



Lambing Season

Did You Know?

- ◆ A **male** sheep is called a **RAM**.
- ◆ A **female** sheep is called a **EWE**.
- ◆ A **baby** sheep is called a **LAMB**.
- ◆ Sheep live in **groups** called **FLOCKS**.

Sheep By-Product Activity

Sheep and lambs provide significant by-products used by Americans. These by-products are used in the manufacturing of many consumer items, which are enjoyed by, and contribute to, the health and convenience of everyone.

Discuss agricultural products that your students use everyday besides food and clothing.

1. Bring items into your classroom and have students determine if they come from sheep or another source.
2. Examples of sheep by-products include: lanolin, yarn, carpet, baseballs, and tennis balls from hide and wool; instrument strings and surgical sutures from intestines; dog food, crayons, shaving cream, protein shampoos and cosmetics from fats and fatty-acids; and adhesive tape, marshmallows, bone china, cellophane wrap and dice from the bones, horns and hooves.

Lets make marshmallows!

Ingredients:

1cup water, divided
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
2 1/4 cups sugar
1teaspoon vanilla extract
powdered sugar

Directions: Line a 7 X 11" baking pan with aluminum foil, extending foil over the ends of the pan; grease foil. In a large bowl, combine 1/2 cup water and sugar over medium-high heat. Stirring constantly, bring mixture to a boil and boil for 2 minutes. Whisk sugar mixture into gelatin, blending well. Chill 10 minutes. Beat at highest speed on electric mixer about 5 minutes or until mixture turns white and becomes thick like meringue. Beat in extract. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Use a sharp knife, which has been dipped in water, to cut into 1" squares; roll in powdered sugar. Store in an airtight container. Yield: about 5 dozen marshmallows.



Fun Facts About Wool

- ◆ Sheep make a bleating sound. A baby lamb can identify its mother by her bleat.
- ◆ There are 150 yards (450 feet) of wool yarn in a baseball.
- ◆ Sheep have poor eyesight but an excellent sense of hearing.
- ◆ One pound of wool can be spun into 20 miles of fine yarn.
- ◆ Sheep have no top front teeth but the roof of their mouth is hard. This permits sheep to eat vegetation close to the ground and prevents them from pulling up plant roots.
- ◆ Wool comes from the soft fleece of sheep that are sheared (shaved) once a year.