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# Sheep

**Project levels are designed for members 8-18 years old.**

## Starting Out - Beginner

**Inspiring youth to:**

- Learn about sheep
- Learn how to produce a safe, wholesome product
- Identify the parts of a sheep
- Learn about nutritional requirements and different types of feed
- Practice evaluating sheep
- Learn about a sheep's digestive system
- Identify common sheep diseases
- Learn how to keep records
- Learn how to assume responsibility

## Learning More - Intermediate

**Inspiring youth to:**

- Investigate technology's impact on sheep production
- Learn how to exhibit your animal
- Purchase, feed, and care for sheep
- Learn about goal setting
- Gain knowledge of sound management practices
- Develop sportsmanship and public speaking skills

## Exploring Depth - Advanced

**Inspiring youth to:**

- Learn how to deal with current issues related to raising sheep
- Gain leadership skills by helping others learn about sheep
- Explore career opportunities in the sheep industry
- Build lifelong friendships

## Projects Available

- Market Sheep
- Breeding sheep

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## Tips:

- Barn should have 20 square feet per animal and fence should be minimum of 42 inches tall.
- Fresh and clean water should be available at all times.
- Lambs should be vaccinated for CD/T before going on full feed.
- Market lambs should gain 0.5-0.8 pounds per day.
- Market lambs should be born between Jan. 1st and March 1st depending on fair dates.
- Feed should contain 16-18% protein.
- Exercise by walking a minimum 15 minutes every day.
- The average cost per lamb is \$600-\$700. This includes the purchase of the animal, feed for 4 months and show supplies.
- Soremouth and ringworm are two common health concerns in sheep.



## Resources:

- Exhibit & Judging Requirements
  - Record Books
  - Manual Information
- Located at: [Colorado4h.org](http://Colorado4h.org)

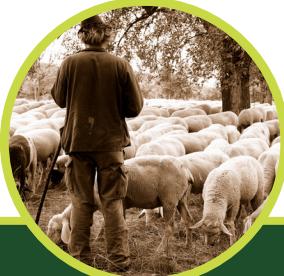


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Beyond  
Ready

# Sheep Industry Careers



## Shepherd

Person who is responsible for tending to a flock of sheep, especially when they are out on summer pasture



## Shearer

A worker who uses shears to remove wool from domestic sheep during crutching or shearing



## Nutritionist

A person who specializes in animal nutrition



## Animal Welfare Specialist

Person who takes care of animals, including feeding and exercising them



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## Degrees/Certifications:

Business  
Nutrition  
Engineering  
Ag Science  
Ag Business



## Feedlot Manager

Person who oversees the daily operations of feed yards



## Geneticist

Work with genetic material related to the sheep industry



## Livestock Buyer

Buy lambs/sheep from various sales for different client partners



## Breed Association

Work to maintain different databases and research for various breeds