San Antonio Livestock Exposition Sheep Skillathon Speech Topics

Juniors – No speech

Intermediates – Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum.

1) Describe how to evaluate a lamb carcass, including factors that influence the quality, determination of age, color of lean, and analysis of conformation.
2) Throughout the production of ewe's life, what would you supplement her and why? Take into consideration different stages of production such as growth, breeding, lambing, anestrous and other stages a ewe may undergo.
3) Explain the type of predator problem you might find in Texas. Why would this be of concern? How could you prevent it? What are some ways to manage the problem?

Seniors – Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum. Seniors will also be given a thought question after the presentation of his/her speech.

1) How can integrating sheep into solar panels installations benefit both the livestock producer and the renewable energy operation? What challenges might producers face and the renewable energy operation? What challenges might producers face when managing sheep in a solar grazing system?
2) What steps should a producer take to prevent and control internal parasites in their flock, and how does pasture rotation fit into this plan?
3) When selecting replacement ewes, what traits are most important for flock longevity and productivity, and why?
4) Why is biosecurity important on sheep operations, and what specific measures should be in place to reduce the risk of disease introduction?