St. Joseph County, MI

Sheep Skill-A-Thon

Study Guide

Additional resources are available on the MSU Extension website at
https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_livestock. There you can find the 4-H
Sheep Project Snapshot which provides a lot of useful information. The Sheep Learning
Lab can be checked out at the MSU Extension office. Google is a great resource as well.

Highlighted things you should know are the following:

- Know sheep breed identifications
- Know body parts of sheep
- Know the wholesale & retail cuts of sheep
- Know how to read a medication label
- Know tools that are used in the care and industry of raising sheep
- Know the main ingredients in sheep feed
- Know external parasites
- Know internal parasites
- Know diseases

Some of the following questions may be asked during the interview process. The answers
are from personal experience with your project and/or from the resources listed in the
first paragraph.

1. What are some of the things that you looked at when choosing your project
   animal?
2. What do you like best about your project animal?
3. How much feed are they getting each time you feed them? Do you think that was
   enough?
4. What breed is your project animal?
5. Have you dewormed your project animal, and how often should you deworm them?
6. What are the tags in their ears used for?
7. Can you tell me what the protein level is in your feed?
8. What is one thing you learned from this year's project?

It is our hope that you will learn more about sheep in general in this process. There will be a
verbal test on this information as well as an interview. Scores will be tallied, and members
will be awarded A, B, or C ribbons. Judges will also pick a Best of Show & Honorable
Mention award from the combination of the interview and knowledge of the members'
sheep project.