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Sheep Club Rules and Regulations

1. AGE 10-18 inclusive
2. REQUIREMENTS
 1. Secure one or more lambs.
 2. Keep records of all feed, weight, value and sales of sheep for four months.
 3. Exhibit sheep at local or county fair, if possible.
 4. Write a story on "How I Raised My Lambs."
 5. Mail a summary of the record and copy of the story to State Club Leader.
3. ENROLLMENTS

Each member must enroll before June 1st with club leader, county agent or superintendent of schools.
4. FULL MEMBERSHIP CARD

Full membership cards when filled out and returned make one a full-fledged club member.
5. FINAL SUMMARY AND STORY (to be sent to State Club Leader by November 1st.)
6. BASIS OF AWARDS
 1. Best lamb 50 points
 2. Financial report, showing economy in production....25 points
 3. Story, "How I Raised My Lamb" 25 points

WHY RAISE ORPHAN LAMBS

Because the production of sheep and wool in Montana has been steadily decreasing.

Because now there is a shortage of American wool.

Because lamb, mutton and wool are high in price.

Because on most farms better use can be made of the labor and feed if a good flock of well tended sheep be included in the livestock kept.

Because the club plan that has proven so successful in interesting and educating the young people in the raising of swine and poultry, is also giving good results in developing the sheep industry.

HOW TO SECURE LAMBS

If the Club member exhibits at a fair, the record book and story orphan or "bum" lambs may be secured from the large sheep breeders for a nominal sum or for the asking. Every boy and girl who is thinking of joining the Sheep Club should get in touch with the nearest "sheep man."

RULES FOR FEEDING

Have a regular time for feeding; feed often and in small quantities; and keep feed bottle, nipple, pail and trough absolutely clean.

Further instructions on the care of lambs will be sent member from month to month.

THE RECORD BOOK AND STORY

In the keeping of the record book the Club member displays his business ability. Boys and girls can be businesslike and in Club work have the best opportunity to show this. A well kept record is a source of pride to anyone. Each club member will be furnished a record book which becomes his property. On October 1st a record blank will be sent each Club member, on which he shall enter a summary of the record book, also a page on which to write a story. The Club member shall fill out this blank and mail at once to the State Club Leader, Bozeman, Montana.

If the Club member exhibits at a fair, the record book and story form part of the exhibit and in the awarding of prizes counts 50 points. A well kept record and story are the easiest part of preparing a good exhibit.

The following questions may suggest ideas for the story:

Why did you join the Sheep Club?

How and where did you get your sheep?

How and what did you feed your sheep?

What have you learned about caring for sheep?

STANDARD CLUB

All Standard Clubs will receive a beautiful charter from Washington, D. C., signed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Director of Extension, and State Club Leader. If there are five boys and girls in your Sheep Club and you have a local club leader, you should write the State Club Leader for further information on the Standard Club.

FREE SCHOLARSHIPS

To further Boys' and Girls' Club work in Montana, the State Board of Education is offering the following scholarships at any of the four institutions comprising the University of Montana: To the county winner in each club, a one-year scholarship; to the State winner in each Contest, a four-year scholarship; and to the winners

of the second and third places in the State Contest, a three and two-year scholarship, respectively.

A neat scholarship certificate is issued to each winner. These scholarships are good whenever the winner chooses to use them.

STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS

Prizes are offered at the State and County Fairs to Club members who exhibit their sheep. The record book and story is to form part of the exhibit. Every Sheep Club member should, if possible, enter these contests. Get in touch with your Club Leader, County Agent or County Superintendent of Schools, and find out if there is to be a county fair. You should be glad to show people what you can do.

ACHIEVEMENT PINS

During 1918, the State Club Leader, through the help of friends who were interested in the boys and girls of Montana, issued a beautiful Achievement Pin to each Club member who completed the work and sent in the final report. The State Club Leader plans to make similar awards to deserving members this year. Are you going to win a prize?

FINAL WORD

The biggest achievement that can come to any Sheep Club member is to feel that you have completed successfully the work that you started out to do. We learn to do by doing. Success comes only to those who work faithfully and honestly. No Montana boys and girls are "quitters." Will you not feel proud to have Montana at the top in Sheep Club work?

Be business-like in your work. Have a time to do your work and do it. Have a place for all letters you receive about your work and save them. File the bulletins and instruction sheets that you get so that you can refer to them easily. Study them carefully. Keep your record up to date and be proud to show it to your friends.

For further help and information, write the State Club Leader, Bozeman, Montana.

FINAL REPORT BLANK

No Club member will be entitled to compete for prizes, win a scholarship or receive an "Achievement Medal" who has not sent to the State Club Leader, Bozeman, Montana, a full report of his or her Club work. This report will call for the following data:

1. Name.....Address.....County.....
2. Number of lambs raised.....Breed.....Age.....
3. If you purchased the lamb, what did it cost you? \$.....
4. If you purchased any feed for your lamb, what did it cost?
\$.....

5. Value of milk, grain and pasture that you did not purchase.
(Estimate value of milk at 5 cents per qt., grain at market price, pasture $\frac{1}{4}$ cent a day for each lamb) \$.....
6. Figure your labor at 15 cents per hour \$.....
7. Add the items under 3, 4, 5, and 6 and you will have your
TOTAL COST \$.....
8. How much did your lamb(s) weigh when you got it? lbs.
9. How much did it weigh four months later? lbs.
10. Do you expect to keep your lamb for breeding purpose or sell it?
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11. What is your lamb(s) worth? \$.....
12. Subtract item 7 from item 11 and you will have your NET
PROFIT \$.....
13. Write a brief story on "How I Raised My Lamb."