**Sheep Test Review**

1. What is a mature female, mature male sheep, and castrated male sheep called?
   1. **Ewe, Ram, Wether**
2. How many lambs do sheep normally have?
   1. **Two**
3. Do most sheep come into heat year long? If not how does their estrus cycle work?
   1. **only breed in spring and fall because they only come into heat then**
4. What are the two types of meat from sheep? Difference?
   1. **Lamb – meat from < 1 year olds Mutton – meat from sheep > 1 year old**
5. What are the two main segments of the sheep industry?
   1. **Meat & Wool**
6. Sheep consume roughly what percent of their body weight each day?
   1. **4%**
7. The gestation or pregnancy length in sheep is how long?
   1. **147 days long**
8. How often are sheep shorn typically?
   1. **Once per year**
9. What are the two main methods for identification used in the sheep industry?
   1. **Ear tags & Tattoos**
10. What is the average live weight for a slaughter lamb?
    1. **135 lbs**
11. Which is the most common fence used in a sheep operation?
    1. **Barb wire on top net wire on bottom**
12. Why is it important to rotate the different types of dewormers every time sheep are treated?
    1. **Worms get “used” to dewormer and it will not kill them**
13. What was the National Wool Act? When was it repealed and what effect did it have on the sheep industry?
14. What is lanolin?
    1. **A natural oil extracted from sheep’s wool**
15. What are 3 things we look at when determining wool grade (quality)?
    1. **Yield, length, quality/fineness, soundness (strength), purity, character and color**
16. What are 3 advantages to raising sheep over other species of livestock?
    1. **Sheep can survive where cows can’t**
    2. **Sheep will eat problem weeds like Leafy Spurge**
    3. **Profit per acre is the same for sheep and cows, and usually higher for sheep**
    4. **Easier to get started due to less equipment needed**
17. How do we age sheep? (in detail) Why is that important?
    1. **Looking at teeth**
    2. **To see what animals we need to cull**
18. What is grease when discussing wool?
    1. **Raw wool**
19. What is the most popular black face and white faced breeds in America?
    1. **Black – Suffolk**
    2. **White- Dorset**
20. What state leads the US in sheep production?
    1. **Texas**
21. What are the advantages to using hair sheep versus other breeds of sheep?
    1. **Hair sheep do not need to be shorn, heat tolerant, parasite resistance**
22. How do we get a ewe to adopt a lamb who does not have a mother?
    1. **Grafting- locking ewes head in head gate and allowing lamb to nurse**
23. Describe the two types of shears used in the sheep industry.
    1. **Hand shears & motorized shears**
24. What does staple mean? What does a tag refer to?
    1. **Staple- Refers to the length of a (unstretched) lock of shorn wool**
    2. **Tag- Wool that has manure attached to it.**
25. What are two reasons wool not as popular to produce as it used to be?
    1. **Scratchy**
    2. **Synthetic fibers can do the same but better**