the foresaddle.

Seniors

1. What are “incisors”, and why are they important in determining age of sheep?
2. What is the normal gestation period for sheep?
3. At what age or size should lambs be weaned?
4. What is meant by “flushing” a ewe, and why would you do it?
5. Name the four chambers of a sheep’s stomach.
6. What 3 vitamins need to be supplied in a lamb’s diet?
7. Name 3 ingredients in a typical commercial lamb feed.
8. Name 3 conditions or diseases that can affect your sheep.
9. Name 3 parts of a ewe’s reproductive tract.
10. What is the average time between estrus or heat periods for a ewe?
11. Define “inbreeding”.