

2025 San Antonio Livestock Exposition

## Sheep Skill-A-Thon

Speech Topics

# 5 minute MAXIMUM

### Junior

No speech

### Intermediate

1. Discuss management practices performed on a lamb from birth until weaning.
2. How and where is my lamb's feed processed along the ruminant digestion system to provide protein and energy for its development?
3. What are some specific vitamins and minerals that need to be monitored in a show lamb diet and where do they come from?

### Seniors

1. What are techniques and different forms of production that use sheep and/or wool as an environmental tool to help the environment?
2. What changes over the last 15 years have impacted lamb production and consumption?
3. Internal Parasites are a major issue to the sheep industry. What are the management and/or breeding schemes that can help minimize or eliminate issues with internal parasites?
4. How can reproductive technologies (ultrasound, AI, ET, etc.) be beneficial to improving production?

### Possible Thought Questions (SENIORS ONLY)

5. Explain the ethnic impact on the United States lamb consumption.
6. How can hair sheep fit into Texas sheep production?
7. What are possible ways or ideas to increase consumer demand for lamb and/or the consumption of lamb?
8. Explain the pros and cons of breeding ewe lambs.