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