

## **State Fair of Texas 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 different methods in which 4-H and FFA sheep projects are exercised and the impact each has on that project.
- 2.) How is wool profitable in today's world? What aspects do wool buyers look for when purchasing wool?
- 3.) Discuss the pros and cons of feeding show supplements to your market lamb project.

**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.) Describe how to evaluate a lamb carcass. Include factors that influence the quality, determination of age, color of lean, and analysis of conformation.
- 2.) Throughout a production 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 should this be of concern? How could you prevent it? What are some ways to rid the problem?

**Possible thought questions:**

1. Nutrients sheep need
2. Signs of a healthy animal
3. Non-agriculturally based person
4. Too much copper in feed leads to urinary calculi. What preventative measures should you take?
5. Questions over selected speech topic