Washington County 4-H  
Master Showmanship  
Sheep Fact Sheet

Types & Breeds of Sheep
* Fine Wool Type- Produce desirable fleece  
  ➢ Merino
  ➢ Rambouillet

* Medium Wool Type- Breeds of sheep in this group emphasize meat production.  
  ➢ Dorset
  ➢ Hampshire
  ➢ Montadale
  ➢ Shropshire
  ➢ Suffolk
  ➢ Columbia

* Long Wool Type- These breeds we developed in England under moist, cool conditions.  
  ➢ Cotswold
  ➢ Lincoln
  ➢ Border Leicester
  ➢ Romney

* Crossbreeds- The offspring of mating two different pure breeds, or animals that are not straightbred.

Terms
- Buck or Ram..................Male sheep
- Dam............................A mother sheep
- Ewe..............................Female sheep
- Lambing.......................Giving birth to a lamb
- Wether..........................A male sheep that has had his testicles removed when a lamb

Information
- The purpose of sheep are for both meat and wool.

- Keeping Sheep Healthy
  ✓ Trim feet to prevent hoof rot
  ✓ Dock your lambs when they are 7 to 14 days old.
  ✓ Castrate rams
  ✓ Control for external & internal parasites
  ✓ Vaccinate for CD/Tetanus and White Muscle Disease (BO-SE)

- Gestation Period- 145-150 days

- Ewe lambs may be bred at 8 to 10 months old, but prefer over 12 months.

- Sheep eat 1 to 3 pounds of grain per day.