



WYOMING 4-H LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON TEAM PRACTICUM

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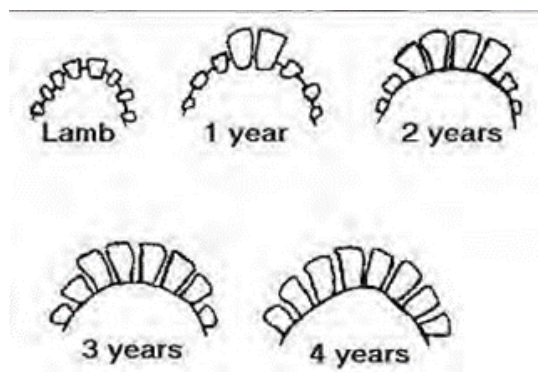
SHEEP AGING PRACTICUM (50 POINTS TOTAL)

Scenario

You have a flock of Rambouillet cross ewes and it's time for you to go off to college. Your parents have agreed to retain most of the flock after you leave, they feel a few less ewes to lamb out will help with barn space. The first cull criteria will be based on age and body condition score (BCS). Some of your records got wet in the barn and are destroyed, so you and your friends will have to physically age and body score a group of ewes to decide which one to sell. Of the three ewes in the trailer, you need to select two of them to keep. You wish to cull the oldest ewe in the poorest condition.

You will be given three ewes from the flock. Each team member will use proper gloving technique and check the age of each of the ewes. Once the age and body score has been determined, record the results in your "Animal Records". Then specify which ewe if any that you will be culling. Using the scenario above determine which two head to retain.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned
As a team determine the ewe(s) that will be culled from the flock	10	
All ewes will be aged, and body scored correctly; Members must do at least one.	20 (4/ea)	
Each team member records the ewe's age and BCS in the "Animal Records"	15 (3/ea)	
Judges' questions	5	
Total Score	50 pts.	





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Body Condition Scoring Resources:

<https://sheep.extension.org/body-condition-score/>

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