

# Leap into Sheep Program

This program is designed for youth that have an interest in animal agriculture and would like the opportunity to show a lamb. This program is designed for beginners who have not had the opportunity to show animals before, and will only be allowed to participate in this program one year. Youth will be required to pay \$50 up front as a registration fee to Duplin County 4-H. This will cover the cost of the lamb, a bag of feed, a blanket, feed trough, and halter. Other expenses expected as part of this project will be the responsibility of the participant and are listed below. At the end of the project, any money received through the sale of the lamb at their local livestock show and sale will go to the participant.

This program is limited to 10 youth who are participants in one of the counties below that have a spring livestock show & sale in North Carolina. Youth must submit an application by January 5th and will be contacted by January 7 to let them know if they have been accepted. All youth will be required to attend a one hour zoom session to go over the basic requirements for the program and the general health of their lambs. This will be held on Wednesday, January 12th.

## Lamb Pick Up Date

Lambs will be passed out on January 15th at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural & Education Center in Tarboro, NC.

## Counties of Participation

Coastal Plains Livestock Show

Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pender, Pitt, and Sampson

Albemarle Area Livestock Show

Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Perquimans, Gates

Johnston County Livestock Show & Sale

Eastern Carolina 4-H Show & Sale

Edgecombe, Nash, Halifax

## What do you need to participate

- Pen to keep your animal in, at minimum a 10'x10' pen (minimum 42" height) would be sufficient.
  - Bedding source (straw or shavings)
- Shelter for your animal to stay dry and protected from the elements.
- Must be able to pick up your lamb at a designated location on January 15th.

## Expenses

- Registration Cost (Must be paid when you pickup the lamb): \$50
- Estimated Feed: \$130
- Hay: \$10-20
- Bedding: \$20
- Any additional expenses incurred (veterinary, etc.) will be the responsibility of the participant

- Total cost: \$220

### **Income**

- Lambs should be sold at their local County Livestock Show & Sale; this money will be retained by the showman.
- Support money will be retained by the showman

### **What we will do to help**

- We will have a pen of 10 lambs. Youth will draw numbers that correspond with the tags in the lambs ears.
- We will assign each youth one senior age showmen to help guide them with their project. They will have to meet a minimum of once per month to discuss how the lamb is doing and help with preparing the animal for the show. Additionally they will assist in shearing the lamb for the East Coast Extravaganza and your local County Show.
- We will have one class specifically for the 10 youth that are participating in this program. This class will take place at the East Coast Extravaganza on March 6, 2022. Awards will be given to all of the participants.

**Participant Application Form can be found [HERE](#).**