San Antonio 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. 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