

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