

Showmanship Questions

Is your lamb a ewe or a wether?

If you don't already know before you go into the show ring, then you could be in some big trouble. Be sure to use the correct terminology when answering this question. Respond with ewe or wether not male/female of boy/girl because it doesn't look as professional. Don't look at the lamb and then give the answer because this doesn't look good (don't look under the lamb and respond with "a wether").

How much does your lam weigh?

Most shows have a weigh-in prior to the show so be sure to remember how much your lamb weighs.

When was your lamb born?

Obviously the answer to this question depends on each individual lamb. Know ahead of time all of your lamb's important information. If you are asked this question and don't know the answer, just make one up that is close to when it should be. A judge has no way of knowing if it isn't true. Also be sure not to stutter on this question. Already have the date in your head so that when you are asked you can confidently give the judge the date.

How old is your lamb?

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What kind of feed do you use?

Surprisingly most exhibitors don't know the answer to this question because their parents buy their feed and kids feed the lambs (or the parents feed the lambs). If you don't know, ask your parents ahead of time. If you mix your own feed, be prepared to tell a little about it. **Hint: If you are buying your feed the best thing to do is rip the tag off of the bag.**

How much feed do you use?

Again, most exhibitors don't know the answer to this question because their parents tell their kids how much to feed the lambs. If you don't know, ask your parents ahead of time. It always sounds better if you use units when describing the amount you feed. For example don't say "a coffee can" Or "a scoop". Instead, tell the weight of the feed.

What type of exercise program is your lamb on?

Explain to the judge what type of exercises you do, how often you do them and how long each exercise lasts. For example, you may say that you walk your lamb every

other day for about ten minutes. On the days you don't walk your lamb, you practice isometrics for about 5-10 minutes.

What would you change about your lamb?

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What is the best feature of your lamb?

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Where is the (name of body part) on your lamb?

Exhibitors are accustomed to knowing certain parts of a lamb on a diagram, but rarely practice on a live animal. Get with your parents or sheep group and practice naming the parts of the lamb on a live lamb to better prepare you if you are asked where something is. When asked this question be sure to point and touch directly to the spot on your lamb where the part is located. Never say and point "around here somewhere".

What breed is your lamb?

Obviously the answer to this question depends on each individual lamb. Know ahead of time all of your lamb's important information. Be sure not to stutter on this question, otherwise you may not look as intelligent as you are.

What is your lamb's name?

If your lamb doesn't have a name, make one up. Some judges don't like it when exhibitors don't name their lambs.

What is the average amount of back fat on a lamb?

.255

How much do you work your lamb daily?

Explain to the judge how long you spend working your lamb daily.

Who was your lamb's breeder?

Again, be prepared to tell the judge who you bought your lamb from. If you don't know ask your parents before hand.

How is the yield grade determined?

Back fat x 10 +4

What is the most important nutrient sheep need?

Water

What are the top 3 lams in this class and why?

Answers may vary. Be prepared to give details (reasons) as to why you chose the lambs that you did. Also, make sure that if asked this type of question you state the placement of each lamb and then your reasoning.

How many parts are there to a lamb's stomach and name them?

4; rumen, reticulum, abomasums, omasum

Name some meat breeds?

Suffolk, Dorset, Southdown, Hampshire

Name some wool breeds?

Merino, Lincoln, Cotswold, Romney

Name some dual purpose breeds?

Dorset, Cheviot, Polypay, Romney, Columbia

What are the 4 main cuts of a lamb?

Loin, leg of lamb, rack, and brisket

Do lambs have teeth on their top jaw?

Yes, in the back

Why did you pick this lamb?

Answers may vary. Be prepared to tell the judge details as to why you picked your lamb. Don't say something like "I thought he was cute." Say something more professional like "I chose this lamb because it has a lot of depth through its hip that extends well into the leg."

What is the perfect weight of a market lamb?

130-145 lbs.

What is the most expensive cut on a lamb?

The rack

How many teeth does a sheep have?

32

What is the purpose of a scrapies tag?

To trace the (bacteria/sickness) scrapies back to the farm where the lamb was bought.

What is the gestation period for a ewe?

5 months