2017 San Antonio Sheep Skill-A-Thon Speech Topics

**Juniors** - No Speech

**Intermediates** - Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum.

1.) What are the three main ingredients of a well-balanced ration for a sheep? Why are these important and how do they benefit the animal consuming them?
2.) What are possible ways or ideas to increase consumer demand for lamb and/or the consumption of lamb?
3.) What are three nutritionally associated diseases in show lambs? What are the causes? How would you treat it?

**Seniors** – Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum. Seniors will also be given a thought question after the presentation of his/her speech.

1.) Describe how to evaluate a lamb carcass. Include factors that influence the quality, determination of age, color of lean, and analysis of conformation.
2.) Describe the impact of the ethnic market on the sheep and goat market in Texas?
3.) What are the benefits of a ruminant digestive system?
4.) What are three nutritionally associated diseases in show lambs? What are the causes? How would you treat it?

**Possible thought questions:**

1. Nutrients sheep need
2. Signs of a healthy animal
3. Non-agriculturally based person
4. Too much copper in feed leads to urinary calculi. What preventative measures should you take?
5. Questions over selected speech topic