

# TEXAS 4-H SHEEP PROJECT

## LET'S GET STARTED!

### What should you do everyday with your project?

Walk, Practice, Exercise!

The more you handle your project the easier it becomes to handle.



Fun Fact: Sheep have poor eyesight, but an excellent sense of hearing.

### Project Length

Market Lambs: Approximately 8 Months

Wether Dams: Up to 12 Months

### Average Cost of Sheep Project



Purchase Price: \$947.10

Feed Cost: \$346.66

Supplies: \$201.56

Vet Cost: \$97.52

Fees: \$106.68

Miscellaneous: \$108.03

Total Cost:

**\$1,807.58**

(per 1 head)

### Selection

Several factors such as age, weight, frame size, and breed type play a role in selecting a market lambs or breeding ewe. Ask your Country Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher which project may be best for you.



### Feeding

Young, fast growing animals need rations that contain 16 to 18 percent protein. Older animals can be fattened on rations containing 11 to 12 percent protein. Make sure the feed has adequate energy for nutrient utilization. Be aware of copper levels in sheep rations.



### Facility Preparation



Electricity  
Ventilation  
Flooring  
Scales  
Water

Exercise Area/ Track  
Drainage  
Waste Disposal  
Fencing  
Feeders

### Health Care



A preventive health program should include vaccinations and treatments for multiple infectious and non- infectious diseases and metabolic disorders that are commonly associated with nutritional deficiencies.

### Suggestion

Have exercise equipment or a track area to tone muscle and build stamina!

### Important Tip!

Know in advance which shows are terminal and plan accordingly. This may mean you will need more than one animal.

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