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Ewe and Lamb

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EWE AND LAMB PROJECT OUTLINE

Purpose of This Circular:

The purpose of this circular is to provide some suggestions and specific references for 4-H club members and leaders who are interested in ewe and lamb projects. In the absence of a project manual each club member should have a copy of Nebr. E. C. 255, "Farm Sheep Facts," as a source of information.

Ewe and Lamb Project Requirements

1. Feed and care for one or more ewes and their lambs.
2. Keep a complete record for a minimum of 90 days. Record should cover the ewes at least through weaning and the lambs until marketed.
3. Complete your record book and give it to your club leader at the close of the project.

Suggested Sheep Club Program

1. Organize as a standard club—if possible.
2. Hold a minimum of six meetings.
3. Plan your club meetings so that sheep problems are discussed before they are to be met by the members.
4. Include demonstrations and judging in some of your club meetings.
5. Plan to exhibit ewes or lambs.
6. A tour can be educational and interesting.
7. The following "problems" might each be used as the subject of discussion for one club meeting.
1. Determining the type of sheep enterprise for our farm.
Sheep on Shares--pages 52-54.

2. Equipment I will need.

3. Selecting the ewes.
Reference: Page 7--number 23-29 inclusive.
Page 61--Breeds of Sheep.
Page 62--Judging Sheep.

4. Feeding and management of breeding flock.
Reference: Pages 7-9--Twenty-five Ewe Facts.
Pages 12 and 13--Thirteen Ram Facts.

5. Feeding and management of lambs and ewes.

6. Controlling diseases and pests.
Reference: Parasites and One Killer--pages 33-38,
Fact # 38--page 8.

7. Providing maximum pasture.

8. Shearing, grading and marketing wool.
Grading and Marketing Wool--pages 38-46.
9. Fitting and showing sheep

10. Marketing lambs and ewes

Demonstrations

Every club member should show and tell the rest of the club about some new method or approved way of doing a job. For example, have two boys prepared to show and tell how to drench a ewe at the meeting on "Parasites." Club members can also show how to make equipment, castrate and dock lambs, prepare a ration, shear sheep and tie wool, fit lambs for show, etc. There are many more possibilities for demonstration. Start the member with a job he knows he can do. Then let him work over into more difficult demonstrations.

Judging

Judging of sheep - as well as other livestock - can well be a part of several meetings. A good sheep producer will know and be able to recognize good type and a good fleece. He will be able to determine the amount of finish on a market lamb. He will be able to determine the age of a ewe. In addition to judging practice in your club you should take advantage of county-wide and district "judging days."