

## **2023 State Fair of Texas Sheep Skill-A-Thon Speech Topics**

**Juniors** – No speech

**Intermediates** – Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum.

1. Discuss management practices performed on a lamb from birth until weaning.
2. What are three nutritionally associated diseases in show lambs? What are the causes? How would you treat it?
3. Internal parasites are a major issue to the sheep industry. What are the management and/or breeding schemes that can help minimize or eliminate issues with internal parasites?
4. What are the major nutrients needed by a lamb and what are the functions of each?

**Seniors** – Choose one of the following topics and prepare a speech limited to 5 minutes maximum. Seniors will also be given a thought question after the presentation of his/her speech.

1. What are the main causes of ovine abortions in the United States and what are strategies to control this?
2. What are the five stages of production in a ewe and nutritional requirements for each stage?
3. How have changes in our population and culture impacted the lamb and wool industry?
4. How can sheep and wool be utilized as an environmental tool?

**Possible thought questions:**

1. Questions over selected speech topics.
2. Questions dealing with market lamb production.