4-H Livestock Projects Offer....

Fun and exciting experiences—the joy of making new friends through club meetings, county fair activities, state fair events, and national programs.

Challenges—the responsibility of caring for an animal and learning about production, management, nutrition, health, grooming, showing, and ethics.

Life skills—the understanding of citizenship, leadership, self-respect, coping, decision making, and caring for others that leads to a positive and productive life.

Competition—the opportunity to exhibit an animal, demonstrate showmanship, display sportsmanship, and produce record books.

Goals for the 4-H Sheep Project....

4-H Members can learn about:
- Breeds of Sheep
- Correct Nutrition and Care
- Proper Care and Management
- Selection and Production Practices
- Breeding and Feeding Procedures
- Proper Fitting and Grooming Skills
- Showmanship Skills and Techniques
- Ethics and Sportsmanship

Opportunities in the 4-H Sheep Project....

4-H Members can:
- Participate in the County Fair
- Participate in the State Fair
- Participate in Progress Shows
- Participate in Breed Association Activities
- Become a member of a Judging Team
- Attend National Events and Activities
- Become a Junior Leader and assist younger members with their projects.

Ownership, Possession, and Financial Estimations for the 4-H Sheep Project....

Market Lambs (wethers and ewes)
Purchase cost: $100 and up with an average cost of about $200.

Feed for last 60 days: Provide 3 pounds of feed per day plus hay, which is 90 to 100 pounds of feed per month plus hay.

Sale of market lamb: 120-pound animal @ $2.50 – $300.

Possession/ownership date: June 1*. Market lambs can be exhibited for one show season.

Breeding Sheep (rams and ewes)
Purchase cost: $125 and up (with average cost of $250), depending on age, sex, and breed.

Feed for mature animals: Provide 3 to 4 pounds of feed per day plus hay, which is 90 to 120 pounds of feed per month plus hay. This varies greatly depending on the age, sex, and breed of the sheep as well as the lengthstage of gestation or lactation of the ewe.

Sale of breeding sheep: Breeding sheep are not typically sold at the county fair. They are usually retained by the exhibitors for the production of lambs, or they are sold via private treaty sales.

Possession/ownership date: June 1*. It is possible to exhibit breeding sheep for more than one show season.