2019 San Antonio 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.) What cultural changes over the last 15 years have impacted lamb production and consumption?
2.) What are the positive attributes of wool that make it a dynamic fiber for the textile industry?
3.) Discuss management practices performed on a lamb from birth until weaning.

**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.) 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?
2.) What cultural changes over the last 15 years have impacted lamb production and consumption?
3.) How can reproductive technologies (ultrasound, AI, ET, etc.) be beneficial to improving production?
4.) What are the five stages of production in a ewe and nutritional requirements for each stage?

**Possible thought questions:**

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