



Sheep from Head to Hoof

Sheep:

- are gregarious
- like to follow the leader
- flock together when frightened
 - are born with tails
 - prefer to graze
- have good hearing, sight and smell
 - adapt to many environments
 - chew their cud
- are ruminants with four stomachs
- are raised for meat, wool and many by-products
- have been used for food and wool since Biblical times
 - grazed the White House lawn in 1918
 - are raised all over the world

What's in a Name?

Lambs are baby sheep

Ewes are the female sheep

Rams are the male sheep

Lambing is the time of year when lambs are born

Shearing is when the wool is shorn from the sheep

A Fleece is one sheep's coat of wool removed at shearing

A Clip is the total of all of the fleeces removed during one shearing

Wool Sacks hold the fleeces from many sheep

Flocks are groups of sheep

Guard Dogs live with the sheep and protect them from predators

Herding Dogs help to move the sheep from one location to another