



# New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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## New Mexico 4-H Sheep Production and Management Project

**Objective:** To teach 4-Hers about selection and breeding, management, nutrition, reproduction, and health of breeding sheep. Through active involvement in this project participants will gain the skills necessary to begin and improve a sheep flock.

### *Materials that are included in this project*

- Record Form 300.L - 5
- New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service - Sheep Production and Management - 100 B-15
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop - 400.B-15 (N-04)

### *What do I do with my breeding sheep project materials and information?*

#### SUGGESTED STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE SHEEP PROJECT WITH SUCCESS

- Review the project packet, record sheet, and Greentop to become familiar with the project before the first project meeting.
- Attend all sheep project meetings to learn more about your project.
- Attend all workshops and programs that involve sheep.
- Participate in all county, regional, and state fairs.
- For completion of the project, complete the record sheet and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent. (Throughout your project, check the boxes if you complete a listed item. This will help you when you fill out your record book.)

#### SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Visit feed mill, feedlot, packing house, and sheep auction.
- Visit a sheep nutritionist to learn about properly feeding sheep.
- Go to meat retail outlet and identify cuts of meat.
- Visit local sheep producers.
- Contact NM Wool Grower's about promoting sheep.
- Participate in clinics and workshops about sheep.

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### ***What can be done?***

- Give demonstrations or illustrated talks on the various components of the sheep project.
- Conduct a grooming and showmanship workshop for less experienced members.
- Exhibit animals at jackpots, county fairs, state fairs, and national stock shows.
- Help other 4-Hers prepare a sheep demonstration.
- Assist with livestock shows or sales.
- Perform community service and citizenship activities such as:
  - Present an educational program on sheep to the local grade schools.
  - Assist with Agriculture in the Classroom program.

### ***Where do I go for additional information?***

- County Extension Agent
- Internet
- Library
- Sheepmen in your area
- Sheep associations
- New Mexico Wool Grower's
- New Mexico Livestock Board
- Veterinarian

### ***What additional projects can I do next year that would relate to the Sheep project?***

1. MARKET LAMB ..... show a lamb that you raised
2. VETERINARY SCIENCE ..... learn about animal health
3. DOG TRAINING ..... train a herding dog for your sheep
4. BRAIDING ..... make a rope halter
5. CITIZENSHIP ..... teach others about sheep project
6. MEALS OUTDOORS ..... using the outdoor grill
7. QUICK MEALS ..... using lamb to make quick meals
8. LEATHER CRAFT ..... make a clipper sheath
8. PHOTOGRAPHY ..... take pictures of sheep and sheep industry
9. PUBLIC SPEAKING ..... give a speech about the sheep industry
10. WELDING ..... make equipment useful for your project
11. WILDLIFE ..... learn how to identify and track wildlife
12. WOODWORKING ..... make a showbox
13. PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE ..... learn how to better use forages in your project
14. NEW MEXICO FLAVOR ..... using lamb in Mexican food meals
15. CLOTHING ..... using wool to make garments
16. FIBER CRAFT ..... learn to spin wool into yarn