

Santa Barbara County 4-H
Sheep Project Proficiency
Level #1
The Sheep Explorer
"Rams, Lambs and You"
Sample Test

Sheep Vocabulary & Terms

Select the correct word to fit the definition from the list on the right.

1. _____ : The birthing process in sheep.
2. _____ : Giving lambs extra feed when they are still nursing.
3. _____ : A castrated male lamb.
4. _____ : A female sheep that is over one year old.
5. _____ : Cutting the tails short on baby lambs.
6. _____ : Male parent of a specific lamb.
7. _____ : Intact male sheep.
8. _____ : Offspring produced from the mating of two or more breeds.
9. _____ : A young female sheep.
10. _____ : The shape and design of an animal.

Body Parts

Select the correct body part from the list on the right.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____

Breeds

Select the correct answer from the list on the right.

1. _____: White faced breeds are often known as “_____”. They usually produce more wool and more milk.
2. _____: Black-faced breeds are sometimes called “_____”, they are used in commercial flocks to produce market/meat lambs.
3. _____: This black faced sheep originated in Southern England. They are large moderately prolific breed with wool caps, black faces and medium-wool fleeces
4. _____: Name three dual purpose breeds

_____:
5. _____: These sheep were imported to Canada from Finland in 1966 and to the U.S. in 1968, where they are primarily used to produce crossbred ewes. They are a small-to medium-sized, fine-boned, open-faced breed with medium-grade, good-staple length wool. Their wool is mainly white.

General

Select the correct word to complete the sentence correctly or to answer the question from the list on the right.

1. _____: The ideal market lamb has good muscling and its back is ___?___.
2. _____: The normal breathing rate for a lamb is ___?___
3. _____: The ideal lamb ___?___ free and easy with strong pasterns and widely set legs.
4. _____: It has a long, wide, muscular ___?___ and has a level rump and a high dock setting.
5. _____: At market time a meat lamb should have between ___?___ and ___?___ back fat.
6. _____: A fungus found on the skin that is contagious is ___?___.
7. _____: Normal body temperature of a lamb ___?___.
8. _____: In the show ring always keep the lamb between yourself and the ___?___.
9. _____: The best distance to look at the side, front, and rear of your lamb is ___?___ feet.
10. _____: The normal heart rate for a lamb is ___?___.

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Writing a Thank-you Note

In the space below, write a thank-you to someone who has already helped you with your sheep project. This could be your mom or dad, the veterinarian, your project leader, the banker, your neighbor or a friend.

Helpful hint: Start with a greeting. The first sentence should express your appreciation and explain why you are thanking the person. The next sentence should tell a little bit about your project or describe how you used the help. The final sentence should reconfirm your gratitude and sign your name.

Date Test Taken _____

Project Leader Signature _____

Total Score: