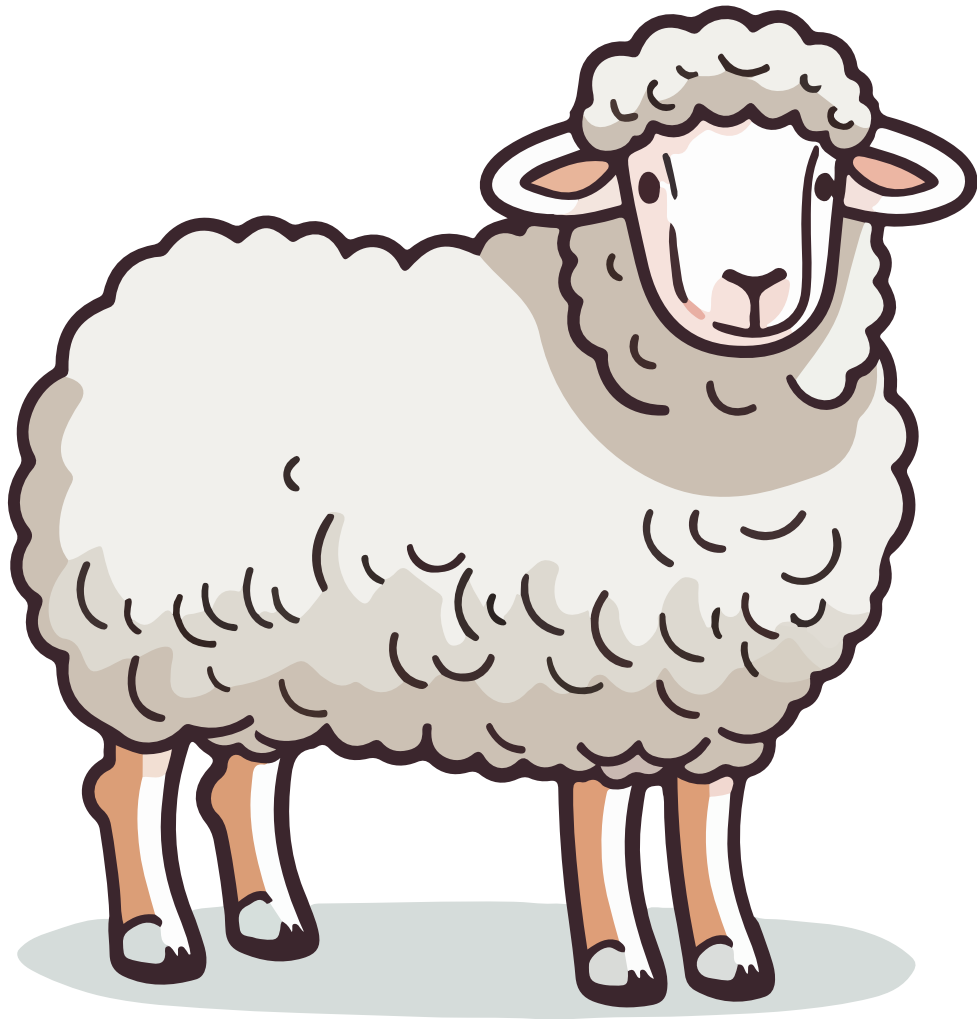


# Mini 4-H Sheep



Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades

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## Mini 4-H Parent's Page

As a Mini 4-H parent, your job will be to guide and encourage your child through this project. We suggest that you do not complete the activities for them. Instead, help them, guide them, work with them, and let them do all that they possibly can. The 4-H motto is “Learn by doing” and is the best educational tool that we can provide for youth.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Purdue Extension- Hancock County at 317-462-1113 or [hancockces@purdue.edu](mailto:hancockces@purdue.edu)



## Mini 4-H

Welcome to Mini 4-H! You are now a member of the 4-H family. Mini 4-H'ers have lots of fun. There are many activities for you to explore. You can try new things. You can share it with your friends and family.

An adult can help you with your project, and you can bring your project to the 4-H fair. Many people will be able to see what you have done. You will receive a ribbon made just for Mini 4-H.

The 4-H fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families. It is a week that allows community youth to show their talents, interests, and enthusiasm for learning!

4-H Symbol: A four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf

4-H Colors: Green and white

4-H Motto: To make the best, better

4-H Pledge: I pledge my Head to clearer thinking



My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service and

My Health to better living,

For my club, my community

my country, and my world.

## Mini 4-H Sheep

Welcome to the Mini 4-H Sheep project! You must have a love of animals to be in this project. You will learn a lot of things about sheep! By the end of it, you will be ready to show a lamb at the county fair.

## What Will I Do?

To complete the project, you will show a sheep at the Hancock County 4-H Fair. The sheep must belong to a 4-Her that is enrolled in the traditional 4-H Sheep project. If you know a 4-Her that has sheep at the fair, ask them if it is okay for you to show their sheep in the Mini 4-H Sheep Show. Due to space limitations and health requirements, we cannot allow a Mini 4-Her to bring their own sheep.

You will use a halter when showing the lamb. The judge will tell you where they want you to set up your lamb in the show ring.

The judge may ask you questions about the lamb!

## Ewe, Ram or Wether

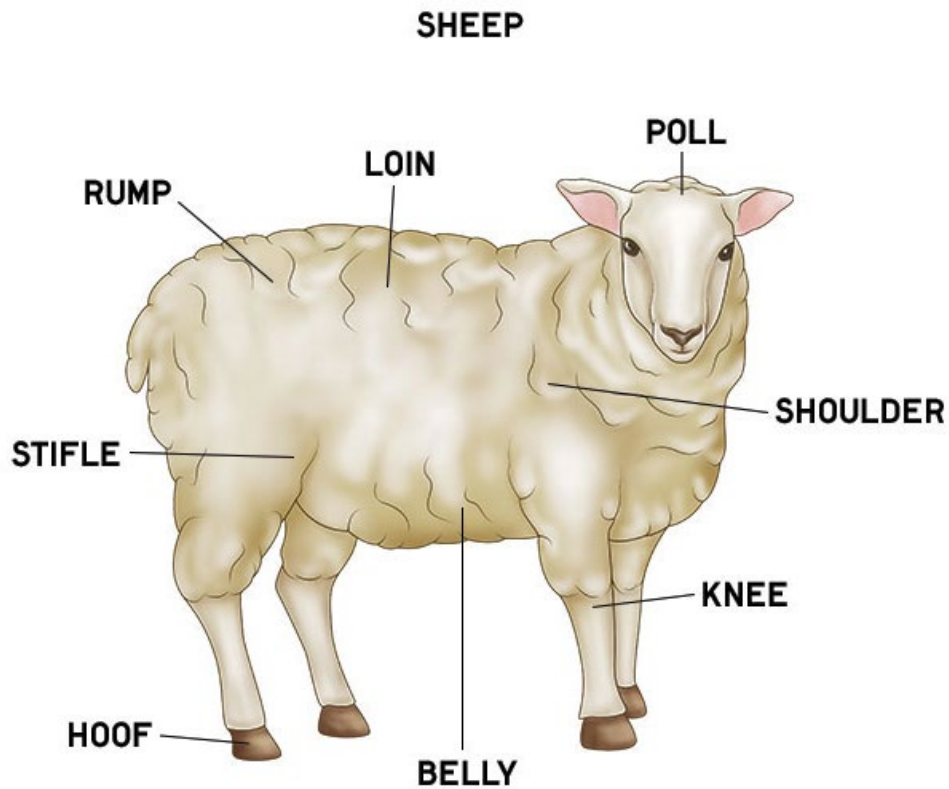
A ewe is a female sheep. People that raise sheep select ewes to keep in their flock to breed. A ewe is a mother. A ram is a male sheep. It is the father of the lambs. Wethers are male lambs that are castrated and go to market once they are 100-125 pounds.

## What do sheep eat?

Sheep are ruminants, which means they chew roughage, like hay. They have four compartment stomachs. You have only one stomach. A sheep needs four stomachs to digest or break down all of that roughage they eat.

## Parts of the sheep

Become familiar with the parts of your sheep!



## Breeds of Sheep

There are many kinds of sheep. Each breed of sheep has different qualities. Some sheep are meant for wool, others meant for market, and some may be dual purpose.

A few different breeds of sheep would be:



Oxford  
Purpose: Meat



Lincoln  
Purpose: Wool



Columbia  
Purpose: Dual

# All About Sheep

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dual purpose

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