

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. Participants will only be allowed to show in this program one year. We hope youth will want to take on a project of their own in future years after their experience in the Leap into Sheep Program. 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. 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 11th at 7 pm.

Deadline to Apply :

December 15, recipients of lambs will be notified by December 20th that they have been chosen.

Who can apply?

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.

Counties of Participation

Alamance, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Craven, Currituck, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Gates, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Rockingham, Sampson, Tyrrell, Wake, Washington, Wayne

Required Informational Zoom

All youth who receive a lamb 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 11th at 7 pm.

Lamb Pick Up Date:

Lambs will be passed out on January 14th at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural & Education Center in Tarboro, NC. Lambs must be picked up on this day.

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 14th.
- Must have a way to transport the lamb to the shows (they will be around 130# this spring)

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 to select a lamb.
- 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.
- Leap into Sheep youth will have a separate maket class at the East Coast Extravaganza show on March 4th in Kinston. Awards will be given to all of the participants.

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