Tennessee 4-H Sheep Conference

Clyde M. York 4-H Center
Crossville, Tennessee
May 16 – 17, 2003

Sponsored by The University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service
and Tennessee Sheep Producers Association
Tennessee 4-H Sheep Conference Program  
Clyde M. York 4-H Center, Crossville, Tennessee  
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Friday, May 16, 2003
3:30 p.m. Registration — 4-H members will be grouped into teams according to sheep showing experience as they register.  
Set up 4-H Sheep Project Exhibits — Dwight Loveday

6:00 p.m. Supper — Dining Hall

6:30 p.m. Preliminary Lamb Bowl — Dining Hall — Warren Gill

7:00 p.m. Opening Assembly — Recreation Hall  
Presiding — Adam Hensley  
Welcome — Tim Cross  
2003 Expo Update

7:30 p.m. Grooming and Showing Demonstration Contest — Steve Sutton

8:30 p.m. Showmanship Skit — Tennessee Junior Sheep Producers

9:30 p.m. Preparation for Shepherd’s Contest  
Feeds — Warren Gill  
Equipment — David Doan  
Meat — Dwight Loveday  
Breeds & Terms — Mark Powell  
Selection — Bill Kuecker  
Health Management — Fred Hopkins  
and  
Use and Care of Shearing Equipment — Charles Jones  
(Special session for adults and older members)

11:30 p.m. Everyone in Dorms

Saturday, May 17, 2003
7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Dining Hall

8:00 a.m. Assembly — Recreation Hall

8:30 a.m. Shepherd’s Contest — Part I — Warren Gill

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Contest — Part II — Jim Neel, Ben Powell and Shirley DeBusk

10:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Contest — Part III — Jim Neel, Nathan Perry and Devin Gilliam

11:00 a.m. Senior Lamb Bowl Finals — Recreation Hall — Warren Gill

Noon Lunch — Dining Hall

1:00 p.m. Assembly — Recreation Hall  
Awards and Presentations — Tennessee Sheep Producers Association  
Annual Meeting of Tennessee Junior Sheep Producers Association
**What?**

2003 Tennessee 4-H Sheep Conference

**Who?**

4-H members, leaders and parents. This is a family conference, designed for the benefit of 4-H members and their families. An adult should be responsible for registering each county group.

**Where?**

Clyde M. York 4-H Center located off Highway US 70. A sign at Pomono (between Crossville and Sparta, five miles from Crossville) will direct you South, about four miles to the center.

**When?**

Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, 2003.

**Why?**

To help 4-H members and parents learn more about the 4-H sheep project and activities.

**Cost?**

The total cost for the entire weekend is $31.00. Part-time participants will be charged the following individual rates.

- Lodging $11.00
- Friday Supper $8.00
- Saturday Breakfast $6.00
- Saturday Lunch $7.00

*The cost of meals and lodging also provides for use of meeting rooms, utilities, limited insurance and related 4-H center expenses.

**Housing**

Dormitory facilities are available. Bring your own linens, pillows and toilet articles. In order to accommodate the customary numbers, we usually have to house the women in one set of dorms and the men in another. Blankets are furnished.

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### 4-H Sheep Project Exhibits

The purpose of the exhibit is to provide 4-H members enrolled in the sheep project with an additional opportunity to share accomplishments, ideas, requirements and/or results of special studies in their 4-H sheep project with others.

**Rules**

1. Any 4-H member who attends the Sheep Conference may enter one exhibit in the competition.
2. Exhibits must be displayed on a 3 feet x 3 feet table top.
3. Exhibits will be scored according to the 4-H Educational Display Score Sheet.
4. Exhibits must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on the first day of the Sheep Conference.

**Awards**

Awards will be presented to the members with the highest scoring exhibit in the junior, junior high and senior divisions. All exhibits will be classified into blue, red or white award groups.

### Shepherd’s Contest

The Shepherd’s Contest is an exciting, competitive activity designed to test members’ knowledge of sheep and skill in selecting, grooming and showing sheep. The contest will be divided in three parts.

