



**Test what you know about sheep
by taking the quiz below!**

1. How long ago were sheep domesticated (when did people start using sheep for meat, milk and wool)?
 - a. 200-500 years ago
 - b. 1000-4000 years ago
 - c. 7000-10,000 years ago
2. Which of the following are breeds of sheep found in Alberta?
 - a. Suffolk
 - b. Rideau Arcott
 - c. Dorset
 - d. Simmental
3. In Canada, what is the main reason people raise sheep? For...
 - a. milk?
 - b. wool?
 - c. meat?
4. Choose the name to fit the descriptions:
 - a. a mature male sheep is a ...
 - b. a mother sheep is a ...
 - c. a young sheep is a ...
 - d. a person that takes care of sheep is sometimes called a ...
 - e. a group of sheep is called a ...
 - f. removing a sheep's wool is...

Shearing	Kitten	Hogget	Flock
Shepherd	Stallion	Calf	Ewe
Nanny	Wether	Kid	Shaving
Lamb	Ram	Herd	Sow



5. Do you know why farmers put ear tags on their sheep?
 - a. They look pretty.
 - b. To keep records about each sheep.
 - c. It helps the lambs find their mothers
6. Do you know what sheep eat? Of the foods listed, which could be part of a normal sheep diet?

Grass	Grain	Poplar trees
Cookies	Water	Milk
Canola meal	Bread	Dandelions
Hot dogs	Alfalfa pellets	Beef steak
Salt	Hay	Potato chips
Sandwich	Dog food	Pizza

7. Which statement(s) are true?
 - a. Sheep produce renewable resources like milk and wool.
 - b. Sheep can graze on land that is too rocky, hilly, or wet to grow crops.
 - c. Sheep are used to eat weeds around forestry plantations so the tree seedlings can grow faster.
 - d. Sheep manure recycles nutrients and organic matter to the soil.
 - e. All of the above.
8. Sheep producers (shepherds) take care of their sheep by (yes or no):
 - a. Following the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep
 - b. Taking them to Disneyland
 - c. Providing good quality feed and fresh water
 - d. Shearing and trimming hooves



9. On many farms shepherds use dogs to help care for the sheep. Pick the 2 main ways dogs are used:
 - a. Mowing the lawn & protecting sheep from predators (animals that eat sheep).
 - b. Moving sheep from field to field & building fences.
 - c. Keeping the shepherd company & shearing wool.
 - d. Protecting sheep from predators & moving the sheep from field to field.
10. Do you know what this equipment is used for? Match with the list below.
 - a. pail with nipples
 - b. ear tagger & tag
 - c. heat lamp
 - d. hoof trimmers
 - e. computer
 - f. spray marker
 - g. whistle
 - h. thermometer
 - i. electric fence tester
 1. feeding orphaned lambs
 2. give commands to stock dogs
 3. keeping farm records
 4. keeping newborn lambs warm
 5. trimming hooves
 6. identifying groups of sheep
 7. checking if a fence is working
 8. identifying individual animals
 9. taking the temperature of a sick animal





1. c. Sheep were one of the first livestock species domesticated
2. a. b. and c. (Simmental is a cattle breed)
3. c. In Canada sheep are raised primarily for meat, but there are sheep dairies producing milk and cheese, and close to 3 million lbs of wool is produced in Canada annually.
4. a. Ram. b. Ewe. c. Lamb d. Shepherd. e. Flock. f. Shearing:
5. b. Ear tag numbers help keep track of each sheep
6. Sheep are herbivores which means they only eat plants.
- Do Eat: grass, canola meal, grain (barley, wheat, oats), water, alfalfa pellets, corn, poplar trees, dandelions, salt, hay, milk (young lambs drink milk from their mothers)
- Don't Eat: cookies, hot dogs, bread, beef steak, potato chips, pizza, sandwiches, dog food
7. All of the statements are true.
8. a. c. and d. No Disneyland for sheep ☹️
9. d. Protecting from predators & moving the sheep from field to field.
10. (A & 1) (B & 8) (C & 4) (D & 5) (E & 3) (F & 6) (G & 2) (H & 9) (I & 10)

Answers:



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Alberta's lamb producers supply only about 50% of the demand for lamb in Alberta - There's lots of room for growth!

There are about 100,000 breeding sheep in Alberta.
 Flocks in Alberta range in size from a few sheep to over 3000 ewes.
 There are over 2000 sheep farms in Alberta.

Alberta is the third largest producer of sheep & lambs in Canada, after Ontario & Quebec.
 In Alberta, every sheep that leaves its farm has a unique identification number so it can be traced back to the original farm.

Did you know...



A Few Fun Facts About Raising Sheep in Alberta

