

Common Terminology

Wether- a castrated male sheep

Ewe- female sheep

Lamb- young sheep, less than a year old

Market Animal- livestock raised & bred for food consumption

Project Opportunities

- Market lamb
- Livestock judging
- Wool & mohair evaluation
- Sheep skillathon

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Dates:

8/12 Sheep & Goat Tags Due for

BCYLS and Major Livestock Shows

8/27 Pre-Sort Sheep & Goat Jackpot

10/24 BCYLS & Major Livestock Show

Sheep & Goat Validation

12/9-11 Southern Classic

3/21-26 Brazos County Youth

Livestock Show



Introduction to Sheep



Facilities

- Pens should be big enough to allow the sheep to move around comfortably.
- The area should be well ventilated & have a covered area where they can go to eat or escape the elements
- Good storage for feed & supplies
- An area designed for exercising your lamb is ideal (track, treadmill, walker, etc).
- The facility should also have access to running water & electricity.

Raising Show Sheep

Project Duration-

- Market lamb projects last about 8 months.

Time Commitments-

- Exhibitors should anticipate spending around 1-2 hours daily with their sheep feeding them, practicing their showmanship, & exercising lamb(s).
- Additional time should be set aside to halter break & become familiar with the animal initially.
- Allow 1-2 additional hours a few days prior to a show for shearing & preparation.

Basic Supplies

- Rope halters
- Feed & water troughs
- Access to a trailer or lamb cage for travel, clippers, & a blower
- Comb for leg hair
- blankets & muzzles

Consider

- What is your target show?-
 - Do they separate breeds?
 - Do they allow ewes in the market show?
 - How competitive?
- Project timeline
- Conflicting activities & responsibilities.
- Cost (est. \$1,800 total)