**Part I**

Identification, description, selection and definitions. Each member will identify sheep feeds (concentrates and hay), equipment, cuts of meat, describe sheep, define sheep terms and select animals. Each member’s score will count toward his/her team’s score.

**Part II**

Preparing for the show — Each team will be assigned a lamb to show. Lambs will be provided by Tennessee Sheep Producers Association. Some grooming equipment will be available at the conference, but members are encouraged to bring their own equipment if possible. Teams should place most of their
emphasis on developing showmanship skills rather than grooming. Each team will receive a score related to group involvement in preparing their lamb for the show.

Part III
Showing sheep — Each team member will show a lamb. The show judge will score each member on showmanship skills. These points count toward the team championship.

Awards
Each member of the champion team will receive an award provided by the Tennessee Sheep Producers Association.

Lamb Bowl
The objectives of the Lamb Bowl are to encourage 4-H members to become more aware of the role of sheep both in Tennessee agriculture and our everyday lives and to gain knowledge in the feeding, breeding, health, care and management of sheep and lambs. Competition will be open to both junior (grades 4, 5 and 6) and senior (grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12) divisions.

The Junior Lamb Bowl will consist of a written quiz. There will be no competition between counties or individuals. Awards will be presented to those individuals who score a minimum of 90 percent in the Lamb Bowl quiz.

The senior division will be patterned after the TV “College Bowl.” Eight teams will participate. The top two participants from each county in a preliminary quiz will make up the county team. Participants for the finals will be those county teams scoring highest in the preliminary quiz. Awards will be presented to the top team.

Grooming and Showing Demonstration Contest
The objectives of the grooming and showing demonstration contest are to (1) provide an opportunity for 4-H members who have had four or more years experience in showing sheep to demonstrate what they have learned to younger, less experienced 4-H’ers, and (2) develop leadership and teaching abilities.

Rules
1. Competition will be open to teams of two members. Each member will have had a minimum of three years’ experience showing sheep.
2. While one team member grooms the lamb, the other team member will be expected to explain the methods and procedures being used. Team members will be expected to answer questions from the audience. Team members may alternate roles.
3. Members may form a team before arriving at the conference and may bring and use prepared visuals.
4. Members are encouraged to bring their own animals* for the grooming demonstration. However, if this is not possible, a lamb will be provided.
5. Each competitor will be assigned a small number of younger 4-H’ers to demonstrate proper grooming and showing procedures.
6. Competitors must furnish their own blocking stands, grooming equipment and any other items used in the demonstration.
7. Competitors will be scored on not only how well they groom and show the lambs but also on how well they teach the procedures.
8. Awards will be presented to the top scorers.
9. Competitors will be expected to participate in the Shepherd’s Contest as group captains.
10. Participants must state whether they will be demonstrating grooming and showing techniques for market lambs or ewes.
11. One hour will be provided for contest.

*Lambs should be sheared prior to May 1 and should be washed before leaving home.
Program Participants
Tim Cross, Assistant Dean, UT Agricultural Extension Service, Knoxville
Shirley DeBusk, President, Tennessee Sheep Producers Association Maynardville
David Doan, Volunteer Leader, Blountville
Warren Gill, Professor, Animal Science, UT Agricultural Extension Service, Nashville
Devin Gilliam, UT student and Volunteer Leader, Franklin
Fred Hopkins, Professor, UT Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Knoxville
Carl Jones, Show Stoppers Fitting & Grooming Supplies, Pinehurst, GA
Bill Kuecker, Sheep Producer and Director, Tennessee Sheep Producers Association, Dixon Springs
Dwight Loveday, Associate Professor, 4-H and Food Science & Technology, UT Agricultural Extension Service, Knoxville
Jim Neel, Professor, Animal Science, UT Agricultural Extension Service, Knoxville
Nathan Perry, UT student and Volunteer Leader, Franklin
Ben Powell, Professor and Leader Emeritus, 4-H, UT Agricultural Extension Service, Knoxville
Mark Powell, Extension Agent, 4-H, UT Agricultural Extension Service, Lebanon
Danny Sells, Regional Fieldman, Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, Livingston
Steve Sutton, Extension Specialist, 4-H, UT Agricultural Extension Service, Knoxville

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