



4-H SHEEP LEAD LINE COMMENTARY Optional Form

Please Type or Print Neatly in Black or Blue Pen

Please complete and **TURN IN FORM** when checking in registration papers

NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN ENTRY FORM FOR THE LEAD LINE COMPETITION.

LEAD LINE MUST BE ENTERED ON YOUR CLASS ENTRY FORM FOR EACH FAIR

This is _____ year old _____ who lives in _____.
Age of Member Name of Member Town/City and State

_____ attends _____ and has been a
Member's First Name Name of School

member of the _____ for _____ years.
Name of 4-H Club Number of Years

_____, _____, the _____
Name of Sheep Breed of Sheep Yearling Ewe / Ewe Lamb

is _____ by _____.
Owned or Leased Member's First Name

The outfit has been _____ by _____
Handmade or purchased (if store bought, skip this item) Name of Person Who Made Outfit

Briefly describe the color and style of the OUTFIT AND ANY ACCESSORIES. If handmade, you may use the pattern envelope description. Please remember: What you type here will be READ OUT LOUD as you are leading your sheep around the ring. USE COMPLETE SENTENCES.

This garment may be worn to _____.
School, Church, Prom, etc.

_____ has plans to pursue a career in _____
Member's First Name Type of Career

The Purpose of the Lead Line Class

The purpose of this competition is as a sheep and wool promotional class. Each 4-H member is judged on how well they exemplify the sewing and wearing of wool, along with interest and support of a 4-H sheep project.

1. Members who chose to enter the Lead Line class must write it on their 4-H fair entry form.
2. The member must wear a garment, self-made or purchased, with the composition of the fiber being at least 70% wool.
3. The member's garment may be knit, crocheted, sewn, woven or felted. Jeans may not be part of the outfit and cannot be worn in the show ring.
4. The member must show their owned or leased animal, and the animal must have been shown in a breed or market class at the fair you are participating in.
5. The member must clean, block and trim his/her own animal. Halters must be used as the animal is NOT to be touched while in the ring.
6. No decorating of the sheep is allowed.

Tips/Suggestions for Superintendents and Judges involved in Shepherds Lead Line Classes:

- It is very helpful to have an older 4-H member walk through how the class is to proceed before the event starts. This helps younger members understand what they are expected to do.
- It's helpful to suggest that judges hold their score cards until they have seen all of the youth in a class so they are able to adjust scores somewhat after they have seen everyone in the class (for a smaller class). If there is a big class, the entire class should be invited to walk around the ring a couple of times before the judge begins individual judging so that they have a better sense of the class.
- Ask for narrations well before the event begins so that you have time to read them over; be sure the narrator knows how to pronounce names and that novice exhibitors have enough narration.

Example Narration:

This is Joe Clover with his Tunis yearling. Joe is 14 years old and this is his fifth year as a 4-H sheep exhibitor at the County Fair. Today Joe is wearing a hand-knit sweater made from 100% merino wool. Merino has a very close crimp and can be spun into a very fine yarn, which makes it soft. Merino wool is naturally a very white fiber so when dyed can produce almost any color yarn. Joe chose this sweater to complement his wool-blend slacks and he hopes to wear this outfit to fall semi-formal dances at his high school.

Joe has been raising and showing Tunis sheep for his entire 4-H career and he has a flock of eight breeding ewes and one ram at home. In addition to the sheep project, Joe has exhibited his photography projects at County and State Activities Day and is the reporter for the Carefree 4-H Club. Joe hopes to increase his flock in the next year so that he has a larger lamb crop to sell and he can begin saving money for college. When Joe isn't working with his sheep, he likes to play basketball and swim.