

Do You Know?

1. What is a female Sheep called?

Answer Choices: Ewe or Ram or Lamb

2. Will Sheep "Fight" or "Flight", when it comes to predators?

3. Can Sheep Talk? Yes/No

4. What kind of fabric do Race Car drivers wear?

5. Sheep provide two services to mankind, what are they?

6. True or False: Sheep eat mostly grass and hay, sometimes a little bit of grain.

7. What do you call giving the sheep a hair cut?

8. What do you call a group of sheep?



Answers

1. Ewe

2. "Fight" – sheep have a natural sense

called a "fight zone." This is the dis-

tance needed to get away from danger,

similar to a humans comfort zone.

3. Yes they can! – There is a distinct

difference in the sounds that they make

which allows the farmer to know how

they feel, if they are sick or hurt, or ex-

cited.

4. Wool-lined suits- because wool is water

resistant and flame retardant, it reduces

the chances of being burned in a fiery

crash.

5. Meat and Clothing

6. True

7. Shearing

8. A flock

Sheep Terms

Ewe or dam - a female sheep.

Ram or Tup - a male sheep.

Lamb - a baby sheep, less than a year old.

Hogget or hogg - a yearling sheep.

Flock - a group of sheep.

Polled - without horns.

Hair Sheep - sheep that have hair that sheds like a dog and do not have to be sheared.

Raw Wool - wool straight from the sheep.

Fleece - woolly coat, sheared each spring.

Staple - length of a lock of wool

Dags - pieces of manure caked onto fleece.

Bummer - a lamb without a mother who has to be bottle fed.

Shepherd - sheep farmer.

Sheep are a renewable resource! They help convert grass to high-quality food and fiber.

There are 45 different breeds of sheep in the USA and 914 different breeds of sheep in the world!

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Sheep & Wool



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Do You Know?



Sheep Info!



have been providing meat & clothing for over 10,000 years. They can be milked just like cows; their milk is often used to make gourmet cheeses.

*Sheep also provide meat; ready for market at 90-120 pounds. A good source of vitamins/minerals, easy to digest it is called mutton from a grown sheep & lamb from a young sheep.

*Sheep are very gentle and easily frightened. They flock together for protection. Sometimes working dogs, mules or llamas are kept with sheep in pastures to scare off possible predators.

*Sheep have a 270° radius of view, almost 3/4 of a circle. Humans only see 170° at best. Sheep have poor eyesight but excellent hearing.

*Sheep use various sounds to communicate different emotions and messages among flock members. A farmer can tell when a sheep is in pain or sick. A lamb can recognize its mother by her bleat.

*Sheep have no front teeth, & the roofs of their mouths are hard, permitting them to eat vegetation close to the ground without pulling up plant roots.

*Sheep usually give birth once a year to 1-3 lambs.

*Sheep grow two teeth a year until they have eight.

*The fat from sheep, known as tallow, can be used to make candles and soap.

Versatility

Sheep Products Abound!

Only A Partial Listing

From Hide & Wool

Asphalt Binder
Artist's Brushes
Clothing
Drum Heads
Fabrics
Footwear
Lanolin
Ointment Base
Sports Equipment
Yarns

From Bones, Horns &

Hooves

Abrasives
Adhesives
Buttons
Bone China
Cellophane wrap/tape
Dice
Gelatin Products
Glycerin
Shampoo/Conditioner
Syringes

From Manure

Potash
Phosphorus
Nitrogen Fertilizer

Retail Meats

Many Choices!

From Fats & Fatty-

Acids

Antifreeze
Biodegradable detergents
Candles
Chewing Gum
Crayons
Chicken/Dog Feed
Cosmetics
Explosives
Herbicides
Medicines
Paints
Rennet for Cheese
Soap



Wool Info!

- Sheep are usually shorn once a year. The sheep shearer uses a machine that is like the clippers used to trim a dog's fur.
- One sheep produces 8 to 10 pounds of wool per year, enough to make a man's suit. One pound of wool can make ten miles of yarn.
- Sheep are the only source of lanolin, grease that comes from wool before it has been washed. Lanolin is used in lotions and cosmetics.
- Spinning wool into thread began about 5,000 years ago.
- One of the best things about wool fabrics is flame resistance, so they are safer to wear. Wool also provides excellent protection from cold and wet weather. Even if your wool sweater gets wet, it will still keep you warm. Wool wears well and lasts for a long time.
- The core of a baseball is wrapped with 150 yards of wool yarn.
- Ralph Lauren, designer of the 2014 USA Olympic uniforms, is using a wool blend from US wool for the uniforms.
- Sponges made from wool soak up oil from oil spills. That oil can then be squeezed from the sponges and recycled; the sponges, too, can be used over and over again.

