

2018 State Fair of Texas Sheep Skill-A-Thon Speech Topics

Juniors - No Speech

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

- 1.) What cultural changes over the last 15 years have impacted lamb production and consumption?
- 2.) What are the positive attributes of wool that make it a dynamic fiber for the textile industry?
- 3.) Discuss management practices performed on a lamb from birth until weaning.

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.) 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?
- 2.) What cultural changes over the last 15 years have impacted lamb production and consumption?
- 3.) How can reproductive technologies (ultrasound, AI, ET, etc.) be beneficial to improving production?
- 4.) What are the five stages of production in a ewe and nutritional requirements for each stage?

Possible thought questions:

1. Questions over selected speech topic.
2. Questions dealing with market lamb production and marketing.