# 199 Sheep Breeding
# Interview Questions – 8-10 Age Division

**Five of these questions will be selected by the judges and used in the Skillathon interview process.**

1. What is a flock?
   *(page 8)*

2. What is a group of sheep with similar characteristics?
   *(page 8)*

3. When selecting a ewe, there are many terms used to describe them. What do the following terms describe: balance, capacity, structural correctness, and stylish?
   *(page 10)*

4. What is a ewe?
   *(page 8)*

5. What is a ram?
   *(page 8)*

6. What is the process of giving birth to a lamb called?
   *(page 35)*

7. Name three of the most common breeds of sheep in the Midwest.
   *(page 108)*

8. The most common sheep in the U.S. are medium, long, or fine wool breeds?
   *(page 116)*

9. Sheep belong to a group of animals that have 4-compartment stomachs. What is this group of animals called?
   *(page 49)*

10. What is the average gestation period length in days?
    *(page 34)*

11. Did you find it challenging to raise sheep? If yes, what was challenging and how would you make it easier next year?

12. What did you like about your sheep breeding project?

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# Interview Questions – 11-12, 13-15 Age Divisions

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1. What is the difference between a purebred and a crossbred lamb?
   *(page 128)*

2. What disease is caused by a virus and can be recognized as small red spots at the corners of the lamb's lips? The spots later develop into blisters and later turn into scabs which results in eating being very painful.
   *(page 69)*

3. A hard, painful, reddened and swollen udder is a symptom of what disease?
   *(page 68)*

4. Name two types of unsound mouths.
   *(page 16)*

5. A feed that sheep eat that is high in fiber and relatively low in energy is called what?
   *(page 50)*

6. A feed that is low in fiber and high in energy is called what?
   *(page 50)*

7. What are the five main nutrients?
   *(page 50)*

8. What are the four parts of the sheep stomach?
   *(page 49)*

9. What substance makes up the largest part of an animal's body?
   *(page 50)*

10. Fat has how many times more energy than equal amounts of carbohydrates?
    *(page 50)*

11. What is docking and when should it be done?
    *(page 8)*

12. What breed of sheep was developed in Southern England and are large, moderately prolific with wool caps, black faces, and medium-wool fleeces. They also have very good milking ability, growth, and carcass cutability.
    *(page 113)*

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# Interview Questions – 16-18 Age Division

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1. Name a hormone that has similar functions in the ram and ewe.
   *(page 123)*

2. In the ewe, progesterone has what function?
   *(page 123)*

3. What is the hormone responsible for the ewe exhibiting estrus?
   *(page 123)*

4. Name two places from which hormones are secreted.
   *(page 123)*

5. Sheep have how many pair of chromosomes or how many chromosomes?
   *(page 124)*

6. What inherited defect is a recessive trait that results in lambs with deformed legs and spines? These lambs die early in life and rarely reproduce.
   *(page 123)*

7. What is an animal's phenotype?
   *(page 125)*

8. Which is dominant, polled or horned?
   *(page 125)*

9. What does heritable mean?
   *(page 126)*

10. Name three (3) types of traits that are of economic importance.
    *(page 127)*

11. What is heritability?
    *(page 125)*

12. What is a sheep's normal temperature?
    *(page 33)*

13. What breed of sheep was developed in the United States from a Lincoln ram and Rambouillet ewe cross and is known for its size, wool-producing ability, and productivity under range conditions. This breed is large, white-faced, polled, and has wool on the legs.
    *page 112)*